

THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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Fenny Widjaja goes for a big ace during the 8.0 mixed doubles tournament.

Photo by Tim Tamura

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Craig Lazarchik
2014 WCRC President

Greetings Everyone!!

The WCRC has been a busy group lately with many leagues, tournaments, and fantastic play out at Heather Farms!!

We would like to congratulate the following teams on winning their 40+ League Playoffs and we wish them the best of luck May 2-4th at District Championships: **Maureen Satcher's 3.5 Women; John Sovik's 3.5 Men; Brian Italia's 4.5+ Men...**wishing you all the best and a victory so you can move onto Sectionals!

Adult Leagues are under way, along with **Mixed** registration. **Summer Singles** is now open as well. You may be thinking...'the calendar sure has changed, why?'. Well the USTA has been quite busy adding new leagues over the last few years, with new dates, and now they have decided to have all of the National Championships in the same calendar year as the respective leagues. So for instance, MXD is starting early this year, so when your team makes it to Nationals, it will be in the same year, unlike years past. This has affected our WCRC calendar as well. Please remember to always check our WCRC Calendar and plan accordingly. Thank you so much for your input and being organized. We have all been really impressed with the Captains and players efforts this year. You are a great representation for your teams and the club, and we thank you.

If you missed the super fun **Calcutta Tournament** check out next month's newsletter for results and photos! (This newselttter went to press after event...apologies)

The **Winter Doubles** League is wrapping up. Please get in your final matches before May 11th and get qualified for the Winter Doubles Tournament May 16-18th. It is sure to be a fabulous weekend!

Over the next few weeks there will be demolition and then reconstruction of the cement outside of the Pro Shop. Please allow extra time to navigate this area throughout the month of May. A new concrete area next to courts 1,2, and 3 will also be a part of this project. Here's to a better venue for hosting our home league matches ans no more muddy shoes!

Look forward to seeing you out and about. All the best!

Craig

Liz Baker	Pleasant Hill	4.0	Toby Leung	Walnut Creek	4.5
Allyson Berry	Danville	4.5	Brian Livingston	Martinez	3.0
Sonny Bhatia	Benicia	4.0	Rachael Miller	Pleasant Hill	2.5
Terry Chen	Albany	4.0	Julia Overs Bates	Lafayette	4.5
Roy Clark	Fairfield	3.0	Beth Reno	Walnut Creek	
Joe Davis	Pleasant Hill	3.5	Jake Reno	Walnut Creek	
Charanjit Dhillon	Tracy	4.5	James Reno	Walnut Creek	
Joe Drescher	Walnut Creek	3.0	Barbara Reynolds	Alamo	4.0
Karen Drescher	Walnut Creek	3.5	Katrina Rieschick	Walnut creek	2.5
Suzanne Everly	Lafayette	4.5	Kelly Saenz	Martinez	4.5
Elliot Feinberg	Moraga	4.5	John Shum	Walnut Creek	3.5
Robert Gee	Orinda	4.0	Matt Skahill	Benicia	4.0
Irene Gessling	Moraga	3.0	Michael Souza	Fairfield	3.0
Kaarin Graham	Pleasanton	4.5	Martha Spanos	Danville	3.0
Terry Hill	San Ramon	3.5	Claudia Suh	Benicia	4.5
Luke Johnstone	San Francisco	3.5	Frances Tuttle	Orinda	3.0
Betsy Kemp	Walnut Creek	2.5	Hal Wagner	San Ramon	4.5
Irina Kolomey	Walnut Creek	2.5	Preetbir Walia	Benicia	4.0
Tracy Leeds	Danville	4.0			



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2014 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 |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 3.0 | <input type="radio"/> Men's 3.5 |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 3.5 | <input type="radio"/> Men's 4.0 |
| <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: April 27th - August 30th

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.

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. Sept. 5-7 & Sept. 13 & 14

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

Questions: ccoltharp@telecarecorp.com
 510-717-2107

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WCRC 40+ Teams Playoffs





Tennis News



55+ 8.0 Men's Team take out Pinole to go to Sectionals

by Ernie Schulze

Teamates,

Today we played like tigers! the weather was perfect. We had a good practice yesterday afternoon. I felt we were ready for this match. And as I've said all year Pinole is beatable.. We had everything to gain and that is how the match was played. In order of "Off the court" this is how it went.

