



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

December, 2010

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your
Christmas
wishes
come true.*



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Tammie Snyder
2010 WCRC President

I can't believe it's over. Three years. 36 President's messages and thousands of emails. I want to thank my amazing board this year. Everyone always stepped up and helped out whenever it was needed.

Thanks first of to **Sterling Fairholm** who unbeknownst to him was signing up for Presidency when I tricked him into being Vice President last year. He has slid right into the presidential role and will make a great contribution to this club with his new

ideas and fresh approaches. Good luck Sterling!

A HUGE thank you to **Shari Gonzalez**, who throughout her pregnancy has without fail taken on project after project for this club and redesigned our entire leagues website from scratch! She is to be commended for all of her hard work and dedication to this club. She has been my right arm through everything!

Additional thanks to **Deanna Fong** who consistently handles the boards notes and can look up anything instantly whenever anyone has a question. She always finishes her notes before we go to bed the night of the meeting! Thanks to **Hilde Chan** who handled our money this year. It's a tough job and she handled her position well. Hilde is stepping down and **Cory Carr** is moving from Summer Singles into the Treasurer role. Thanks to **Janet Neilsen** who always gets our newsletters out on time bringing them to the post office without a quibble!

Tim Tamura handled membership and always was the first member to get his reports to me every month. Thanks Tim! Thanks also to **Tammy Chan** who handles a lot of behind the scenes work for tournaments taking care of food and drinks. **Sarah Lindahl** who got her feet wet this year in tournaments. Thanks to **Bret Jones** who did all the dirty work with USTA and making sure our teams had WCRC members, handled court assignments and fielded any questions that came his way.

Pam Maloney handled working with the City and ran the Mixed Doubles League. **Nancy LeSage** who greeted all new members and gave them a run down on what the WCRC is all about. **Lynne Weinshelbaum** handled our Winter Doubles league and worked with Pam on marketing our club.

This club is dependant on all it's members and the board members who lead this club each and every day to make it as best as it can be. I could not have done it without each and every one of you. Thanks for a great run!

Happy Holidays and I'll see you on the courts!

Tammie





**New Member
Information
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WCRC Men's & Women's 2011 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? ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

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

- ☐ Men's 3.0
- ☐ Men's 3.5
- ☐ Men's 4.0
- ☐ Men's 4.5
- ☐ Men's 5.0/5.5

- ☐ Women's 2.5
- ☐ Women's 3.0
- ☐ Women's 3.5
- ☐ Women's 4.0
- ☐ Women's 4.5/5.0

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):

- * \$45 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members) • \$35 per team for on-line registration
- * \$55 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member) • \$45 per team for on-line registration
- * \$65 per team (both non WCRC members) • \$55 per team for on-line registration

On-Line Registration will remain open until **February 1, 2011**. If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **January 25th, 2011** with a check for registration fees (payable to WCRC) to: WCRC, 25 Binnacle Hill, Oakland, CA 94618.

Questions? Call Lynne Weinshelbaum at 510-665-4025 or via e-mail lweinshelbaum@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 not playing below 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 enter the Tournament at more than one level. However, if scheduling problems arise the Tournament Director will require the player with a conflict to forfeit the division of his/her choice. **No exceptions will be made for match rescheduling if this situation arises.**

Baby Update

Congratulations to WCRC members **Darcy and Pat Beauchemin** on the birth of their son Luke Hokule'a Beauchemin. Luke was born at Walnut Creek Kaiser at 5:52 am on November 18th. He weighed in at 7 lbs 8 oz and was 20 inches in length. Darcy and Luke are doing well and Darcy is already chomping at the bit to get back on the courts.



Luke Hokule'a Beauchemin



Mixed Doubles League - Standings

	W	L
6.0		
Maureen Satcher/Kevin Schlangen	5	0
7.0		
Maria Chiang/Charlie Scudiere	8	1
8.0		
Christine Chin-Miura/Jay Bains	7	1
9.0		
Karin Deas/Brian Italia	3	1



Tennis News



Combo Women's 6.5B Team nearly heads to Districts.

by Carolyn Spady

Our Walnut Creek 6.5 B team ended the regular season in second place with an 8 win and 2 loss record which qualified us for the playoffs. We lost out in the first round to Diamond Hills in a very tightly played thriller match, losing 2 to 1, with the final determining match going three full sets and a 7 point tie breaker! Can't get much more thrilling than that! Great effort and a wonderful supporting group of teammates.



