

# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club*

**June, 2012**



Longtime Giants fan, WCRC member and USTA Captain Rick DeGraca got the honor of throwing out the first pitch at the Giants vs. A's game on Saturday, May 19th.

## Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Sterling Fairholm  
2012 WCRC President

Happy Summer WCRC,

If you missed it we had a great Winter Doubles Tournament this month. The weather was perfect and we had lots of teams participating. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to

everyone who came out to play or watch some great tennis. On to the next season! Summer Singles is open and ready for play. All you singles players don't forget to sign up.

Congratulations to **Myrl Kan's 3.5 senior ladies team** on winning Sectionals and heading to Nationals. Well done ladies, we all wish you the best going forward.

USTA adult league is winding down with the playoffs just around the corner.

I know it seems like forever since we had a Mixed league because it has! After almost a year and a half USTA mixed starts in July, teams are posted so if you haven't yet contact a captain and see if there is still space!

See you on the courts,

*Sterling*



The 2012 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/](http://www.wcrc.net/)

About/Board.aspx.

Contact Sterling Fairholm with any questions at [sterling@fairholminsurance.com](mailto:sterling@fairholminsurance.com)



**New Member  
Information  
Removed for  
Privacy**



# 2012 Men's and Women's Summer Singles Leagues Registration Form

Register  
on-line  
save \$5

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size    ☐ M    ☐ L    ☐ XL    ☐ XXL

T-shirt Type    ☐ Regular    ☐ V-neck\*    ☐ Tank top\*

\*V-neck and tank top in women's style only

Current Rating:    ☐ 2.5                      ☐ 4.5  
                             ☐ 3.0                      ☐ 5.0  
                             ☐ 3.5                      ☐ 5.5  
                             ☐ 4.0

I would like to enter the following division:

- |                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 2.5     | <input type="radio"/> Men's 3.0     |
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| <input type="radio"/> Women's 4.0     | <input type="radio"/> Men's 4.5     |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 4.5/5.0 | <input type="radio"/> Men's 5.0/5.5 |

I am a:    ☐ WCRC Member (\$25)  
              ☐ Non-Member (\$35)

If you register on line:

- ☐ WCRC Member (\$20)  
☐ Non-Member (\$30)

Dates:                      May 28th - October 14th

Entry Fee:                \$25 for WCRC Members  
                                 \$35 for non-members

Format:                    Men's Singles/Women's Singles

Divisions:                Men's 3.0 - 5.0/5.5  
                                 Women's 2.5 - 4.5/5.0

Scheduling:             This is an open schedule. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches. Players will be provided with a contact list of participants within their division.

Match Format:            Best two-out-of-three set format. 12 point tiebreaker. Both players responsible for bringing new balls to match. Winner gets unopened can.

Match Site:              Any site mutually agreed upon

Scoring:                  The winner is responsible for reporting the match score by logging on to [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net).

Standings:               Division standing will be updated on a real time basis as scores are posted

Tournament:            End-of-season tournament with draw determined by league standings. Oct. 19-21 & Oct. 27-28

Match Min.:             6 matches

Checks to:                WCRC c/o Cameron Coltharp  
                                 336 Blue Ridge Drive  
                                 Martinez, CA 94553

Or Online:                [www.wcrc.net/Leagues/Signup.aspx](http://www.wcrc.net/Leagues/Signup.aspx)

Questions:                [ccoltharp@telecarecorp.com](mailto:ccoltharp@telecarecorp.com)  
                                 510-717-2107

Register  
on-line  
save \$5

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# Tennis News



## Section Champions!

*by Myrl Kan*

Unbelievable! The team was in shell shock for a few days after Sectionals!

We won the first match 3-0, lost the second round 1-2. This meant that we needed to sweep Carmel Valley in order for us to win the championship. Gold River also had a 2-1 record. We won the last match 3-0, and Gold River won their last match 2-1, giving us a one point advantage. Had we won 2-1, it would have gone down to sets lost and games lost which could have given Gold River the win.

It was a super exciting time despite one match that was filled with so much drama, an official was present on the court the entire time. But WCRC prevailed against the poor sportsmanship of the other team. The entire Walnut Creek team displayed an incredible amount of determination, focus and good will.

