

THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

July, 2012

Michal Bajdich
keeps his eye
on the ball as he
gets ready
to close the net.



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Sterling Fairholm
2012 WCRC President

Happy July WCRC,

The Adult League season has just about ended and we have lots of teams headed to the playoffs next weekend. Congratulations on a great season and good luck to everyone moving forward. Let's keep our WCRC at nationals streak alive! With one league ending another begins with

Mixed Doubles starting as well. This will be the first time we have had mixed in the summer so it should be a lot better with less rain outs and rescheduling. There is still time to get on a team if you haven't already.

Speaking of going all the way, congratulations to **Gerry Brown** and his Super 65 team who are the California Champions in their division! Well done gentlemen. This is the highest level achieved for Super 65 teams and quite an achievement!

Our annual Mid Summer Tennis Tournament is on July 28th and there is still spots open for this fun mixed tournament. WCRC summer singles is also in full swing, our biggest season of the year is going strong and lots of matches are being played. The tournament isn't until October so there is lots of time to still get involved and play some singles.

Please take the time to read the Be The Match article for **Lisa Carlon** a long time member in need on pages 4-5.

See you on the courts,

Sterling

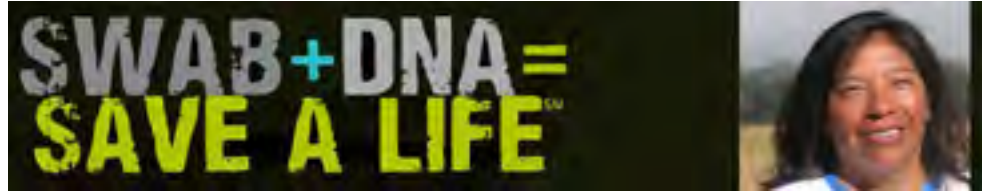


The 2012 Board has a few positions open. If you are interested in joining the WCRC Board please contact any board member for details. You can also check out any board positions responsibilities on line at: www.wcrc.net/

About/Board.aspx.

