



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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**Natalie Chan handles a
return of serve with no
problem at the WCRC
Mid-Summer Tournament!**

Photo by Robert Young

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Tammie Snyder
2009 WCRC President

Congratulations to **Marianne Dundon's 4.5 Women's team** as well as **Myrl Kan's 2.5 Women's team** who represented the WCRC at Sectionals. Although both teams came up just short, they all had a great time and played some excellent tennis. See page 6 for more details.

A new **WCRC LOGO CONTEST** is underway. Whoever submits the winning logo will receive a **free court usage card** good for 1 year! Check out the details on page 6.

All **Fall Mixed** league has begun! We have had a lot of participation so far and look forward to watching the leaders board change each month.

Check out a new tournament we are trying out this year. The **HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT** on **October 30th**. See the details on page 3.

As many of you may know the operation of the tennis center at Heather Farm park will change management in the 2010 calendar year. In an effort to provide feedback from our membership base to the entity that takes over operation of the tennis center we're asking our members to fill out a short anonymous **survey** that was emailed out to the membership last week. If you haven't taken the time to fill it out, please do so today.

The **WCRC board** is looking for new members! If you are interested in joining the board please contact any board member for details!! It's a fun way to get involved, enhance tennis at Walnut Creek Racquet Club and get a free meal once a month! Welcome aboard to **Tim Tamura** who has signed up as Court Facilities chairperson.

See you on the courts!

Tammie



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

The Walnut Creek Racquet Club Presents...

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: HEATHER FARMS
COST: \$12.00/PERSON
FORMAT: TEAM TENNIS DOUBLES

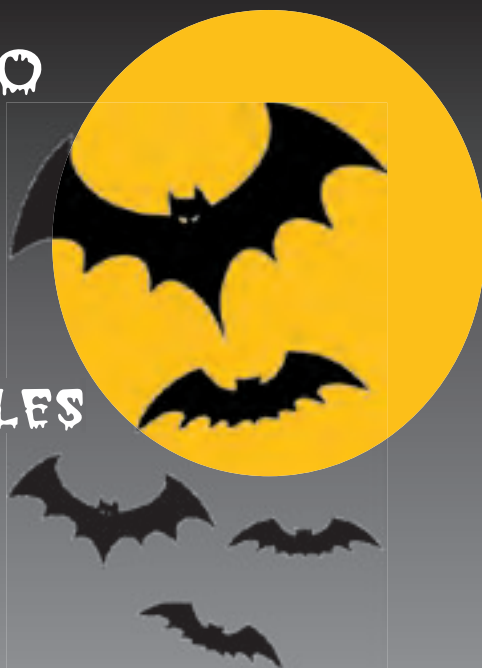
Costumes Optional • Prizes for Best Dressed

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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USTA Rating: _____



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**Questions? Please contact Maria Chiang at 925-521-1788
or at mariajchiang@yahoo.com.**

OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WCRC.NET



From the Pro...

Questions and Answers

QUESTION: When I first started playing, I always had a fear of playing the net. Now that I'm more experienced, I have been trying to play more of a serve-and-volley game. My question is: How do I anticipate the ball more and stop running through it?

ANSWER: To prevent serve-and-volleyers from running through their shots, I use my green light/red light drill. I start the serve-and-volleyer at the opposite baseline. I feed from my baseline. After the player hits the groundstroke, I say, "Green light!" This means the player is allowed to close in. When I'm about to hit the ball back, I say, "Red light!" This means the player needs to stop (split step preferred). After I hit my groundstroke, I say, "Green light." This drill emphasizes closing the net while making adjustments along the way.

A player should pause as his opponent strikes the ball. This eliminates the possibility of being wrong footed, jammed or lobbed by "rushing" the net. I tell my players that closing the net is similar to the way you parallel park. You drive to a position, tap the brake, then turn the wheel, tap the accelerator, reposition and then finish in the ideal position. Often inexperienced players want that "non-stop" flight to the net. They'll find out soon enough that they should have flown "coach."

Leonard Young is a long time WCRC member and a private teaching pro.

He is currently the tennis specialist at Sports Chalet in Concord.

If you have a question you would like to submit, please send to Leonard Young at virtualpro@webtv.net.



WCRC Logo Contest



The WCRC Board wants a new look and that means we need a new logo to represent the Walnut Creek Racquet Club.

If you are interested in designing a new logo, please send in your submission by **December 13, 2009 to Tammie Snyder at tammie@gte.net.**

**The following formats are accepted:
jpg, tiff, eps, pdf.**

**Winner will receive
a court usage card
(good for one year)
worth up to \$200!**





**New Member
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Tennis News



Newbie 2.5's Get to Sectionals!

