

THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

September, 2016



Pam Maloney at the Calcutta Tournament keeping the point alive with a back hand shot down the line.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Sterling Fairholm
2016 WCRC President

Welcome Fall

With Summer in our rear view mirrors, I welcome Fall and the cooler weather. USTA has the upcoming combo and 55+ mixed seasons opening September 12th. We have

three 55+ mixed teams and 29 combo teams!

Our Summer Singles League is still going strong with the a little over a month (October 2nd) to complete your matches to be eligible for the Summer Singles Tournament scheduled for October 22-23rd! So many players have gotten over 10 matches in this league. It promises to be a fun tournament.

Highlights from our annual **Mid-Summer Tournament** on July 23rd can be found on pages 11-13. Photos from the event can be found here: <http://wcrc.zenfolio.com/p553073754>

Congratulations to the following 18+ teams that went to Sectionals August 26-28th:

3.0 Men's – Patrick Forden

3.5 Women's – Maureen Satcher

The **Fall Mixed Doubles League** has opened sign up on line here: <http://wcrc.net/Leagues/SignUp.aspx> or fill out the form found on pages 14-15.

The US Open is here (August 29- September 11) I am looking forward to watching some high level tennis.

Sterling



N**EW MEMBERS****Welcome to Our 17 New Members****Current Membership: 1250**

Nirupam Chakrabarty	Walnut Creek	4.0	Barbara Leivent	Walnut Creek	3.5
Mitch Anderson	Walnut Creek	2.5	Dan Lilly	Benicia	2.5
Denny Bulcao	San Ramon	4.5	Lisa Ng	Danville	4.0
Charles Copprell	Walnut Creek	2.5	Harriet Rosen	Walnut Creek	3.5
Shirley Cu	Castro Valley	3.5	Weston Thompson	Martinez	4.0
Kelly Delmore	Walnut Creek	2.5	Desmond Tordsen	Fairfield	4.0
Ahdi Kadourhe	Danville	2.5	Ashley Woodbury	Concord	n/a
Caryl Kohler	Clayton	3.5	John Woodbury	Concord	n/a
			Mimi Woodbury	Concord	n/a



Membership questions contact:
Glenn McBee at 925-984-6710
 or email at: glennmcbee@gmail.com

**Lifetime Tennis****What's Happening at the Courts?**

Fall Tennis Classes: Registration for Fall Tennis Classes has begun and classes will start September 13th. You can register and/or preview the schedule online at lifetimeactivities.com or in the office at 1751 Heather Drive. These classes will fill up quickly so be sure to register right away. Any questions, please call our office at 925-945-0105.

Monthly Pass Holder's Specials: All Court Usage Pass Holders can use the Ball Machine for FREE throughout the month of September (walk-on only, does not include reservations). Enjoy!

Want to Play with the Pro?: Our Pros, Joe Noth and Duncan Leiggi will be hosting two Round Robins every Tuesday morning and Friday evening. Tuesday morning's Round Robin will run from 9:00-11:00am, and Friday night's Round Robin will run 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!

Register online at lifetimeactivities.com or in the office at 1751 Heather Drive.

Enjoy! Lifetime Activities

SECTIONALS BOUND

2 WCRC Teams Heading to 18+ Sectionals - August 26-28, 2016

3.5 Women's – Maureen Satcher

3.0 Men's –Patrick Forden

Moe Satcher's 3.5 Women's Team Head to Sectionals

It was a hard fought weekend at Districts. This awesome team dug deep to win all three matches to advance to Sectionals with a record of 15-0. Carmel here we come!



Pictured: Cynthia Attiyeh, Marta Spanos, Denise Maloney, Susan Aneja, Lynelle Boorey, Jennifer Cano, Euna Roh, Gretchen Caulfield, Zaida Siu, Laurie Blackiston, Moe Satcher, Susan Sovik, Sally Krapf, and Susan Gabe.

Not pictured: Terri Hernandez, Laurie Lenhart, Debra Forney, Julia Petrov, Kathy Poppleton, Kathy Pruden, Diana Solero.