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

Mid-Summer Night Tennis



Bone Marrow Drive for Lisa
4:00 - 7:00 pm

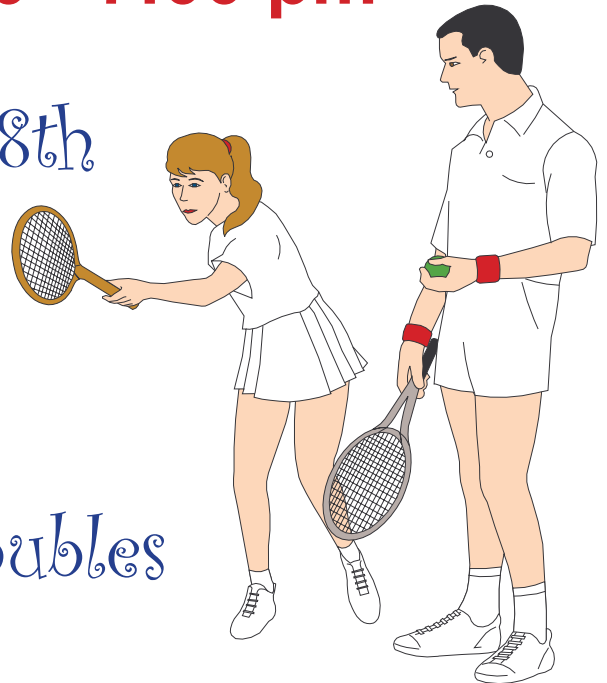
Date: Saturday, July 28th

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Heather Farms

Cost: \$12.00/person

Format: Team Tennis Doubles



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

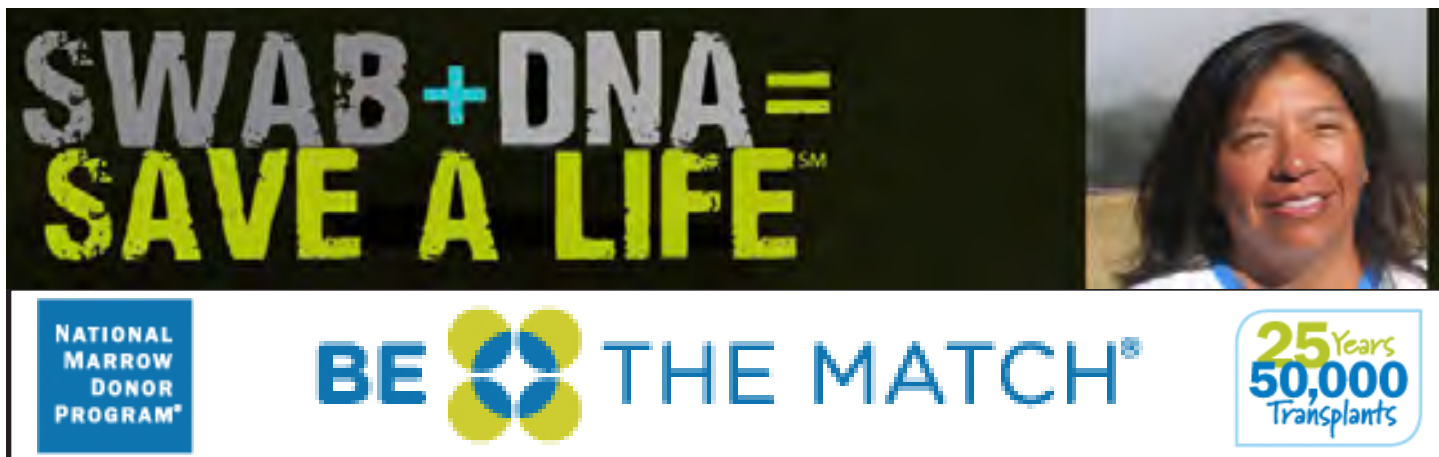
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Long time WCRC member and good friend **Lisa Carlon** was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome. This is the same rare disease that **Robin Roberts from ABC Good Morning America** has. She is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant and can't find a proper donor. This is where YOU can help.

Do you want to know about bone marrow donations? See the **Be The Match Foundations** website.

<http://marrow.org/Home.aspx>

If you go online, it may ask for a donation to volunteer to become a part of the registry, but you do not have to pay - you can skip that step.

Be The Match will send you a kit, OR you can participate at our **Be The Match Drive** on **July 28th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Heather Farms**.

There are two steps to becoming a donor:

- 1) Join the **Be The Match** registry by providing a cheek swab which will be used to determine if you are a match,
- 2) If you ever are a match for someone that needs your marrow, you will be contacted to donate your marrow.

Lisa has MDS also known as Myelodysplastic Syndrome. Lisa was diagnosed about 4 years ago. She has an extremely rare case as she has suffered none of the risk factors normally associated with contracting the disease and, she is very young. Lisa has not been matched to a donor to date, which is critical for saving her life.



Myelodysplastic syndromes are a group of diseases in which the bone marrow does not make enough healthy blood cells. In MDS, blood production is disorderly and ineffective. The number and quality of blood-forming cells decline irreversibly, further impairing blood production. MDS patients require Bone Marrow transplants to reverse or cure the disease. Bone Marrow transplants are the only effective treatment for MDS.

People of color are at particular risk of not receiving Bone Marrow Transplants, because as a general rule, the marrow matching agencies have extremely low numbers of potential volunteers.

To find out if you are a match for donor is very simple. With a simple swab of the cheek, a bit of your DNA is collected. **Be The Match** Registry uses this DNA to figure out your HLA typing; your unique markers that can match you with patients in need of a life-saving marrow transplant.

Like your DNA, your HLA markers are inherited from your parents and from your ancestors. That is why donors are more likely to match patients with similar ethnicity.

Once you are matched to a needed recipient then the process of donating the marrow begins.. You never donate marrow before you are matched. You only need to swab your cheek to become a possible marrow donor.. it's really simple.

If you can't make it down to the Tennis Center, you can still help by donating to the cause or becoming a donor by having a swab kit mailed directly to your home.

<http://www.bethematchfoundation.org/goto/life4lisa>





YOUR AGE AND HERITAGE MATTER

There are not enough young registry members of diverse racial and ethnic heritage to help all patients in need of a marrow transplant. Be The Match mission is to change that by adding more young, diverse registry members.