Special thanks to the players who scrimmaged with us to get us match ready: Sue Danner, Lisa Rounkle, Eva Delgado, Francie Roberts, Liz Corbett, Nancy K, Tammie Snyder, Barbara Reynolds, Deanna Fong, Donna Himenez, Marylyn Bustos, Violeta Franco, Charlotte Moon, Nancy Chan, Shirley Valero, and Fran Macavinta. We benefited tremendously and we are so appreciative of their time.

What an awesome team that worked so hard the entire season – Cynthia Attiyeh, Maria Chiang, Lisa Dell'Anno, Michele Dwinell, Zorgy Ewing, Karen Gee, Akiko Kearney, Sheryl Lawrentz, Kathy Lee, Nancy Levin, Jody Morgan, Debby Rechnitz, Linda Walling-Stone and Debbie Wilson.

We're proud to represent WCRC and the NorCal section at Nationals. Hopefully Lady Luck will stay with us.



*l-r: Nancy Levin, Debby Rechnitz, Leonard Young, Akiko Kearney, Myrl Kan, Maria Chiang, Kathy Lee, Debbie Wilson, Michele Dwinell*



**10th ANNIVERSARY**

**AWARD-WINNING TENNIS BENEFIT FOR  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

*Saturday, June 23, 2012 at Orindawoods Tennis Club*

*AM Clinics with Local Tennis Pros*

*PM Tournament & Special 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events!*

*Gourmet Lunch & Raffle (registration includes raffle ticket)*

Ace It! benefits Alta Bates Summit Foundation

**CAROL ANN READ BREAST HEALTH CENTER**

All of your contribution is tax-deductible

**Please join us for a fun day of tennis and friends!**

**For more information please visit:**

**[www.orindawoodstennis.com](http://www.orindawoodstennis.com)**



## 2012 Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

IF ENTERING WITH A PARTNER PLEASE INDICATE NAME, CURRENT RATING, AND INCLUDE BOTH PAYMENTS WITH THIS FORM.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACE IT! IS HOLDING THE LINE ON 2012 DONATION AMOUNTS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY, BUT YOU ARE FREE TO DONATE MORE IF YOU ARE ABLE**

\_\_\_ AM ONLY: 8:30 AM – 1PM (Clinics, Lunch & Raffle) **Donation: \$75.00**

\_\_\_ PM ONLY: NOON – 4PM (Lunch, Raffle, tournament) **Donation: \$75.00**

\_\_\_ FULL EVENT: 8:30 am – 4 PM (Warm-Up, Clinics, Lunch, Raffle & Tournament)  
**Donation: \$125.00**

\_\_\_ LUNCH TICKET: Anytime (Lunch, Raffle & Cheers!!) **Donation: \$25.00**

\_\_\_ SUPPORT ONLY: Cannot Attend; **Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE PLAYING PREFERENCE FOR THE TOURNAMENT. WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE!

\_\_\_ Mixed Doubles

\_\_\_ Men's Doubles

\_\_\_ Women's Doubles

\_\_\_ No Preference

Make checks payable to: **ALTA BATES SUMMIT FOUNDATION**

Mail this registration form, along with your check to:

**Ace It! at Orindawoods**

**P.O. Box 2087, Orinda, CA 94563**



Another WCRC Winter Doubles season came to a close with a successful tournament weekend on May 18-20. We could not have asked for more beautiful tournament weather or more competitive tournament matches; a great event! Special thanks to Bob Walgren for running such a smooth tournament and to Neil Dawson, his right hand man. Additional thanks to Cory Carr, Shari Gonzalez, Tammie Snyder, Sterling Fairholm and Tammy Anderson for helping make the entire season a huge success.

Thanks to all 350 of you who participated in the league this year. Next up, Summer Singles!





Photos by Cory Carr!

