

THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

March, 2015

Long time WCRC member Rick DeGraca passed away in February, after a long bout with cancer.



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Craig Lazarchik
2014 WCRC President

Indian Wells Bound

The biggest tennis tournament on the west coast is coming up March 9-22 at Indian Wells. I know quite a few WCRC members are heading down for some excellent tennis with all the top names including the comeback of Serena Williams!

The **WCRC Mixed Doubles Tournament** got rained out February 6-8th and we decided to have everyone set up their own matches through the quarter finals. The semifinals and finals will be played **March 28-29 at Heather Farms**. Come on down and get some good food, watch some tennis and grab your participation gift.

Congratulations to **Maureen Satcher** who was named USTA Diablo North Captain of the Year (see more photos of her great accomplishment on page 5).

With only 4 weeks to go the USTA 40+ season is nearly a thing of the past. 18+ is right around the corner and we have 26 teams formed already!

The **WCRC Winter Doubles League** is in full swing. We have over 125 teams registered all ready and new teams are forming every day. If you are looking to play some doubles sign up on line at wcrc.net or go to page 9 to sign up by mail.

See you on the courts!

Craig

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EW MEMBERS

Welcome to Our **16 New Members**
Current Membership: **992**

Cris Belli	Walnut Creek	3.5	Duncan Leiggi	Walnut Creek	3.5
Philip Chuang	Moraga	3.5	Fernando Lema	Brentwood	3.5
Art Gaoiran	Walnut Creek	2.5	Leda Lim	Danville	3.5
Bob Garrett	Walnut Creek	3.5	MingTyh Maa	walnut creek	3.5
Anne Graham	Martinez	3.5	Jeffrey Magidson	MARTINEZ	4.0
Pauline Ho	Lafayette	4.0	Michelle McDonagh	Lafayette	4.5
Jon Kawamoto	Pleasant Hill	3.0	Lou Salvador	Fremont	3.0
Bill Kidd	Lafayette	3.5	Shawnley Walton	Pleasant Hill	3.0



Membership questions contact:
Kranthi "KK" Tappita at 510-209-1369
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Lifetime Tennis

What's Happening at the Courts?

Tennis Classes: Registration for our 12 week Spring Classes has begun with the first week of classes starting March 30th. Pick up a flyer in the ProShop for a list of classes, or you may view them on line at lifetimetennis.com. These classes will sell quickly, so make sure to reserve your spot soon.

Monthly Pass Holder's Special: Lifetime Tennis would like to invite all Court Usage Pass Holders to a FREE Round Robin on Friday, March 20th. (\$20 for Non-Pass Holders) Please sign up in the office, as space will be limited. *Enjoy!*

Round Robin: Every Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00am, the Walnut Creek Tennis Center will be offering a Drop-In Round Robin. As always, we will be also offering a Friday Night Round Robin from 8:00-10:00pm. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance to hold your spot. (\$5.00 Pass Holders, \$10.00 Non-Pass Holders)



Enjoy! Lifetime Tennis



Tennis News



Mixed Tournament News

While we needed the rain, it's a shame that it came on the week-end of our Mixed Tournament. Those of you in the League know that all matches up to the semis are being played independently. The semis for all flights will be played on Saturday, March 28 and the finals will be on Sunday, March 29. Some great tennis will be played so come on down to Heather to watch. If you didn't pick up your gift on 2/20, for playing the League, they will be available on 3/28. First come, first serve.



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Kathleen "Pru" Pruden and Gilles Houle fist bump at 55+ Sectionals





Tennis News



Maureen Satcher - USTA Diablo North Captain of the Year!

by John Sovik

I can't even tell you how awesome it was to see Moe get recognized for the truly wonderful captain....and person that she is. Obviously, this is an opinion shared by many. She's a great ambassador of the sport. I could think of no one else more deserving of the Captain of the Year award.





Tennis News



Rick DeGraca 1948 - 2015

by Tammie Snyder

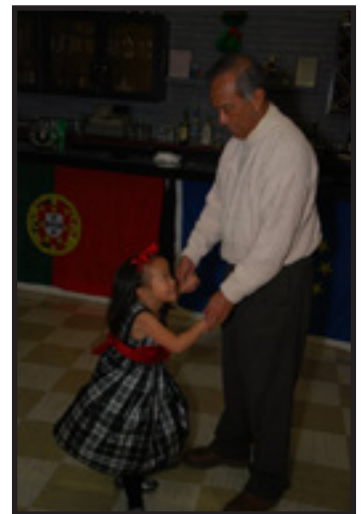
It is with great sadness that I am writing this to inform you of Rick (Henry) DeGraca's recent passing. He was in the hospital for about 2 weeks due to chemo complications. They found his cancer had spread and his body was no longer responding to treatment. He passed peacefully Monday, February 2, 2015 in Hospice care with his loving wife Teresa and three kids by his side.