Remember, people 18 - 44 are 10 times more likely to be called to donate.

Be The Match Swab Drive
Come swab your cheek
or donate and help match Lisa!

Saturday, July 28th

4:00 pm - 7 :00 pm

Heather Farm Tennis Courts

MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT DONATION

MYTH:

All bone marrow donations involve surgery.

FACT:

The majority of donations do not involve surgery. Today, the patient's doctor most often requests a peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation, which is non-surgical.

The second way of donating is marrow donation, which is a surgical procedure.

In each case, donors typically go home the same day they donate.

MYTH:

Donating is painful and involves a long recovery.

FACT:

There can be uncomfortable but short-lived side effects of donating PBSC. Due to taking a drug called filgrastim for five days leading up to donation, PBSC donors may have headaches, joint or muscle aches, or fatigue. PBSC donors are typically back to their normal routine in one to two days.

Those donating marrow receive general or regional anesthesia, so they feel no pain during donation. Marrow donors can expect to feel some soreness in their lower back for one to two weeks afterward. Most marrow donors are back to their normal activities in two to seven days.

MYTH:

Donating is dangerous and weakens the donor.

FACT:

Though no medical procedure is without risk, there are rarely any long-term side effects. Be The Match® carefully prescreens all donors to ensure they are healthy and the procedure is safe for them. We also provide support and information every step of the way.

Because only five percent or less of a donor's marrow is needed to save the patient's life, the donor's immune system stays strong and the cells replace themselves within four to six weeks.

MYTH:

In bone marrow donation, pieces of bone are removed from the donor.

FACT:

No pieces of bone are taken during marrow donation. Only the liquid marrow found inside the pelvic bone is needed to save the patient's life.

MYTH:

Donors have to pay to donate.

FACT:

Donors never pay to donate. We reimburse travel costs and may reimburse other costs on a case-by-case basis.

Check out this informative you tube video to see how you can help:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azGmJ7wQVko>



Tennis News



SENIOR 65 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Monday, as most of you were enjoying your coffee and planning your work day, your Walnut Creek Racquet Club Senior 65 team consisting of **Bruce Balha, Gerry Brown, Howard Chan, Frank Concepcion, John Deniz, Gerry Giaramita, Andrew Hall, Hank Holmes, Michael Jetland, Fernando Lema, Bill Reynolds, Ed Ungerleider, Buzz Zanassi** was just taking the courts at the beautiful Silverado Country Club. This little piece of paradise is peacefully, nestled among Napa's picturesque hillside vineyards.

The weather and this new USTA championship venue were absolutely spectacular. Inspired by the setting and the excitement that surrounds the Northern California Championships, your WCRC team jumped out to a fun and exciting start with a resounding 3-0 win over the host Silverado team. WCRC winners on the day were Ed Ungerleider and Hank Holmes at #1 with a nailing biter in the "winner-take- all" 3rd set tie breaker.

In the number two line, Howard Chan and Gerry Giaramita faced a very talented and athletic team. The WCRC duo fought back after being down 5-2 in the first set – to not only win the set - but the match in two sets. Buzz Zanassi and Fernando Lema playing at number 3 completed the sweep - as they won the first set 7-5 and then swept the second set 6-1.

With one win under our belts, we gained confidence and were looking forward to Tuesday's match with a strong Foothill team.

To give everyone a chance to join in the fun and excitement of the championships, we penciled in 3 new players and scrambled the lineups. With the versatility and talent on this team, the guys made it look easy.

Andrew Hall and Bill Reynolds won 6-3, 6-0 at #1. Buzz and Gerry teamed up at the 2 position and simply out played their opponents winning 6-1, 6-1. Hank paired with John Deniz at #3. These two veteran magicians of the courts befuddled and confounded their opponents winning 6-0, 6-1 to complete the 3-0 sweep.

The bad news, however, was our Wednesday opponent, the San Mateo Elks, had stretched their season record to 14-0 by also winning their first two matches. To make matters even worse, Wednesdays schedule not only included the San Mateo match – but the winner must

then play the championship round later that afternoon.

