

# THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

December, 2014



Corrine Christensen  
jumps up for a big serve!

Photo by Tim Tamura

## Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Craig Lazarchik**  
**2014 WCRC President**

Seasons Greetings and thankful times are here in full display. Not only are many of us thankful for friends, family, and the rain...for some, we are thankful for our annual tennis respite. This time of year means tennis is on the back burner. We are in neutral, a welcomed break for the tennis mind and body. This is also my usual scenario this time of year. However, this year my tennis soul has taken over in the hierarchy. It is searching for avenues of tennis energy. So I will also be thankful for Tennis Channel/DVR/YouTube and the help provided to get me thru some days and nights when I can't get out on the court. My inner tennis nerd will survive and hopefully thrive, hoping yours does the same! I look forward to being ready and recharged with all of you in the very near future out at Heather Farm and beyond.

Remember our WCRC MXD doubles season is in full swing, so if you haven't registered, please do grab a partner and get out there. Also the Winter Doubles League is now open for registration. You can sign up on line or find a form on page 6.

Remember, 40+ Season starts in January, which includes MXD. By seasons end in May, MXD will have gone from end of summer 2014 to beginning of summer 2015 (theoretically)...so if you need a permission slip to give your husband/wife/partner to explain where you've been, please direct those requests to the USTA! Speaking of calendars, the 2015 WCRC calendar is being finalized and will be in the next newsletter. It appears to be another full calendar, so no doubt there will be lots of great tennis to enjoy in the upcoming year.

I wish you all a spectacularly blessed Holiday Season!

Craig





# NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Our 4 New Members  
Current Membership: **988**

Nantida Hong	Oakland	3.0
Dan Katzman	Clayton	3.0
Sun Kim	Walnut Creek	4.0-4.5
Alana Mirabella	Lafayette	3.5



Membership questions contact:  
**Kranthi "KK" Tappita** at 510-209-1369  
or email at: nani7676@yahoo.com



## Lifetime Tennis

### What's Happening at the Courts?

**Tennis Classes:** The Walnut Creek Tennis Center will be accepting registration for Winter Classes beginning December 1st. These classes fill up quickly, so be sure to register soon! You can register and/or view class options online at [lifetimetennis.com](http://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.

**December Drop-in Clinics & Holiday Camps:** We are currently excepting enrollment for our Drop-in Clinics and Holiday Camps. Grab a flyer in the office or check it out online at [lifetimetennis.com](http://lifetimetennis.com). The Drop-In Clinics offered in December is a great opportunity to try out a class without committing to an entire 12 week session. Reserve your spot(s) 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:** Lifetime Tennis would like to offer all Court Usage Pass Holders ball machine usage throughout the month of December. (Walk-ons only, reservations are not offered for this monthly special). Enjoy!

**Tuesday Morning Round Robin:** Every Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00am, the Walnut Creek Tennis Center will be offering a Drop-In Round Robin. As always, we will be also offering a Friday Night Round Robin from 8:00-10:00pm. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance to hold your spot. (\$5.00 Pass Holders, \$10.00 Non-Pass Holders). See you on the courts!

**FREE Holiday Round Robin Potluck:** On Tuesday, December 30th from 9:00-11:00am, Court Usage Pass Holders are invited to our FREE Holiday Round Robin Potluck. Bring something to share while we play tennis, and share in the holiday spirit! Sign up in the office soon, as space is limited. (\$20.00 for non-pass holders)

*Enjoy! Lifetime Tennis*



# Tennis News



## Tennis Racquets Needed

*by Natalie Chan*

In an effort to jumpstart a tennis program at a men's residential program based in San Francisco I am asking for tennis racquet donations (strung or unstrung). The equipment will be used towards a biweekly tennis instruction class that I will be teaching through Ohlhoff Recovery Services, a non-profit organization specializing in substance abuse treatment.

All equipment may be dropped off at the front desk of the Walnut Creek Tennis Center.

For any questions please contact Natalie Chan at [nataliechanart@gmail.com](mailto:nataliechanart@gmail.com) or call (925)381-5523.

## Men's Tri-Level is SO close for the third time in a row!

*by Nadav Noy*

This year marked the 3rd time the tri level tournament took place, and same as last year and the one before that, the top 3.5's, 4.0's and 4.5's from North California participated. The winning team gets to go down to Indian Wells, to represent Northern California against the rest of the nation. It was especially a thrilling ride for Greg Hixson's and Nadav Noy's Walnut Creek team. Because of a rain delay, it was decided that the round robin would be played on one weekend, and the semis and finals two weekends later. We breezed through our first 2 round robin matches without dropping a set, handing out a few bagels and bread sticks. The last round robin match pitted us against a team from McKinley Park. Both teams were undefeated, and so the winner of the overall match would move on to





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the semis. Our 4.0's Danny and Jason got the job done quickly at their end, while our 4.5's, Eudean and Craig got into a close super tie-break that unfortunately didn't go our way. It was up to our 3.5's then. Richard and Jay lost the 1st set, but came back storming out of the gates to take the 2nd. It all came down then to another super tie-break. Thankfully, our guys were never behind during it and won in dramatic fashion, sending us to the semis, to be played 2 weeks later.