CW 6.5B Team

Top Row: Kelly Etherington, Casey Sasner, Ginny Eddy, Julie Cilenti, CoCapt Cass Flatley, Sue Lyon, Cheri Kirschenteuter, Debbie Wilson, Kathy Kessenich, Carolyn Spady Captain.

Bottom Row: Ana Larner, Ellen Leng, Kirsten Wagner, Bev Mchale, Nancy Wilson, Carlanne Cheney

Not Pictured: Lisa Carlson, Zoe Carpenter, Susan Cosso, Robin Doyle, Chardi Kollman, Robin McHale, Janet Neilsen, Lilly Omid.

7.0 Fifty Mixed head to Sectionals for fourth year running.

by Gerry Brown

On the Weekend of October 22-24, your WCRC 7.0 Fifty Mixed team consisting of **Gerry Brown, Bob Canchola, Cherie Charbonneau, Rob Corder, Karen DeMartini, Karen Gee, Jamie Guzzaldo, Gilles Houle, J.R. Hsu, Jessi Knight, Kathy Lee, Jan Lisi, Mike Luevano, Charlotte Moon, Richard Morgan, Delanie Norton, Kathleen Pudén,** and **Mary Kay Wilcock** returned for the fourth straight year to the 50 Mixed Sec-

tional Championships in search of that elusive title.

Rain was in the forecast as we started off Friday with a very tough match against Lincoln of the Sacramento area. This was a great match but we came up short 1-2 – with Jamie Guzzaldo and Kathy Lee accounting for our win.

The rain held off, so we next squared off with Los Gatos whom we felt would be the toughest team in our bracket. Playing inspired tennis and smarting from our early morning loss – we carved out a workman-like 2-1 victory with Jan Lisi and Richard Morgan, and Mike Luevano and Karen DeMartini – making it look easy.

With a one and one record going into Saturday and with more rain predicted, we took on the team from Marin Tennis Center. We need a win and a loss by Lincoln to have a chance to advance. Well we did our part, once again winning 2-1 with Rob Corder and Nini Norton winning at number 3; while Richard and Jan repeated their earlier win in the number 1 spot.

Well the rains did come – just as we finished our match and washed out play for the remainder of the weekend. Lincoln had not completed their match – so we have to wait two weeks to determine if we had advanced. Unfortunately, Lincoln won their match and we were eliminated

Despite the disappointment, it was another great USTA tennis experience. We had a great time sharing some fun moments and we persevered through some difficult times– proving to ourselves that we were indeed Champions.

One positive thing was that Clubsport Valley Vista won the Sectionals and will represent Diablo North and Northern California in the Nationals Championships – so congratulations to them.

We plan to be back there next year and hopefully number 5 will be our lucky number. Thanks to everyone for a great year – a fun team – and a great group.



Tennis News



Super Senior 60 Play Through the Rain at Sectionals

by Gerry Brown



The WCRC Super Senior 60 team made its first trip to the Sectionals in Carmel on the weekend of November 5th. The team consisted of **Bruce Balha, Gerry Brown, Francis Chan, Fran Concepcion, Dale Crabtree, Duff Danilovich, Tony Farley, Dick Harrow, Mike Jetland, Stuart Levitas, Tom Sepe, Ed Streegan, Max Sylver, Ed Ungerleider, and Buzz Zanassi**

Since the Sectionals were postponed one week due to rain, we lost out on a chance to play at Pebble Beach. Nevertheless, we made the trip to the Carmel Valley's Chamisal Tennis Resort and then to Seaside's Meadow Brook Tennis Club to do battle.

Our first match with was against Courtside representing the Lower Peninsula. This proved to be a tough outing as we came up on the short end of 1-2 score with Max Sylver and Ed Streegan winning in the number 2 spot.

However, we were not through for the day – as next up was Half Moon Bay a team that also lost their first match. Our guys were on their game and we won this one 2-1 with Buzz Zanassi and Francis Chan claiming the number 2 spot; while Ed and Max repeated their earlier win - this time in the number 3 spot.

With hopes of making it to the semi-finals, we all took off to the Monterey Pier to enjoy some fantastic seafood, and outstanding wine; all punctuated with great laughter and camaraderie.

The next day rain was imminent, and it was right on schedule. This resulted in a 2 hour rain delay for our match against an undefeated team from Greater Vallejo.

Despite the long delay, we came out determined to win and hopefully make the semi-finals. It was, however, not our day, as we came up short 1-2 with Ed and Max - this time in the number 1 spot - garnering our only win.