#3 Doubles. Lloyd and Jerry took on Don Screttni a 4.5 player and Terry Ligocki a 3.5 player. Lloyd and Jerry very sensibly played most of their balls at Terry and took the first set 6-3. The second set was a little different as the 4.5 player started to get more involved in the play. In the end we were too much and won the match 6-3 7-6 (7-2). Good win you guys and put us on the board. You guys have been an awesome team this year.

#2 Doubles saw Tom Serame and Bob Stickrod with a very difficult task of opponents Dave Pennebaker (the big surfer dude) and Bob Canchola, wearing bright green today. Tom and Stick were not impressed and ran their opponents everywhere. Tom was all over the net. At one point Tom went back for an overhead, pointed up at it as he swung and crushed the ball back. Surfer dude stopped play and didn't go after Tom's overhead and claimed Tom had pointed to the ball saying it was out... What kind of shit. Tom and Stick held their ground and got that point. In the end surfer dude and green shirt were just a shade too much, as they have been against so many opponents. Myself included. The score was 3-6 6-7 them and the match was tied up.. good effort Stick and Tom!! You two have earned your spot in the lineup!

#1 Doubles Al Yeadeker and I took on Gary Hazard and Charles Kearney. Gary is a great player. He has a beautiful serve and is able to place it anywhere in the box. And last year in our playoff match Gary and partner took out Jerry and I... Hmmm. Charles has played for a number of teams at Heather farms and although I haven't played against him before, Jerry has and gave us the lowdown. Unfortunately I came out flat in the first set and we fell behind. We lost the first 2-6. But my partner Al never got down and kept urging me on. We broke Hazard's serve in the first game of the second and didn't look back winning the second set 6-2. The third set started out the same as the second and we broke Hazard again and Al held his serve. Somehow the score went to 4-4... Can you say tight!!! I could see the whole season in front of me and a chance to go districts... Al and I buckled down and broke Hazard's serve once again leaving me to serve for the match and USTA district championships. The score went to 30 all and I got the point giving us match point. Unfortunately, the score sawed again with them getting a break point and then we got a third match point. Al took the cross point from Hazard and bumped it back to Charles who hit wide. And the match was ours!!

Score 2-6; 6-2 6-4.

Thanks everybody for the positive mojo today. A special thanks to my partner Al Yeadeker who is so supportive and calm. You are a class player.

So we are into the USTA Northern California districts championships, which I believe is in Sacramento middle of May. I will send out additional emails with practice schedules. Also I still would like to have a party at my home court to celebrate our season. The date which I floated is May 3 at 200 pm.

Big day today!

Captain Ernie

(l-r) Jerry Garcia, Bob Stickrod, Alan Yeadeker, Tom Searme, Ernie Schulze and Lloyd Hohenstein.





Tennis News



40+ 3.5 Men battle their way to Districts

Adorned with their battle armor (figuratively speaking of course), the WCRC Team known as "Team 300" recently stormed the men's 3.5 40+ flight with one goal in mind, domination! They did exactly that. The "Spartans" as they refer to themselves, recently completed a perfect 8-0 season, demolished Diamond Hills 3.5B in the playoffs and earned their ticket to Districts taking place in Roseville this weekend. Oh yes.....and anyone who has seen them practice on the courts during the week, knows they also had a lot of fun in the process. We're looking forward to them representing Walnut Creek Racquet Club well at Districts. Congratulations.



George Braue, Jay Dunlavy, Gerry Brown, Erik Lee, John Sovik, Sean Barnacascel, Richard Morgan, Shankar Krishna

40+ 3.5 Women finish a perfect season

Most teams strive for perfection. Only the very few are able to achieve it. However, we were fortunate enough to have such a team this past season with Moe Satcher and Susan Sovik's 40+ 3.5 ladies team. Not only did they go undefeated in the regular season, they would win back to back playoff matches, en route to a perfect 12-0 season and earn their pass to Districts, taking place this weekend at Diamond Hills. How good were our Walnut Creek 3.5 ladies? They were so good, they finished #1 out of 186 teams in the entire area. Behind the strength of strong singles play and crushing doubles play, their opponents simply could not match up all season long. But their perfect record was only rivaled by the incredible support and team spirit at every match. You could always count on the bleachers being full, whether they were playing at home, or away.



Congratulations to Captain Moe, Jessica Abels, Susan Aneja, Laurie Blackiston, Lynelle Boorey, Gretchen Caulfield, Cherie Charbonneau, Miyako Ichikawa, Julieta Leong, Thuy Nguyen, Kathy Poppleton, Kathleen "Pru" Pruden, Gina Samson, Susan Sovik and Margarita Tzoka-Jacobs. Good luck at Districts.

