



# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club*

September, 2010

**Joel Schaeffer  
hits a power  
serve against  
St. Mary's  
College.**



Photo by: Richard Jung

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Tammie Snyder**  
2010 WCRC President

Congratulations to **Jane Ladrech's** Women's 4.0 team who swept the first two days and took the third day 3-2 at districts. Congratulations ladies they are now heading to Sectionals! **GO CREEK!**

The **Fall Mixed League** is now available for online registration. Check out page 6 regarding league rules and mail in registration. The League begins

September 1st. On line registration is now open and can be found at: [www.wcrc.net/events/MixedSignUp.asp](http://www.wcrc.net/events/MixedSignUp.asp)

Check out page 9 for our **FIRST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT**. It's scheduled for Sunday, October 24th. The format will be Team Tennis Doubles (similar to the Mid-Summer Tournament).

The annual **Directory** has been printed and should be arriving in your mailboxes this week. If you notice anything incorrect for your listing please log on to [wcrc.net](http://wcrc.net) and update your contact information.

Remember the **WCRC Summer Singles League** ends **September 19th** so get your qualifying matches in before then. Our tournament is held over two weekends October 2-3 & October 9-10.

See you on the courts!

*Tammie*



*You  
know  
Rafael  
Nadal  
only  
needs  
to win  
the US  
Open to  
complete  
a career  
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To commemorate the 43rd US Open, Lifetime Tennis is offering the following specials from 8/30 - 9/12.

- Buy or extend an annual use pass and receive \$43 in pro shop credit
- Refer a friend to buy an annual pass and you both receive \$43 in pro shop credit
  - for new pass purchases only
- Buy a 6 pack of private lessons and receive \$43 off the total price
- Buy or extend a 3 month ball machine pass for only \$43
- Guess the men's and women's 2010 US Open champions and their winning score
  - closest guess will receive 43 cans of new tennis balls
  - guesses must be submitted in person and the tennis office by Sunday, September 5th at 8pm.



## **Adult Clinics @ WCTC**

**\$10.00 per person**

**Monday Aug 30**  
**Tuesday Aug 31 & Sept 7**  
**Friday Sept 3 & 10**  
**Saturday Sept 11**

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM**  
**(Cardio Tennis)**



**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**(Serve, Overheads & Volleys)**

**11:00 AM -12:00 noon**  
**(Doubles Strategy)**

**Get your team or friends together and book a  
Clinic /workout or Cardio Tennis**

**Drop in or call the front desk today to reserve a place for yourself  
or your team.**

**Space is limited to first 8 people.**  
**(925) 945-0105**





# Tennis News



## 70 Pilot League

*by Gerry Brown*

For men and women 70 years of age and older. This pilot league is local area only.

The 70 Pilot League features men's doubles and women's doubles with team levels structured at the combined 6.5 and 7.5 level for men and the combined 7.0 level for women. The rating of doubles pairs can not exceed the team level. There are no playoffs or championship events. Team match format consists of three doubles matches. Match results will not be used in the calculation of 2011 ratings.

Team Registration: August 23 – September 20

Playing Season Starts: October 4, 2010

Eligibility: Players must have a USTA membership and must be 70 years of age on or before December 31.

Captains: Register a team here: [http://www.norcal.usta.com/Team-Info/5443\\_CaptainTeam\\_Registration/](http://www.norcal.usta.com/Team-Info/5443_CaptainTeam_Registration/)

Players: Join a team here [http://www.norcal.usta.com/Team-Info/4683\\_Player\\_Registration/](http://www.norcal.usta.com/Team-Info/4683_Player_Registration/). Players do not use ESRs to join.

Need help finding a team? Click here for helpful information <[http://www.norcal.usta.com/Leagues-Pages/17189\\_How\\_to\\_Find\\_a\\_Team/](http://www.norcal.usta.com/Leagues-Pages/17189_How_to_Find_a_Team/)>



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# Tennis News



## Next Stop: Sectionals!

*by Shari Gonzalez*

After wrapping up a 16-0 regular season schedule Jane Ladrech and Michelle McDonagh's Women's 4.0 team headed to the District Championships held this past August at Napa Valley High School over the weekend of August 13-15th. At the end of the regular season the team defeated Orindawoods in the first round of playoffs with a definitive 4-1 win and had a closer match in the 2nd round of playoffs beating Moraga Country Club 3-2 to clinch the Districts spot for Diablo North.

Over the first 2 days at the District championships the Walnut Creek team dominated the competition winning 5-0 over teams from Decathalon (Santa Clara) and La Cantera (Santa Rosa) and only dropping a single set in the process. By the final Sunday the deciding match was set between the Walnut Creek team and the Piper Park team from Larkspur who had also dominated the competition in the first 2 days and headed into Sunday with a 9-1 record for the weekend.