DISTRICTS RECAP



Day 1 Lineup: Colleen Hendrickson, Co-Captain Nancy Guzzaldo, Captain Cara Mia Barnacascel, Francine Benzie, Kari Phillip, Barbara Dyer

The Deuces Wild 2.5 Women team had an AMAZING time at Districts. Every player that was available was scheduled to play at least once so they each got to experience playing in their first, for most, District Championship. The first day they swept all three lines, but the second and third day they faced tough opponents and lost 1-2 for both days. Everyone played amazingly well and had so much fun! Now that they have their first behind them they are looking forward to many more!



Day 2 Lineup: Isabella Galang, Vangie Wolford, Captain Cara Mia Barnacascel, Marina Shamis, Courtney Thearle, Brigitte Shaw



*Day 3 Lineup: Barbara Dyer, Captain Cara Mia Barnacascel, Julie Amthor, Julie Ellis, Co-Captain Nancy Guzzaldo, Malou Matthew
(Not able to make it to Districts was Belinda Castillo)*



DISTRICTS RECAP

NetChix @ Districts

This team had a great first season (6-4) together and made it to playoffs in 4th place. They won playoffs against another very tough WC team (Pumania who was in 1st place) and advanced to the 2nd round against Diamond Hills. As a wildcard, they were set to go to Districts even without beating the tough DH team, which resulted as a loss. In preparation for Districts they sought help with Kevin Koo (tennis instructor at



Lifetime Pleasanton) attending practices as well as a strength trainer. When Districts finally arrived, Day 1 proved challenging with a lot of hurrying up to wait in the heat of Folsom. But they pulled out a great win 4-1 and Stephanie and Shannon stole the show with their amazing tie-breaker that they won despite Stephanie's leg cramp! On Day 2, they played the toughest of the 3 teams on VERY hot courts and with many visits from officials looking to settle a variety of disputes. Sue and Rhonda were our champions that day with their awesome win in Line 1 Doubles. But the 1-4 loss didn't break their spirit. Day 3 was a close one, but the 2-3 loss decided their fate and they wouldn't

be advancing to sectionals. Everyone who could make their way to Folsom that weekend got to play giving many a first chance at Districts. But it won't be their last visit -- next year NetChix plan to take it all the way!



PHOTOS: Top: Teri Frangie, Rhonda Miller, Bev O'Hara, Krisztina Kohlhaas, Shelley Bain, Sue Frost, Betsy Kemp, Shannon Roecklein, Stephanie Foley, Jan Lipnicke, Holly Tranzor

Middle: Stephanie Foley, Teri Frangie, Krisztina Kohlhaas, Holly Tranzor, Jan Lipnicke, Shelley Bain, Sue Frost, Shannon Roecklein, Betsy Kemp, Bev O'Hara, Rhonda Miller

Bottom: Teri Frangie, Bev O'Hara, Shelley Bain, Diane Cunnane, Whitney Stevenson, Jan Lipnicke, Betsy Kemp, Sue Frost, Shannon Roecklein, Stephanie Foley, Holly Tranzor



Not pictured: Eileen Chang, Nan Hong, Kate Morgan-Chu, Deb Osborne, Tami Price, Michelle Weiss, Jessica Zhang

DISTRICTS RECAP

2.5/3.0 Three-Peat

We won ALL our matches, all 3 days. It was SO exciting!

Friday, Shawnley Walton played the match of her life. A singles match against Blackhawk that went for a full 90 minutes.....but she pulled it out in the end.....Shawnley won the first set 7-5 and second set 7-6, with a 7-point tie break that was 9-7.....it was amazing to watch her! Our first doubles line, Cris Belli & Natalie Ivankovich won 6-2, 6-2, and our second doubles line Dana Andrew & Belinda Castillo, won 6-3, 6-2.....3 down, 6 to go!

Saturday we played Bay Club of Santa Clara, and our girls took both matches. Natalie Ivankovich played singles and beat her opponent 6-0, 6-0....our ONLY line of Doubles that day as Regina Hughes & Shawnley Walton, and they won 6-3, 6-1. (we had

to default one of our doubles lines). 5 down, 3 to go!