By Myrl Kan

What a phenomenal season for the newbie Women's 2.5 team of: **Nancy Calkin, Gretchen Caulfield, Irina Chase, Becky Dixon, Jennifer Golledge, Tamara Hensley, Florence Huang, Aparna Kamath, Sheryl Lawrentz, Rhonda Miller, Kelly O'Shaughnessy, Julie Padilla, Femy Semilla, Erin Smith, Trinka Wasik and Remy Wax.** Except for four, all were new to USTA and had not played competitive tennis before.

We ended the season as number 15 out of 47 in district standings. WC defeated #1 Meadow in Local League, #1 Los Gatos at Districts, who had the unbelievable record of losing only 36 games in three days. Unfortunately luck was not with us at Sectionals as we came in fourth with a 1-2 record. However, the NorCal desk nicknamed us the "Spoilers" as we once again defeated a #1 team (Almaden) on the last day, spoiling their chance at being Sectional Champions!

Many thanks to **Leonard Young** for tirelessly coaching the team throughout the season and beyond.

Well done ladies! All your hard work paid off. May you continue your tennis adventure for many years to come.



*Pictured: standing - Rhonda Miller, Becky Dixon, Sheryl Lawrentz, Kelly O'Shaughnessy, Trinka Wasik, Myrl Kan, Femy Semilla, Leonard Young
seated - Gretchen Caulfield, Nancy Calkin
not shown - Florence Huang, Remy Wax, Aparna Kamath, Irina Wax, Jennifer Golledge, Tamara Hensley, Julie Padilla*

Seasoned 4.5's Miss Nationals by 2 sets!

By Marianne Dundon

The Walnut Creek Women's 4.5 team had an amazing weekend of tennis at the Sectionals in Carmel Valley. Unfortunately, the stars did not all align and they finished in second place, missing out on Nationals by only two sets.

The first day the WC women just missed and had a tough 2-3 loss to Arden Park, and yes, as always, those darn tie-breakers were crucial. The second day, the team rallied to a 3-2 win over Courtside – thanks to three crucial tie-breaker wins. The final day saw another 3-2 win over Cuesta. Unfortunately, three teams had 8-7 match records and it came down to the sets lost count.

It was a weekend of great tennis and as a team we felt we had come out the winners. We played our hearts out and that is all you can do. We'll certainly be back at it next year to give it another shot.

One a personal note from the captain, I would like to say: I am so proud of all my players - this a phenomenal team of women; it is a joy to spend time with them on and off the court; each one of them is gifted and brings something special to the team. Thank you all for giving me the privilege of captaining you year, after year, after year!



CALENDER OF EVENTS

Oct

Oct. 2-4	USTA Super Senior 60 Playoffs Round 1
Oct. 2-4	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament
Oct. 4	USTA Fifty Mixed Season Closes
Oct. 9-11	USTA Fifty Mixed Playoffs Round 1
Oct. 16-18	USTA Fifty Mixed Playoffs Round 2
Oct. 16-18	USTA Super Senior 60 Playoffs Round 2
Oct. 11	USTA Combo Team Season Closes
Oct. 23-25	USTA Fifty Mixed Sectionals
Oct. 20-Nov. 1	USTA Super Senior 60 Sectionals
Oct. 29-Nov. 1	USTA Senior Nationals
Oct. 30	Halloween Tournament

Nov

Nov, 20-22	USTA Mixed Doubles Nationals
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Dec

Dec. 4-6	USTA Combo Team Districts
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Hilde Chan

as of August 31, 2009



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit & Loss January through August 2009

	Jan - Aug 09
Income	
2009 Winter Party	45.00
Advertising Income	540.00
Board Dinner	182.00
Calcutta Tournament	3,020.48
Interest Income	102.75
Membership Dues	11,530.00
Midsummer Tournament 2009	180.00
Summer Singles League	6,531.00
Winter Doubles 09	8,290.00
Total Income	30,421.23
Expense	
Accounting/Tax Preparation	145.00
Awards Dinner 2009	25.00
Bank Service Charge	18.87
Board Dinner Expenses	906.92
Board Meeting Expense	371.46
Calcutta Tournament Expense	4,576.40
Court Repairs & Equipment	2,979.86
Donations	1,000.00
Member Directory	2,845.42
Midsummer Night T. 2009 Exp.	379.52
Mixed Doubles League '08/'09	2,399.91
Newsletters-Court Reporter	785.83
Non-Profit Fees	25.00
Paypal Fees	801.92
Postage	189.46
Supplies	385.34
Website	1,916.58
Winter Doubles '09	5,172.43
Total Expense	24,924.92
Net Income	5,496.31

Balance August 31, 2009 **\$33,154.20**

Email Tammie Snyder at
tammie@gte.net to place articles,
photos or advertising in the
October issue of the
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Deadline for the November issue is
Friday,
October 23rd.



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His parents, Steve
and Sara Wellens got
the biggest pumpkin
they could find, carved
it hollow and slid him
right in.

It was his first
Halloween costume!!

Stephen Conrad Wellens
(5 months)