The WC #1 doubles team of Darcy Beauchemin and Linda Stern and the #2 singles line Heidi Belton were the first 2 matches off the court to give Walnut Creek a quick 2-0 lead. Walnut Creek's #1 singles Kathy Larragueta was next off after dropping a tough match against the #1 self rated Piper Park player to bring the score to 2-1 in favor of Walnut Creek. In the #2 doubles spot Jane Ladrech and Michelle McDonagh battled in a back and forth match but just came up short placing the overall team score at 2-2. The final doubles match of the day and the final match on the court came down to Christine Chin-Miurra and Shari Gonzalez in the #3 doubles line. After splitting sets Chin-Miurra and Gonzalez closed it out 10-4 in a 3rd set tiebreaker to give Walnut Creek a final 3-2 score over Piper Park.

The team is now headed to Sectionals in Carmel over the weekend of August 27-29th and will take on the Golden Gate (San Francisco), Park Terrace (Sacramento) and Clubsport Pleasanton teams in a 3-day round robin - the winner to travel to Tucson in October to compete in the National Championships.

So far it's been a dream season and the success of the team can be attributed to great captaining and great camaraderie between all players. The team is super excited to travel to Carmel and hoping to bring home the gold for Walnut Creek!

## Missed it by that much

*by Nick Scriabine*

We had a great run and came within 1 super tiebreak from going to Sectionals. Even though we lost 3-2 the first 2 days, if we had turned around one of our matches against Courtside Friday morning, we would have gone on based on sets lost.

We lost 7 matches over the week-end, 5 in Super tiebreaks. We were good enough to play at Sectionals, but not tough enough at the tiebreaks. They are tough to get proficient at since hardly anybody opts to play them during the regular season. Next season we will be playing them a lot in practice.

The Folsom weekend was a lot of fun for our team. We played some good tennis, had a competitive golf outing, and ate and drank well at our team dinner at Henry's Steakhouse in the Redhawk Casino. We hope for a return trip next year.

Nick Scriabine, Men's WC 4.0B Captain

*4.0 Women heading to Sectionals: (l-r):*

*Shari Gonzalez, Darcy Beauchemin, Christine Chin-Miura, Kathy Larragueta, Lisa Hotchkiss, Beverly Maechling, Co-Captain: Michelle, McDonagh, Captain: Jane Ladrech, Nancy DeSchane, Heidi Belton, Athena Lofquist, Linda Stern*





# WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net))

MALE PLAYER

FEMALE PLAYER

Name	_____	_____
Mailing Address	_____	_____
City	_____	_____
ZIP Code	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Work or Cell Phone	_____	_____
E-mail address	_____	_____
NTRP level	_____	_____

WCRC Member? ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

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

**ESR RATINGS DO NOT APPLY TO THIS LEAGUE UNLESS YOU WERE BUMPED DOWN**

☐ Mixed 6.0

☐ Mixed 7.0

☐ Mixed 8.0

☐ Mixed 9.0



On-Line Registration will remain open until **September 30, 2010**. If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **August 23, 2010** with a check for registration fees (payable to WCRC) to: WCRC, 970 Janet Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549.

**Questions?**

**Call Pam Maloney at 925-787-3970  
or via e-mail [pam4tenis@gmail.com](mailto:pam4tenis@gmail.com)**

**Find detailed Information on page 7...**



**League Information:** Players may only enter the WCRC Mixed Doubles League in one division and cannot playing below his/her level.

**On-Line Registration ([www.wcrc.net/events/MixedSignUp.asp](http://www.wcrc.net/events/MixedSignUp.asp))**

# WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form

(Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net/events/MixedSignUp.asp](http://www.wcrc.net/events/MixedSignUp.asp))

We will continue to offer on-line scoring and real-time updated standings for all four (4) divisions. Don't forget that the league registration fee open play doubles matches, a league gift and may include an end of the season tournament dependent upon weather and court scheduling.

**LEAGUE COMMISSIONER** Pam Maloney 925-787-3970

**DATES** August 30, 2010 - January 2, 2011

**ENTRY FEES**

WCRC Members  
On-Line Registration: \$15 (\$30 per team)  
Mail In Registration: \$20 (\$40 per team)

Non WCRC Members  
On-Line Registration: \$25 (\$50 per team)  
Mail In Registration: \$30 (\$60 per team)

**FORMAT**

Mixed Doubles, 16-week regular season  
(players grouped by combined NTRP level; ie. 7.0 can be a 4.0 man and a 3.0 woman or two 3.5 players)

**NTRP LEVELS** Mixed 6.0-9.0 **(PLAYERS CAN PLAY IN ONLY ONE LEVEL)**

**SCHEDULING**

Open play matches are provided for each team to complete during the 16-week season. Schedules will be posted on the Walnut Creek Racquet Club website during the last week of August and an informational email will be sent to all players. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches at any site that is mutually agreeable between opponents.