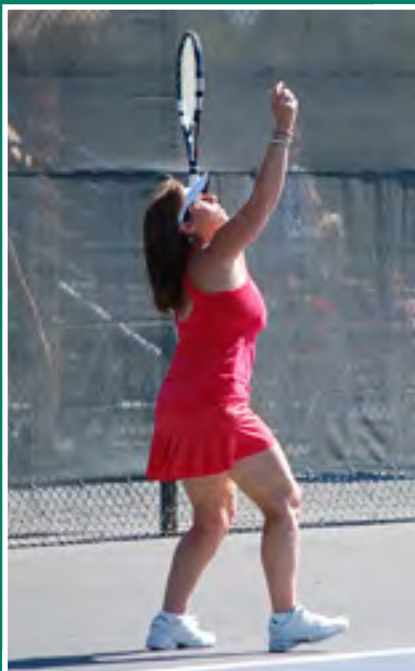






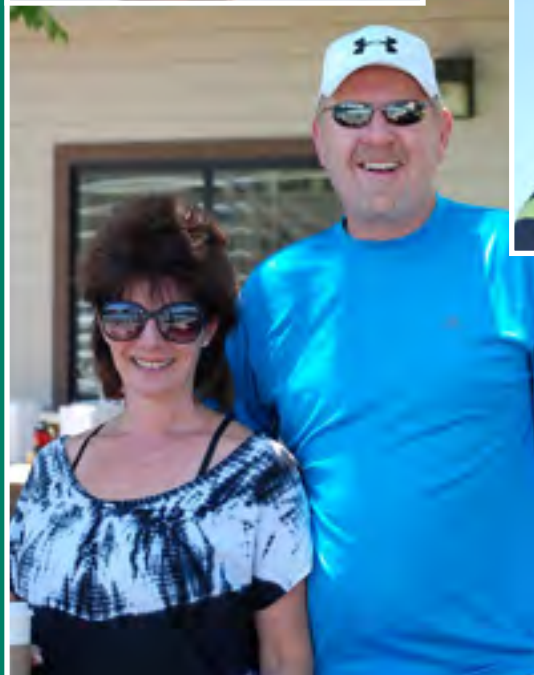
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## 2012 Winter Doubles Winners



### 3.0 Women's

May Yao & Florence Huang  
def.

Lynda Burrell & Jennifer Murov  
6-2, 6-1



### 3.5 Women's

Dori Craft & Sheila Langon  
def.

Jane Balg & Bonnie Cornell  
6-2, 6-3



### 4.0 Women's

Lynne Tomczak & Veronica Roussel  
def.

Judy Cummins & Shari McAneney  
6-4, 6-2



### 4.5 Women's

Tammy Anderson &  
Mary Trueblood-Miller  
def.

Lynne Weinshelbaum & Tiffany Fong  
6-1, 6-2



## 2012 Winter Doubles Winners



### 3.5 Men's

Jason Chao & Rob Corder  
def.  
Tom Evans & David Gangarapu  
6-1, 6-4



### 4.0 Men's

Jay Bains & Mark Jimenez  
def.  
Sterling Fairholm & Garvin Tom  
6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3



### 4.5 - 5.0 Men's

Martin Dunlap & Michael Balg  
def.  
Debashis Panda & Juan Cedeno  
7-6 (5), 3-6, 7-5

# A Lifelong Dream Comes True

by Rick DeGraca

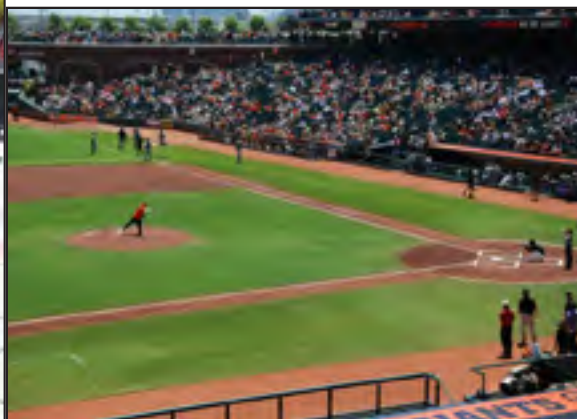
Like most kids growing up playing baseball in San Francisco, it was my dream to play for the Giants. As time set in, the reality of the dream faded from my memory like so many boyhood fantasies. Totally out of the blue, I got a call from the president of the Cancer Support Community. I literally had to brace myself with joy when he asked if I was willing to serve as an honoree at the Strike Out Cancer 2012 annual event at AT&T Park. A highlight of the event is a video whereby sound bites would be shown on the scoreboard. My personal highlight was to throw out the first pitch for the Giants/A's game. I told the president that I thought there were other more deserving people. He reiterated that he wanted me. Of course, I accepted the invitation. Not having thrown a baseball in over 45 years, I decided to start playing catch with anyone willing. To simulate the throw as realistically as possible, Ed Hochbrueckner convinced me to climb fences to get to the mound of a high school baseball mound. It was reminiscent of day's gone bye except it was a lot harder to get over these fences.