Sunday was a VERY exciting day, winning all 3 matches.....we played Sunnyvale and Krisztina Kohlhaas won her singles match easily at 6-0, 6-2. Kirsztina had just come back from another District tournament in Sacramento, and she showed us all what she is made of!!!! Our first line of doubles, Natalie Ivankovich and Regina Hughes beat Sunnyvale 6-2, 6-2. And our second line of doubles, Dana Andrew and Judy Czarnecki won 6-2, 6-4.... **WON ALL 8 MATCHES!!!**

On Sunday, the Captain, Cris Belli and Co-Captain, Shawnley Walton watched with GREAT anxiety and anticipation each of these matches....it was some of the most amazing tennis we could possibly have imagined, and winning ALL matches ALL 3 days was beyond exciting.....



Pictured below are, left to right: Judy Czarnecki, Regina Hughes, Dana Andrew, Shawnley Walton - Co-Captain, Cris Belli - Captain, Natalie Ivankovich, Krisztina Kohlhaas

Not pictured: Belinda Castillo, Becky Dixon, Ginny Eddy, Cathie Izen, Marije Kentie, Marison Kimura, Jackie Mau, Peg Schuetz, Rosemary Tipton, Miwon Vella, Michelle Weiss

DISTRICTS RECAP

Walnut Creek 4.0C goes to 18 & Over Districts

We finished in 3rd place during the regular season and managed to beat the 2nd and the 1st place teams and our gals were ready and eager to play at Districts held at Blackhawk Country Club August 5-7.

Our Friday match was late in the afternoon against Ladera Oaks from San Mateo. We carried a full roster, had many gals available for a 2pm match and decided to go with the line up that got us to Districts. A couple of long matches on a warm day, but we were ready, managed to fight hard and win 4-1! Woo hoo - we were on a high and anything was possible for the next 2 days! We partied but not too hard because our next match was at 8am on Saturday.

Chabot Canyon was our next opponent and for our early risers on Saturday. 4 of the 5 lines went to super tie breaks! Unfortunately, we only won 2 lines and Chabot won 3. We lost by points you could count on 1 hand. Our gals grunted it out and left everything out on the court in our heartbreaking loss!

Still with a chance to tie in the W-L column, we dusted ourselves off and re-grouped: 1 more day.

Sunday's match was against Foster City. They re-arranged their line up, so some lines were mis-matched and others were super tough. Rallying through the last balls, we fell short again, 2-3. All lines were hard fought with grit and nerves of steel. Playing or not, all of us felt the stress and woeful pain of the loss.

We were so close! A couple of points here or there and we'd be going to Sectionals in Carmel. Ah, but what an exciting and fun ride and we can't wait for our next chance to do it again. The ladies on this team are oh-so-amazing, fun(ny), talented and dedicated. We want to thank all of them for the journey and it took all of you to get us here. I want to give Laurie a huge thank you for leading us this season. We really wanted to win it all for us and for her as a parting gift. We are all sad that she is moving out of state for a new job opportunity. Hugs and much love to my teammates and my second family!!



Front row: Karen Pearson, Nancy O'Neil, Karen Nishikawa, Laurie Lenhart (Captain), Deanna Fong [(aka: Mini), co-Captain], Akiko Mitchell, Pam Maloney (honorary team member).

Middle row: Elinor Axup, Vanessa Sturla, Jodie Dowling, Sally McKay, Pam Paliz, Stephanie Law

*Back Row: Donna Himenez, Nancy Wilson, Val Fung-a-Ling
Not pictured: Shivani Bhatia, Jothi Murali, Thuy Nguyen, Becky Reiss, Heather Schulte and Lisa Warren*

Above photo Chaperones: (clockwise from lower left) Brad, Ryan A., Mitch and Ryan B.

DISTRICTS RECAP

Walnut Creek 4.0A comes up just short at 18 & Over Districts



Pictured l-r Christine Hohenstein, Asta, Mary Conversano Yana Bazulina, Perry Ann Jeveli, Tammie Snyder (captain), Ellie Kann, Torch Tan, Kay Sander, Pascale Siu, Jennifer Caruso and Shari Gonzalez.