**MATCH FORMAT**

Best two-out-of-three set format, 12-point tiebreaker (regular scoring). No SUPERTIEBREAKERS! Both teams responsible for bringing balls to match; winning team gets unopened can. Matches should be played according to the "Rules of Tennis."

**TOURNAMENT**

End of season tournament with draw determined by the league standings to be held over a weekend TBD dependent upon court scheduling and weather. To qualify for the tournament, teams must have completed and reported at least 4 matches during the regular league season. Depending on the number of entrants tournament play may include Friday night play. In addition, draws with large numbers of players may be required to play matches prior to the tournament weekend. Seeding for the tournament will be based on regular season standings. The more matches you and your partner play, the higher your ranking will be.





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*The Walnut Creek Racquet Club Presents...*

# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

**DATE:** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM  
**PLACE:** HEATHER FARMS  
**COST:** \$12.00/PERSON  
**FORMAT:** TEAM TENNIS DOUBLES

**Costumes Optional • Prizes for Best Dressed**

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

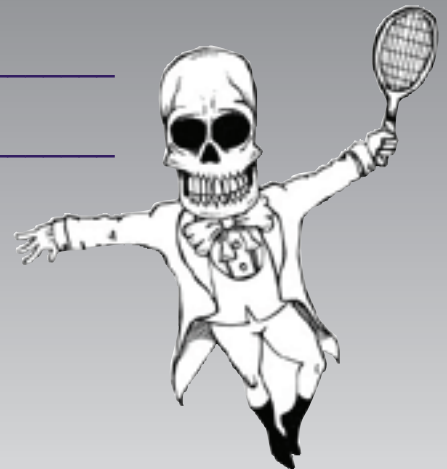
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**Questions? Please contact Tammie Snyder at 925-957-0604  
or at [tammie@gte.net](mailto:tammie@gte.net).**

**OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT [WCRC.NET](http://WCRC.NET)**



# WHO IS THAT?

We're going to take a little trip back to the 70's where everyone's hair was longer and their shorts were shorter...For all the long time WCRC members, have fun on your blast from the past. See how many players you recognize?



If you have photos you'd like to share to the Who IS That section, please email them to Tammie Snyder at [tammie@gte.net](mailto:tammie@gte.net). Next month's deadline is Friday, September 24th

**Answers:**  
Clockwise: Verna & Bill Ogden  
Lee Morrison & Andy Matisso  
Marsha Hedburg  
Sylvia Rubenstein & Richard Mohr

# CALENDER OF EVENTS

## Sept

Sep. 19	Super Senior 60 League Closes
Sep. 19	WCRC Summer Singles Ends
Sep. 20-22	Super Senior 65 Districts (Harbor Bay)

## Oct

Oct. 1-3	Super Senior 60 Playoffs Round 1
Oct. 2-3	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament
Oct. 3	Fifty Mixed League Closes
Oct. 8-10	Fifty Mixed League Playoffs Round 1
Oct. 9-10	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament
Oct. 10	Combo Doubles Season Closes
Oct. 15-17	Fifty Mixed League Playoffs Round 2
Oct. 15-17	Super Senior 60 Playoffs Round 2
Oct. 22-24	Fifty Mixed League Sectionals (TBA)
Oct. 24	Halloween Tournament
Oct. 29-31	Super Senior 60 Districts (TBA)
Oct. 29-31	Combo Doubles Playoffs Round 1

## Nov

Nov. 5-7	Combo Doubles Playoffs Round 2
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## Dec

Dec. 3-5	Combo Doubles Districts (TBA)
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Hilde Chan

as of July 31, 2010



### Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit & Loss January through July 2010

	Jan - Jul 10
<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income	200.00
Calcutta Tournament	2,831.00
Interest Income	44.89
Membership Dues	10,335.00
Midsummer Tournament	12.00
Mixed Dbls. League 2009/2010	-100.00
Summer Singles League	6,115.39
Winter Doubles League 2010	7,477.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,915.28</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Service Charge	50.00
Board Dinner Expenses	546.80
Board Meeting Expense	156.92
Calcutta Tournament Expense	5,027.68
Court Repairs & Equipment	535.35
Logo Design Contest - Prize	400.00
Midsummer Night T. Exp.	502.24
Misc. Expenses	139.21
Mixed Doubles League 2009/2010	3,760.37
Newsletters-Court Reporter	885.56
Paypal Fees	774.15
Postage	105.26
Summer Singles League Expenses	18.42
Supplies	15.06
Website	2,861.90
Winter Dbls. League Expenses	5,183.56
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>20,962.48</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>5,952.80</b>

Balance July 31, 2010

**\$40,932.91**

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Email Tammie Snyder at  
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photos or advertising in the  
October issue of the Court Reporter!

Deadline for the October issue  
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