Armed with our best resolve and some fresh faces, we took our own 12-0 record to the courts to once again give it our all. But we knew - if fate had its way – the match would probably come down to one of those "anything-can- happen" tie breakers.

The first line to finish was Mike Jetland and Frank Concepcion, who although they were playing line 2, drew San Mateo's undefeated team. With one self-rated Elk, this San Mateo duo was 15-0 going into this match. So although Frank and Mike gave it their all, they came up short.

With one line now inscribed on the San Mateo side of the ledger, all eyes turned to Buzz and Fernando who were playing #3 and were locked into a fierce battle of wills. They owned the first set 6-1, but as they quickly learned Elks can be tenacious. The San Mateo duo battled back to force a dreaded seven point tie breaker. Yes, we came up on the wrong end. Now the true drama began, the 10 point – "winner- take-all" tie breaker was now a reality.

Fortunately, Buzz and Fernando showed that whether we are Creekers or Creakers, we also have tenacity, heart and determination. So with resolve and nerves of steel, and the match on the line, they carved up the Elks 10-3 in the tie breaker.

Our dreams of playing for the championship were now in the hands of Bill Reynolds and Andrew Hall playing at #1. These proved to be very competent hands as Bill's lobs and Andrew's patrolling of the net combined for a 6-4, 6-4 win. Needless to say the celebration began.

Having won our flight – we scouted our potential opponent Cupertino. Convinced we were the better team, we relaxed with lunch around the beautiful pool and strategized as to our best line-up for the upcoming championship round.

We agreed that the magicians Hank and John would get things started at #1. They did exactly that with 7-6, 6-1 win. Fernando and Buzz would move up to the #2 spot where chances were they would draw Cupertino's #1 team. As expected, they locked into a marathon match with Cupertino's best team.



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Buzz and Fernando came out strong winning the first set 7-5. The second set was 1-6 Cupertino. So once again that ubiquitous 10-point tie-breaker came into play. But for the second time in their 3 matches, Buzz and Fernando won the nerve-racking 10 point tie-breaker to help seal the sweep.

Howard and Gerry were actually off first, even though they got a late start at the #3 line. As I penciled in the line-up card, I thought to myself, who could possibly beat these guys? So I was tempted to just circle their names on the official score sheet as the winners. Then as I handed it in - tell the tournament desk - that the scores could be posted in a few minutes. True to form they won easily and quickly 6-2, 6-1.

We were now the "Northern California Senior 65 Champions".

However more importantly, we were winners in life, as we all had a great time and another fun experience

competing in a USTA Championship event. Everyone who was healthy and able to play got to share in the fun. In fact, Fernando got his first taste of USTA Championship play and all the pressure and excitement it entails. Obviously he thrived on it - winning 3 matches including 3 tie breakers.

As champions, we have to move-up or split-up. However, even if we do not make it back next year, we will savor our memories, and tell lots of lies about how good we were - as it is always fun and the camaraderie at these events is certainly worth the effort it takes to get there.

Thanks to all my great teammates, to the Walnut Creek Racquet Club and to Life Time Tennis for offering us such a fantastic club and venue to call home. We greatly appreciate your efforts.

See you on the courts !!! Gerry Brown





Tennis News



Our Trip to Roland Garros

by Kevin Koyono

I didn't really want to write this article but I'm being forced to do it by our tenacious Editor! Here it goes...

My wife and I were the lucky winners of Tennis Channel's Passport to Paris Sweepstakes. I entered the contest on their website everyday during last year's French Open. I received an email about a week after the French Open ended from someone at Tennis Channel letting us know we had won the contest. I initially thought I was being pranked but then I realized none of my friends are technically savvy enough to send an email making it look like it came from Tennis Channel! The sweepstakes included transportation on Air France, five days at the Hotel San Regis, tickets for the first two days at the French Open and a Longines watch.

The first day at the French Open was pretty amazing! This was the first Grand Slam tournament we've ever attended and we were amazed and a little overwhelmed! We arrived early on the first day and walked around the outer courts to watch the pros practicing. It's amazing how close you can get to the players while their practicing; we could almost reach out and touch them! It gives you a much greater appreciation of how skilled they really are. Our seats were in the Philippe Chatrier Stadium and we saw some great matches;



we saw Sam Stosur and her amazing kick serve, Juan Martin Del Potro and his booming serve and forehand, Jo Wilfred Tsonga and his showmanship and Venus Williams. We also had to do an on-air interview for Tennis Channel during the day. We met Tennis Channel correspondents Bill Macatee and Cari Champion and discovered they're both pretty cool people.