At the day of the game, I talked to Javier Lopez and asked him if he had any advice in throwing out the first pitch. He told me to throw it in the ground since the catcher was a human net. Funny guy. When we were ushered onto the field, I was surprised to find myself very calm and collected. It must have been all those Heather Farm fans we had when we played tennis over years. I was even more surprised when I heard Peter Hellmann calling me in the stands next to home plate. It was nice to have a familiar face in the midst of all the confusion.

Before throwing out the first pitch, I was approached by someone all dressed in black with his hood over his head. When I looked closer, I saw someone in a big black beard. I thought for a moment that it was the Grim Reaper. It was Sergio Romo who explained that the catcher was warming up the pitcher for the game and he (Romo) will be doing the honors. I was instructed to throw the pitch as soon as the photographer gave me the thumbs up signal. No sooner than I got to the rubber, the signal was given. All I saw was home plate and a black figure behind it. I could not see the glove to use as a target since it was also black. I remember what Alan Yeadaker and others told me – “don't worry about form or speed, just aim high and do not let the ball hit the ground with the pitch”.

After the pitch, I was told by Romo that it was a strike and by Larry Baer, the Chief Operations Officer, that it was the best first pitch of the season. Many people congratulated me on a nice throw.

It was truly a fitting end for my baseball career and a dream come true especially having my family (my grand daughters first baseball game) and friends in the stands.



Photos clockwise from top right: Rick on the big screen at AT&T Park; Rick, wife Teresa, Javier Lopez, and granddaughter, Allison; Rick with pitcher Sergio Romo; Rick throwing out the first pitch; granddaughter Alexia Chu, son Ricky, son-in-law Matt Puska, Teresa, granddaughter Amanda Chu, grand-daughter Allison Chu, daughter Toni, son-in-law David Chu.



# CALENDER OF EVENTS

## Jun



June 4-6	USTA Super Senior 65 Playoffs Round 1
June 11	USTA Fifty Mixed Team Registration
June 11-13	USTA Super Senior 65 Playoffs Round 2

## Jul



July 1	USTA Adult League Ends
July 2	USTA Mixed League Opens
July 13-15	USTA Adult League Playoffs Round 1
July 15	USTA Super Senior 60 Ends
July 20-22	USTA Adult League Playoffs Round 2
July 27-29	USTA Super Senior 60 Playoffs Round 1
July 28	Mid-Summer Madness Tournament

## Aug



Aug. 3-5	USTA Super Senior 60 Playoffs Round 2
Aug. 6	USTA Combo Doubles Team Registration
Aug. 10-12	USTA Adult League Districts
Aug. 24-26	USTA Adult League Sectionals
Aug. 29	WCRC Summer Singles League Closes
Aug. 29	WCRC Mixed Doubles League Opens

## Sept



Sept. 3	USTA Fifty Mixed Opens
Sept. 23	USTA Mixed League Ends
Sept. 28-30	USTA Mixed League Playoffs Round 1

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammie Snyder

as of April 30, 2012



### Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit and Loss Standard January through April 2012

Jan - Apr '12

#### Ordinary Income/Expense

<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income	175.00
Calcutta Auction	2,620.00
Court Services	15.00
League Dues	55.00
Membership Dues	3,278.00
Tournament Dues	400.00

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,543.00</b>
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#### Expense

Bank Service Charges	8.00
Board Meeting	88.70
Calcutta Expenses	3,661.62
Fall Mixed Tournament Expenses	490.00
Filling Fees	55.00
Mixed Double Expenses	2,177.04
Office Supplies	11.14
Postage and Delivery	192.98
Printing and Reproduction	564.91
Professional Fees	100.00
Tax Preparation	435.00
Tournament Food	1,707.99
Website	344.70

<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>9,837.08</b>
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<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-3,294.08</b>
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#### Other Income/Expense

<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Income	0.35
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>0.35</b>

<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>0.35</b>
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<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-3,293.73</b>
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Balance as of April 30, 2012	\$45,248.98
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Deadline for the **July** issue  
is **Monday, Jun 25th.**



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# Heading to NATIONALS!