(l-r) Susan Aneja, Laurie Blackiston, Lynelle Boorey, Moe Satcher, Kathleen "Pru" Pruden, Susan Sovik, Miyako Ichikawa, Gina Samson, Cherie Charbonneau and Julieta Leong.

Not pictured: Jessica Abels, Gretchen Caulfield, Thuy Nguyen, Kathy Poppleton and Margarita Tzoka-Jacobs



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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 2014 DONATION AMOUNTS BUT FEEL
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	___	Women's Doubles
___	Men'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



What's Happening at the Courts?

Summer Tennis Classes & Camps: While the spring session of tennis classes are currently under way, the Walnut Creek Tennis Center is currently accepting registration for Summer Classes and Camps. There will be two 6 week sessions of Tennis Classes throughout the summer, as well as Youth Tennis Camps running every week, M-F, throughout the entire summer. These classes and camps fill up quickly, so be sure to reserve your spot(s). You can register and/or view class/camp options online at lifetimetennis.com, or in the office at Heather Farm Park at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. Please call us if you have any questions at 925-945-0105.

Monthly Pass Holder's Special: During the month of May we would like to offer all current Court Usage Pass Holder's 10% of any NEW performance Babolat or Wilson Tennis Racket order. Also, all current Court Usage Pass Holders are welcome to participate in our FREE French Open Celebration on Friday, May 30th from 8:00-10:00pm. Sign up in the office at Heather Farm Park by Wednesday, May 28th.

Want to Play with the Pro? Joe Noth will be running our Friday Night Round Robin from 8:00-10:00pm. Sign up in the office at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. \$4.00 Pass Holders, \$8.00 Non-Pass Holders. This event does sell out quickly, so make sure to reserve your spot soon!

Staffing changes in the clubhouse: We want to wish Bryce and Rebecca Knackstedt the best of luck on their new adventure back east, Bryce will be missed at the tennis center. We would also like to introduce you to the new assistant manager Patrick Boerner. Stop by and introduce yourself!

Enjoy! Lifetime Tennis



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CALENDER OF EVENTS



May 2-4	USTA 40+ Adult Districts
May 23	USTA 65+ Adult Season Closes



Jun 2-4	USTA 65+ Adult Team Playoffs Round 1
Jun 7-8	USTA 40+ Adult Sectionals
Jun 9-11	USTA 65+ Adult Team Playoffs Round 2
Jun 22	USTA 18+ Adult Team Season Closes
Jun 23	USTA Mixed 18+ Team Season Opens
Jun 23	USTA Mixed 40+ Team Season Opens
Jun 27-29	USTA 18+ Adult Team Playoffs Round 1
Jun TBA	USTA 65+ Adult Team Sectionals



Jul 11-13	USTA 18+ Adult Team Playoffs Round 2
Jul 21	USTA Combo Doubles Registration Opens
Jul 21	USTA Combo 55+ Team Registration Opens
Jul 28	USTA Adult 70+ Team Registration Opens



Aug 8-10	USTA 18+ Adult Team Districts
Aug 22-24	USTA 18+ Adult Team Sectionals

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammie Snyder

as of March 31, 2014



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit and Loss Standard January through March 2014

	Jan - Mar '14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues	570.00
Total Income	570.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	55.00
Board Meeting	909.04
Captains Meetings	196.54
Fall Mixed Tournament Expenses	3,579.91
Filling Fees	20.00
Gifts	53.24
Member Services	200.00
Office Supplies	16.18
Porta-Potty	958.00
Post Office Box	121.00
Postage and Delivery	152.02
President's Gift	401.94
Printing and Reproduction	335.69
Professional Fees	450.00
Rental Deposit	650.00
Rental Fees	200.00
Summer Singles Tournament Expen	798.70
Website	209.85
Total Expense	9,307.11
Net Ordinary Income	-8,737.11
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	17.19
Total Other Income	17.19
Net Other Income	17.19
Net Income	-8,719.92
Balance as of March 32, 2014	\$37,371.64



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Winter Doubles League - Standings

Men's

3.0

W

L

Leong/Holmes

3

1

Geday/H.Farahani

3

1

3.5

Gangarapu/Sagy

2

1

4.0

Brown/Moran

7

2

4.5/5.0

Panda/Cedeno

6

0

Women's

3.0

W

L

Petrov/Heng

3

0

3.5

Hernandez/Charbonneau

6

0

4.0

King/Douglas

10

1

4.5/5.0

Mastrangelo/Anderson

6

0