*Back row: Christine Hohenstein, Mary Conversano, Perry Ann Jeveli, Corrine Christensen, Ellie Kann, Laurie Lowrey, Kay Sander, Jennifer Caruso. Front row: Natalie Chan, Priyanka Holmes (co-captain), Amanda Van Nortwick, Tammie Snyder (captain), Yana Bazulina, Pascale Siu, Torch Tan
(not pictured in either photo: Violeta Franco, Tami Maxwell, Rachael Miller, Olga Regal, Debbie Steele, Cai Sun)*

DISTRICTS RECAP



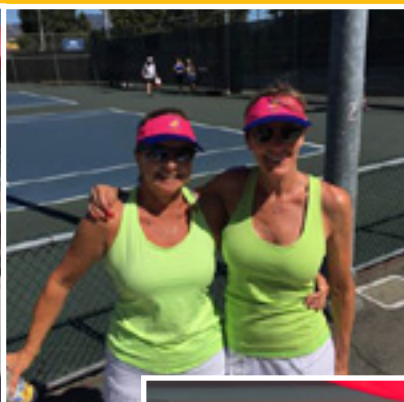
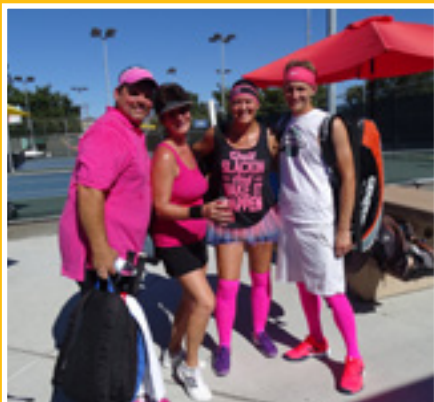
Pictured - Mark Vella, Bob Satcher, Greg Kalustian, Glenn McBee, Matt Starke, Jamie Guzzaldo, Leonard Young, Robert Mimaki

*Not pictured - Corey Alexander, Phil Chuang, Rob Corder, James Deak, Tom Evans, Peter, Geday, Terry Hill, Richard Jung, Cesar Lozano, Greg Maroulas, Mike Smith, Corey Wilson.
GO CREEK!*

Glenn McBee's 3.5 Men's team head to Districts!

What a great season and what a great group of guys. We made it to Districts and we played well! Our team fell a few points shy of advancing to Sectionals, but there is always another season. What a special time we had, and to top it off, Matt Starke and his opponent, Matt Filios from Golden Gateway were recognized and awarded a special award for Sportsmanship. One of the roving Refs, thought that they were being especially courteous and brought it to the USTA officials attention, award and gift certificate awarded. So I guess you can say good guys finish in first!





Division I Results:

Congratulations to the **Blue team**: Paul Barrett, Mark Nollsch, Zaida Siu and Susie Gabe who dominated their opponents with a final total of 70 points! 2nd place went tied to both the Red and the White team with 45 points a piece.

Red team: Gary Mochizuki, Jamie Guzzaldo, Barbara Leivent (Robin Elawady) and Nancy Guzzaldo

White team: Chandra Mundra, Reid Cooper, Debbie Osborne and Shelley Bain

4th place went to the **Yellow team** with 32 points: Denis Weil, Glenn McBee, Vikki Chavez and Soyoung Kim



Division II Results:

Congratulations to the **Purple team** who edged out the pink team by one measly point with 51 points: taking the trophy (splitting a case of tennis balls) to: Justin Snyder, James Kim, Euna Roh and Jennifer Jung (Ning Docena).

2nd place with 50 points was the **Pink team**: Danny Geren, Ralph Sanzeri, Natalie Chan and Pru Pruden 3rd place with 47 point was **team Green**: Sanjay Backliwal, AJ Canepa, Leslie Lippman (Cherie Charbonneau) and Regina Roach

4th place went to **Team Orange** with 44 point: Mark Bryant, Kyle Bourne (Garvin Tom), Rebecca Reiss and Susan Aneja.