The second day at the Open, we were seated in the President's Box in Philippe Chatrier! It's pretty plush there; the ushers are dressed up in suits and dresses, you have exclusive restrooms and most importantly, free beer, wine, champagne and hors d'oeuvres! We saw some amazing matches on the second day too; we saw Victoria Azarenka almost get upset, Li Na pound the heck out of the ball, Novak Djokovic dominate his opponent and saw Ryan Harrison have his temper tantrums.

This was a trip we will not soon forget! We were able to change our travel itinerary so we were able to spend a week in London and a day in Dublin too. If you're not entering these Tennis Channel contests, you may be missing out on a opportunity to have a great experience. We're living proof that normal people really do win these things!



What's New with Lifetime Tennis

The Summer Schedule at Lifetime Tennis is off to a great start. Our Summer Camps and the first session of Tennis Lessons have been an amazing success. Registration for the second 6 week session of Tennis Lessons are currently being taken and begin the week of July 30th. Register in the office at Heather Farms or online at lifetimetennis.com

Lifetime Tennis invites all Pass Holders to Demo our newest Babolat rackets, as well as our Wilson rackets, throughout the month of July. We will also be offering four FREE Demo Days. Pass holders will be able to demo any racket while our tennis director, Joe Noth, gives a FREE clinic. Enjoy!

Lifetime Tennis welcomes our newest certified Tennis Instructor, Kevin Glenn. Kevin has been teaching tennis for 22 years, and is available for private lessons most days of the week. Stop by our office or give us a call at 945-0105 for an appointment.

Don't forget to sign up early for our Friday Night Round Robin. This program is in high demand and books out weeks in advance. It's every Friday night from 8-10pm, \$4 for pass holders, and \$8 for non-pass holders.



See you on the courts!

Summer Singles League - Standings

Men's

3.0	W	L
Ric Ronci	5	0
3.5		
Charan Sarjapur	4	0
4.0		
Ken Bakar	8	0
4.5		
Gilles Houle	4	0
Michael Yurkus	4	0

Women's

2.5	W	L
Julia Petrov	1	0
3.0		
Martha Spanos	4	1
3.5		
Chris Rasclé	3	0
4.0		
Jenny Douglas	3	1
4.5/5.0		
Marianne Dundon	3	0



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CALENDER OF EVENTS



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



Oct. 1	USTA Combo Doubles Opens
Oct. 5-7	USTA Mixed League Playoffs Round 2
Oct. 12-14	USTA Mixed League Districts & Sectionals
Oct. 19-21	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament
Oct. 27	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammie Snyder

as of June 30, 2012



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit and Loss Standard January through June 2012

	Jan - Jun '12
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Advertising Income	175.00
Calcutta Auction	2,620.00
Court Services	15.00
League Dues	55.00
Membership Dues	3,268.00
Tournament Dues	374.00
Total Income	6,507.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	200.43
Board Meeting	639.43
Calcutta Expenses	5,511.62
Dues and Subscriptions	40.00
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	600.48
Professional Fees	100.00
SUSPENSE	1,480.00
Tax Preparation	435.00
Tournament Food	2,445.86
Website	444.70
Winter Doubles Expenses	3,128.98
Total Expense	17,952.66
Net Ordinary Income	-11,445.66
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	11.72
Total Other Income	11.72
Net Other Income	11.72
Net Income	-11,433.94

Balance as of June 30, 2012

\$37,108.77

**Deadline for the August issue
is Monday, July 23rd.**



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CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONS



*L-R first row: Gerry Giaramita, Fernando Lema, Howard Chan, Ed Ungerleider, John Deniz, Buss Zanassi
L-R back row: Gerry Brown, Andrew Hall, Hank Holmes, Frank Concepcion.
Absent: Bruce Balha, Bill Reynolds, Mike Jetland*