Fast forward 2 weeks. We headed to Diamond Hills on a Sunday morning to play our semi final match, scheduled to start at 12. It was a cloudy day with no wind, very un-Diamond-Hills like, and we loved it. The semi final draw pitted us against the other team from McKinley Park, which was undoubtedly stronger than the one we had to beat to make the semis. We know we had our work cut out for us. The first to go on the court were our 4.5's, Scott and Francisco. The McKinley 4.5 duo was on fire, winning the first set 6-3 and going up a break in the 2nd. Things were looking bleak for our guys, but at that moment our guys regrouped, picked up their game and managed to get 2 breaks, taking the 2nd set 6-4 and sending the match to a super tie-break. At this point we had all the momentum, and Scott and Francisco were never behind and gave us a 1-0 lead. Onto the 3.5 court. Sean and Erik got to a slow start, losing the 1st set 6-2, but came storming back to take the 2nd 6-4. The super tie-break, however, didn't go our way, and our guys gave it their best but fell a little short. So, with the match tied at 1-1, it all came down to our 4.0's, Danny and Nadav, who had never played together before, and were facing a team that dropped only 7 games in their previous 2 matches. The 1st set was close, with breaks on both sides, and eventually went to a tie-break. Our guys took a commanding 5-1 lead, and just when it seemed that the McKinley team was staging a comeback, clawing their way back to 6-4, our guys managed to close out the set. We started the 2nd set on fire, going up 3-0. McKinley managed to win the next 2 games, but that was all they could do as we closed it out 6-2. We're onto the finals.

The finals put us against the team from Golden Gate Park. Our 3.5's, Sean and Erik, came a bit short against a really strong team, losing in 2 sets, while our 4.0's, Jason and Danny, continued to dominate, winning their match in straight sets. All tied at 1-1, it came down to the 4.5's. Craig and Mike played against a tough team that made very few mistakes, and just barely lost the 1st set in a tiebreak. The 2nd set was a sea-saw battle with both teams holding serves. At 5-5, our guys got broken, and before we knew it the other team was up 6-5, 40-0. Down 3 match points, our guys managed to stage an amazing comeback and to get a break back, sending the set to a tiebreak. It was very close but unfortunately, we came a little short in the end. It was a great match and Walnut Creek had by far the loudest cheering section, which consisted of the other players and a few more WCRC members who came

to cheer us on. Even though we came close, it was a great ride and an amazing experience we all shared together, and hopefully we can come back next year and this time take it down.

Team members were **Sean Barnacascel, Terry Chen, Jay Dunleavy, Scott Engstrom, Danny Geren, Greg Hixson, Nick Hughes, Craig Lazarchik, Erik Lee, Francisco Macias, Nadav Noy, Eudean Sun, Jason Swor, Mike Welden and Richard Ying.**





# WCRC Men's & Women's 2015 Winter Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net](http://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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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

- ☐ Women's 2.5/3.0
- ☐ 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):

- \* \$50 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members) • [\\$40 per team for on-line registration](#)
- \* \$60 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member) • [\\$50 per team for on-line registration](#)
- \* \$70 per team (both non WCRC members) • [\\$60 per team for on-line registration](#)

On-Line Registration will remain open until **March 30, 2015**. If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **January 31, 2015** 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](mailto: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 playing at or above 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 **NOT** enter the Tournament at more than one level. **No exceptions will be made.**

# CALENDER OF EVENTS



Dec 1	WCRC 2015 Winter Doubles Season Opens
Dec 5-7	USTA Mixed 55+ Playoffs Round 1
Dec 7	USTA 70+ Team Season Closes
Dec 8	USTA 40+ Team Registration Closes
Dec 8	USTA Mixed 40+ Team Registration Closes
Dec 12-14	USTA Mixed 55+ Playoffs Round 2
Dec 14	USTA Combo Doubles Season Closes



Jan 5	USTA 40+ Season Opens
Jan 5	USTA Mixed 40+ Season Opens
Jan 9-11	USTA Combo Doubles Playoffs Round 1
Jan 12	USTA 65+ Team Registration Opens
Jan 16-18	USTA Combo Doubles Playoffs Round 2
Jan 23-25	USTA Mixed 55+ Sectionals
Jan 31	WCRC Mixed Doubles Season Closes



Feb 2	USTA 18+ Team Registration Opens
Feb 6-8	WCRC Mixed Doubles Tournament
Feb 9	USTA 65+ Team Registration Closes
Feb 20-22	USTA Combo Doubles Districts

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammie Snyder

as of November 30, 2014



### Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit and Loss Standard January through October 2014

	Jan - Oct '14
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Calcutta Auction	2,425.00
League Dues	5,731.64
Membership Dues	9,720.08
Tournament Dues	6,667.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24,544.22</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Office Supplies	16.18
P.A. System	344.30
Table	54.49
Professional Fees	1,080.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Concrete Work	18,000.00
Porta-Potty	1,897.16
Mid Summer Expenses-Food	330.00
Website	739.40
Postage and Delivery	691.97
Rental Deposit	0.00
Printing and Reproduction	5,781.33
Parking Fees	1.00
Sectionals Fees	995.00
Summer Singles Tournament E...	4,980.02
Winter Doubles Expenses	4,246.20
Post Office Box	121.00
Board Meeting	1,588.78
Captains Meetings	539.25
Tax Preparation	1,115.00
Tennis Balls	340.33
President's Gift	401.94
Dues and Subscriptions	40.00
Fall Mixed Tournament Expenses	3,579.91
Bank Service Charges	160.00
Filing Fees	55.00
Member Services	1,035.00
Rental Fees	200.00
PayPal Commissions	352.58
Gifts	203.24
Repairs	50.00
Calcutta Expenses	6,104.03
District Fees	1,530.00
SUSPENSE	43.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>56,616.11</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-32,071.89</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Income	97.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>97.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>97.00</b>
<b>et Income</b>	<b>-31,974.89</b>

Balance as of November 30, 2014    \$7,147.13



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## Mixed Doubles League - Standings

**6.0**

Nicole Leong/Matt Starke

**W**

**L**

7

2

**7.0**

Femy Semilla/Daniel Mulville

5

0

**8.0**

Kathleen Pruden/Debashis Panda

7

0

**9.0**

Tammy Anderson/Nadav Noy

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