Even though we did not win and are not making the trip to Nationals – it was a fun time and a first time in post season play for at least one member of our team. Hopefully, we can repeat as Diablo North Champions next year and represent the Walnut Creek Racquet club once again in the Super Senior 60 sectionals.

Thanks to everyone for a very fun and rewarding season of tennis. Let's do it again next year.



The 2011 Board has a few positions open. If you are interested in joining the WCRC Board please contact any board member for details. You can also check out any board positions responsibilities on line at: www.wcrc.net/About/Board.aspx.

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Contact Sterling Fairholm with any questions at sterling@fairholminsurance.com

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Deadline for the January issue is Monday, December 27th.



Tennis News



Walnut Creek "B" Combo 8.5 Women's Team

by Arlene Acosta

I have often compared this WC "B" team with the likes of the S.F. Giants. No we didn't win a world series but in our own little world it felt like we did.

Most of the season the Giants were in 4th place as was this WC "B" Team. It wasn't until the last 17 days of the regular season that Giants finally hit 1st place. It wasn't until the completion of "Playoffs" that this WC "B" team hit first place and the right to move to Districts!

Individually each of the Giant players had unique talents that they were innately blessed with. Each gal on the WC "B" team likewise brought her unique game to the team & league.

Collectively the Giants culminated into a "Championship World Series" Team. In my opinion it has been a privilege playing and leading a collective group of talented, unique and sacrificing group of gals which ultimately have proven to be of "Championship World Series" caliber! My best and Congratulations to all these wonderful ladies and all the "other" W.C.R.C. Teams that will also be making the coveted "next level" challenge- Districts!



Front Row: Susie Gwynn, Christine Chin-Miura, Jessica Datte, Trice Rainer, Mary Trueblood-Miller, Tammy Chan-Anderson,
Back Row: Captain: Arlene Acosta, Judy Louie, Thea Horii, Co-Capt.: Lynn Weinshelbaum, Julie Bruna, Donna Himenez, Amy Buscaglia, Lisa Snowden.

Not Pictured: Janet Gee, Christine Hohenstein, Linda Hurd, Cindy Kretsch, Erica Noble.



Pictured: Marti Kohn, Pru Pruden, Corrine Christensen, Captain Tammie Snyder, Violeta Franco, Heidi Belton, Nancy Chan, Cherie Charbonneau, Perry Ann Jeveli.

Not Pictured: Darcy Beauchemin, Joni Brownstein, Eva Delgado, Nancy Deschane, Shari Gonzalea, Terri Hernandez, Densie Leveroni, Linda Stern, Hyun Swanson and Shirley Valero

7.5 Combo A team one set away from Sectionals

by Tammie Snyder

This was THE year for the 7.5 combo team to head all the way to Sectionals.

We ended the season 11-2 then had to play two rounds of playoffs to get through to Districts. In the first round we swept Moraga and the second round we squeaked past arch nemesis Valley Vista.

On to Districts...Day one we came up against some excellent players one "self rated 3.5" player who could have held her own against any 4.5 man in our club (but USTA does not monitor comb and the ratings are abused horribly). We came up just short but luckily the rest of the teams in our flight also didn't sweep.

After getting rained out for 4-1/2 hours, the second day of districts they changed the format to 8 game no-ad pro sets. We stepped up our game and we won 2-1 which left all four teams in our division tied with matches, sets and games. It was going to come down to Sunday to decide who went.

On Sunday all the matches got pushed up 3 hours and again we played 8 game no-ad pro sets. We got so close and came within a set of making it but lost out to Benicia in a nail biter.

The most fun was definitely our Saturday night Pasta Potluck where everyone had a great time!

USTA NORCAL MEMBER BRUNCH

Sunday, February 13, 2011
Doors Open For Brunch at 1:00pm

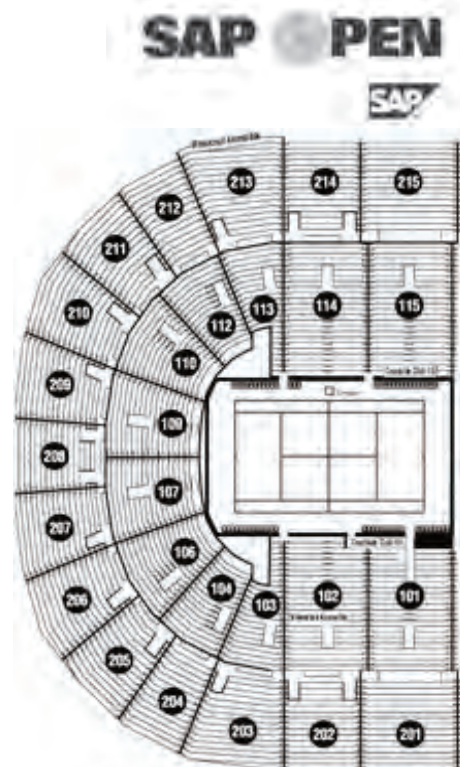
Ticket Price Includes

* Box Seat (First 16 Rows)