MID-SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Thanks for making our 2016 Mid-Summer Tournament another success...

Congratulations to everyone who dealt with the major heat (104° when we started with the court temperature over 125°) and survived; all the partners that got injured or had to drop out due to the weather. You guys are some troopers!

I want to thank everyone who helped set up, clean up, organize, and pitched in. Thanks to Larry Cucci who was my helper and did everything from bring advil to players, replace ice packs, clean up, organize whatever I needed. Thanks to Logan Snyder who helped run the desk and take great photos of everyone.

Thanks to AJ Canepa who ran around with \$20 in his hand trying to find ice anywhere in the local area (to no avail). Thanks to Susie Sanzeri who stepped up and came with 4 huge bags of ice (from Martinez)!!!

Additional thanks to my amazing last minute players who came out to pinch hit on a moment's notice: James Kim, Euna Roh, Vikki Chavez, Ning Docena, Robin Elawady, Garvin Tom and Cherie Charbonneau! Final thanks to my husband Justin Snyder who always just takes over and gets stuff done! Love that man!

All that said and done we had a successful tournament despite the weather with a lot of competitive matches.

I have posted photos of the tournament here: <http://wcrc.zenfolio.com/p553073754>.



WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at www.wcrc.net)

MALE PLAYER

FEMALE PLAYER

Name	_____	_____
Mailing Address	_____	_____
City	_____	_____
ZIP Code	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Work or Cell Phone	_____	_____
E-mail address	_____	_____
NTRP level	_____	_____

WCRC Member? ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

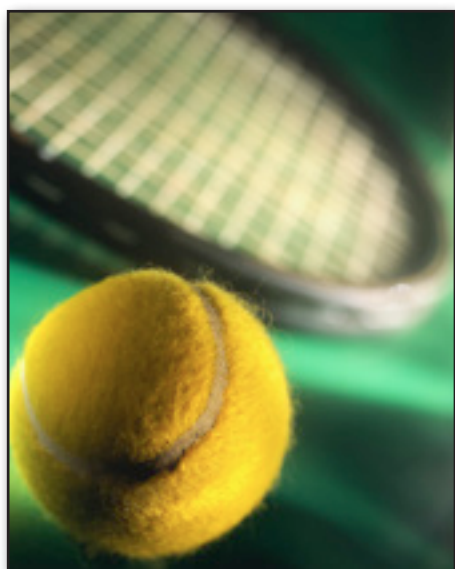
Division for which you are registering (please check one):

☐ Mixed 6.0

☐ Mixed 7.0

☐ Mixed 8.0

☐ Mixed 9.0

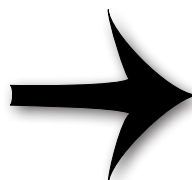


On-Line Registration will remain open until **January 13, 2017**.
If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **January 6, 2017** with a check for registration fees (payable to WCRC) to:
WCRC, 970 Janet Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Questions?

**Call Pam Maloney at 925-787-3970
or via e-mail pam4tenis@gmail.com**

Find detailed Information on next page...



League Information: Players may enter the WCRC Mixed Doubles League in more than one division (i.e, 6.0 and 7.0), 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 **NOT** enter the Tournament at more than one level. **The only exception will be made when the draw for a particular division is small enough to accomodate!**

WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League

Registration Form (Also on-line at www.wcrc.net)

We will continue to offer on-line scoring and real-time updated standings for all four (4) divisions. Don't forget that the league registration fee includes unlimited regular season doubles matches, a league gift and may include an end of the season tournament dependent upon weather and court scheduling.

LEAGUE COMMISSIONER Pam Maloney: 925-787-3970

DATES September 1, 2016 - February 5, 2017

ENTRY FEES

WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$40 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$50 per team)
Non WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$60 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$70 per team)

FORMAT Mixed Doubles
(players grouped by combined NTRP level; ie. 7.0 can be a 4.0 man and a 3.0 woman or two 3.5 players)

NTRP LEVELS Mixed 6.0-9.0

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 (regular scoring). No SUPERTIEBREAKERS! Both teams responsible for bringing balls to match; winning team gets unopened can. Matches should be played according to the "Rules of Tennis."