A mass was held to honor Rick Friday February 6th where over 30 tennis players came to pay their last respects. Alice & Kaz Adachi, Nathan Bitton, Vic Boisseree, Gerry & Rosemary Brown, Sharon Brown, Cory Carr, Howard Chan, Irwin Cohen, Duff Danilovich, Mike Frey, Dennis Goins, Ed Hochbrueckner, Hank Holmes, Herbert Koss, David Kurtzman, Kathy Lee, Ron Lorentz, David Murray, Allen Pampe, Kathleen Pruden, Dan Slaven, Justin & Tammie Snyder, Tim Tamura, Mary Kay & Tom Wilcock, Doug Wisman, Danny Young and Angelo Aznassi,

His family was always closest to his heart and did many wonderful things together while fighting cancer. He was honored to throw out the first pitch at a SF Giants game, go ziplining and was constantly promoting cancer wellness and did many walks to help the cause.

Rick was not only a wonderful person who was always positive and happy, he truly loved the sport of tennis and was a great player and an amazing friend. He will greatly missed in our tennis community.

Rest in peace my friend.





Friends of the IDF and the Oshman Family JCC
Present

Stories of Inspiration

Tribute to Wounded Soldiers

Featuring

NOAM GERSHONY

*IDF Wounded Soldier,
Paralympics Gold Medalist*



Wednesday, March 11, 2015



NOAM GERSHONY was an Apache helicopter pilot with the Israeli Air Force who was severely injured during a helicopter collision which occurred on his way to assist infantry forces. His partner was killed and Noam suffered many injuries throughout his body. After three weeks in intensive care and a year of rehabilitation, Noam learned how to play tennis in a wheelchair. At the 2012 Summer Paralympics he won a gold medal in Quad Singles and shared a bronze in Quad Doubles. In wheelchair tennis he is rated second in the world. Noam's story is powerful, emotional and uplifting.

Oshman Family JCC • 3921 Fabian Way • Palo Alto, CA 94303

6pm - Light dinner reception • 7pm - Program
General \$55, Oshman Family JCC Members \$45

Click Here to RSVP

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Their job is to look after Israel. Ours is to look after them.

WCRC Men's & Women's 2015 Winter Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at www.wcrc.net)

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

Name		
Mailing Address		
City		
ZIP Code		
Home Phone		
Work or Cell Phone		
E-mail address		
NTRP level		
WCRC Member?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Division for which you are registering (please check one): NTRP (check one)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 2.5/3.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.5/5.0 |
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Registration Fees (note - if you are interested in joining the Racquet Club, please download a membership form from <http://www.wcrc.net/about/membership.htm> and return it with this application):

- * \$50 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members) • [\\$40 per team for on-line registration](#)
- * \$60 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member) • [\\$50 per team for on-line registration](#)
- * \$70 per team (both non WCRC members) • [\\$60 per team for on-line registration](#)

On-Line Registration will remain open until **March 30, 2015**. If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **January 31, 2015** with a check for registration fees (payable to WCRC) to: WCRC, 25 Binnacle Hill, Oakland, CA 94618.

Questions? Call Lynne Weinschelbaum at 510-665-4025 or via e-mail lweinschelbaum@yahoo.com

League Information: Players may enter the WCRC Winter Doubles League in more than one division (i.e. 3.0 and 3.5), as long as he/she is playing at or above his/her level. If a player is entering in more than one division, he/she may enter with the same partner or a different partner but may not enter with different partners at the same level.

Once League play is complete and registration for the end-of-League Tournament begins, a player may **NOT** enter the Tournament at more than one level. **No exceptions will be made.**

CALENDER OF EVENTS



Mar 2	USTA 65+ Season Opens
Mar 2	USTA 18+ Team Registration Closes
Mar 14-15	USTA Combo Doubles Sectionals
Mar 29	USTA 40+ Season Closes
Mar 29	USTA Mixed 40+ Season Opens
Mar 30	USTA 18+ Season Opens



Apr 10-12	USTA 40+ Playoffs Round 1
Apr 17-19	USTA Mixed 40+ Playoffs Round 1
Apr 24-26	USTA 40+ Playoffs Round 2
Apr 27	USTA Mixed 18+ Team Registration Opens
Apr 27	USTA 55+ Team Registration Opens



May 1-3	USTA Mixed 40+ Districts
May 15-17	USTA 40+ Districts
May 22	WCRC Winter Doubles League Closes
May 22	USTA 65+ Season Closes
May 26	USTA Mixed 18+ Team Registration Closes
May 26	USTA 55+ Team Registration Closes
May 29-31	Winter Doubles Tournament
May 30-31	USTA 40+ Sectionals

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammie Snyder

as of January 31, 2015



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit and Loss Standard January 2015

	<u>Jan '15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Expense	
League Expenses	712.07
Office Supplies	10.44
Professional Fees	75.00
Porta-Potty	90.88
Website	109.85
Postage and Delivery	5.75
Printing and Reproduct...	91.86
Sectionals Fees	90.00
Post Office Box	100.00
Board Meeting	58.57
Bank Service Charges	-5.00
Total Expense	<u>1,339.42</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-1,339.42
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	0.06
Total Other Income	<u>0.06</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.06</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-1,339.36</u></u>
Balance as of January 31, 2015	\$16,135.61



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Winter Doubles League - Standings

Men's

3.5

Tran/Kumar

W

4

L

0

4.0

Brown/Sarjapur

6

1

4.5/5.0

Panda/Cedeno

2

0

Women's

3.0

Miller/Miller

W

3

L

0

3.5

Pruden/Bruna

5

0

4.0

Kearney/Phan

5

1

4.5/5.0

Randovich/Peters

2

0