*Doubles Final at 3:00pm
followed by Singles Final at 5:00pm

*Brunch includes meal,
non-alcoholic beverages, gratuity & tax
(adult beverages available for purchase)

*Non-USTA member may join the
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This 12 hour program will prepare your group to go one level further than you did in 2010. 6 weeks of training will occur from December - March and 2 weeks will take place throughout the season at the group's choosing. We guarantee you'll make the District or Sectional playoffs or each participating member of the group will receive a \$60 credit onto your pro shop account.



Refer a Friend Holiday Promotion

Refer a new annual pass holder and receive a \$50 credit onto your pro shop account.

Giving Tree

Each year, we participate in Family Giving Tree, an organization that delivers holiday gifts to children in need. If you're interested in contributing a gift, please call or stop by the tennis office before December 14th.



Warm Lounge and Hot Drinks

In addition to heating the lounge throughout the winter season, we've just added a hot beverage service in the tennis office. Stop by and enjoy the warmth!

Winter lessons start in January

Winter is the best time to improve your tennis game! Most serious players choose to make changes during this time when there are fewer tournament and league matches. Surpass your competition by adding that new tennis skill before the spring season.

**SPEND A DAY WITH FRIENDS FROM
WALNUT CREEK RACQUET CLUB AT THE**
Tuesday, February 8 & Wednesday, February 9
at HP Pavilion in San Jose

7th Annual Ladies Days
at the 2011 SAP Open

LADIES DAY INCLUDES

- Lower Sideline Box Seat for Day Session
- Gourmet Lunch with Wine Tasting
- Meet and Take Photos with Tournament Players
- Drawing for Prizes

\$65.00 per person per luncheon ~ \$75 after January 7



2/8: James Blake & Fernando Verdasco ~ 2/9: Tommy Haas & Lleyton Hewitt *(scheduled to appear, subject to change)*

Order Forms Available at: www.sapopentennis.com/events/LadiesDay.asp

To guarantee seating with Walnut Creek Racquet Club members, orders must be received by January 4, 2011 and "Walnut Creek RC" must be shown as Group/Club Name on Order Form

QUESTIONS?

Contact Andrea Norman
anorman@svse.net ~ (408) 977-4748

CALENDER OF EVENTS



Dec. 15 WCRC Winter Doubles Starts



Jan. 1 WCRC Mixed Doubles Ends
Jan. 7-9 WCRC Mixed Doubles Tournament



Feb. 12 WCRC's Mardi Gras Tournament



Mar. 4-6 USTA Senior Playoffs Round 1
Mar. 18-20 USTA Senior Playoffs Round 2



Apr. 8-10 USTA Senior Districts
Apr. 29 Calcutta Party
Apr. 30 Calcutta Tournament

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hilde Chan

as of September 30, 2010



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit & Loss

January through September 2010

	Jan - Sep 10
Income	
Advertising Income	300.00
Calcutta Tournament	2,871.00
Interest Income	45.42
Membership Dues	15,104.00
Midsummer Tournament	180.00
Mixed Dbls. League 2009/2010	-100.00
Summer Singles League	6,335.39
Winter Doubles League 2010	7,457.00
Total Income	32,192.81
Expense	
Accounting/Tax Preparation	210.00
Bank Service Charge	50.00
Board Dinner Expenses	608.40
Board Meeting Expense	274.97
Calcutta Tournament Expense	5,027.68
Court Repairs & Equipment	485.35
Logo Design Contest - Prize	400.00
Membership Brochures	3,067.22
Midsummer Night T. Exp.	502.24
Misc. Expenses	210.20
Mixed Doubles League 2009/2010	3,760.37
Newsletters-Court Reporter	1,228.51
Non-Profit Fees	25.00
Paypal Fees	942.40
Postage	308.41
Summer Singles League Expenses	18.42
Supplies	15.06
Website	2,861.90
Winter Dbls. League Expenses	5,183.56
Total Expense	25,179.69
Net Income	7,013.12

Balance September 30, 2010 \$41,993.23

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tammie@gte.net to place articles,
photos or advertising in the
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