TOURNAMENT End of season tournament with draw determined by league standings to be held over the weekend of Feb 10-12, 2017 dependent upon court scheduling and weather. To qualify for the tournament, teams must have completed and reported at least 6 matches during the regular league season. Depending on the number of entrants tournament play may include Friday night play. In addition, draws with large numbers of players may be required to play matches prior to the tournament weekend. Seeding for the tournament will be based on regular season standings of the top 4 teams in each division. The more matches you and your partner play, the higher your ranking will be. A minimum of 4 teams are required to generate a draw.





Tennis News



Hot and successful weekend in Napa

With 3 matches in 2 days - and loud music blasting during the match, Yana Bazulina and Priyanka Holmes kept their eyes on the prize - wine of course! Prevailing hot weather and bad line calls they kept the momentum going, supported by their cheering team Derryl Acosta and Yana's daughter Antonina - they took the finals in the 3rd set tiebreaker!

Speaking of Derryl, along with partner Nicole Leong they are continuing their winning ways winning the End of Summer NTRP Gold Cup Series at Silverado Resort and Spa at the Mixed 6.0 level.

Other WCRC members Kristztina Kohlhaas and Mike Yurkus beat the number one seed 6-2, 6-2 to take the third place in the mixed 8.0 level. Taking home two free tennis clinics at the resort!



Congratulations to WCRC member and BIG time player Rob Corder for receiving his 600 match tag from USTA! Quite an accomplishment!

CALENDER OF EVENTS

2016

Sept

Sep 5	USTA 70+ Season Opens
Sep 12	USTA 55+ Mixed Season Opens
Sep 12	USTA Combo Season Opens
Sep 16-18	USTA 18+ Mixed Playoffs Round 1
Sep 23-25	USTA 18+ Mixed Playoffs Round 2

Oct

Oct 7-9	USTA 18+ Mixed Sectionals
Oct 22-23	Summer Singles Tournament

Nov

Nov 20	USTA 55+ Mixed Season Closes
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Dec

Dec 2-4	USTA 55+ Mixed Playoffs Round 1
Dec 11	USTA Combo Season Closes
Dec 16	USTA 70+ Season Closes
Dec 16-18	USTA 55+ Mixed Playoffs Round 2

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammie Snyder

as of July 31, 2016



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit and Loss Standard January 1 through July 30, 2016

Jan 1 - Jul 30, '...

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Membership Dues	23,266.54
League Dues	11,859.73
Tournament Dues	5,261.00

Total Income	40,387.27
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Expense

Bank Service Charges	105.00
Board Appreciation Din...	748.92
Board Meeting	505.04
Court Usage Fees	390.00
District Fees	1,920.00
Locks	13.00
Maintenance	14.72
Porta-Potty	744.31
Postage and Delivery	605.07
Sectionals Fees	780.00
League Expenses	9,317.62
Tournament Expenses	7,235.07
Office Supplies	54.59
Professional Fees	550.00
Printing and Reproduct...	1,557.27
Captains Meetings	312.44
Tax Preparation	250.00
President's Gift	100.00
Contributions	100.00
Dues and Subscriptions	40.00
Filling Fees	20.00
Rental Fees	1,125.00
PayPal Commissions	889.98
Gifts	91.37
Website	764.45

Total Expense	28,233.85
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Net Ordinary Income	12,153.42
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Other Income/Expense

Other Income	
Interest Income	2.17
Total Other Income	2.17

Net Other Income	2.17
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Net Income	12,155.59
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Balance as of July 31, 2016

\$30,565.70



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Summer Singles League - Standings

Men's

3.0

W L

Austin Steele 7 6

3.5

Agung Zakaria 7 1

David Green 7 1

4.0

Forest Withrow 12 10

4.5/5.0

Doug Bounds 7 2

Women's

2.5

W L

Myrvete Lila 5 0

3.0

Nicole Leong 9 0

3.5

Inna Taranchenko 9 3

4.0

Rachael Miller 7 0

4.5/5.0

Hilary Anderson 1 0