

# THE COURT REPORTER



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### FROM THE PRO

### How to keep your own tennis records

It is very important that you keep your own personal tennis records. All good tennis players keep track of their scores, wins, losses, tie-breakers, the weather



during the match, surface, city, state, time of day, opponents and strategies used against those opponents. By doing so, it is possible to gauge your improvement and notice both good and bad trends in your tennis.

You should enter your statistics and keep a diary of your thoughts about your match as soon as you can after the match has ended and your mind is still conscious of the physical and psychological conditions that affected your play. You can keep your book in a rough condition. Then, a day or so later, type your records or make a clean copy for neatness and emphasize the points you made in your diary. As you proceed from week to week and match to match, you will begin to build a body of knowledge about your tennis that will help you understand your own game better, thus helping you play better in the long run.

If you notice you have a tendency to lose serve in the middle sets, you might be losing concentration, or maybe your doubles partner becomes less aggressive and more tentative. If you note that your losing sets right at the end 6-4 or 7-5, you are either tiring or not using the correct strategy for the match situation. If you know that fatigue is causing the problem, you will have to go to work on your physical condition to build up your strength and stamina. If you know that incorrect strategy is causing

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### CALENDAR

**OCTOBER 18** 

New Member Event

**NOVEMBER 16** 

**Turkey Tournament** 

**JANUARY 25, 2003** 

Annual Awards Banquet & Silent Auction

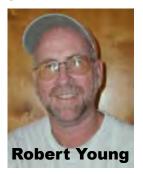
**FEBRUARY 14, 2003** 

Siebel Open Bus Trip (quarterfinals)

The club's purpose is to promote the game of tennis in Walnut Creek by providing a wide variety of activities (tournaments, league play, clinics and social events) for enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels.

### President@ Message

For an off-season, the last month has been pretty busy with tennis-related activities. First and foremost, one of my pet projects on behalf of the club has been accomplished... Walnut Creek Racquet Club has been given an advance ruling by the IRS that we are to be treated as a publicly supported organization



under sections 501 (c) (3). This means that the club, already incorporated earlier this year, is now considered a Onon-profitO organization to the IRS. With our annual budget rapidly approaching \$60,000, we are exempt from federal income tax. We are able to offer a tax deduction for items donated to our annual auction, and the winners of an item willalso be able to deduct the amount spent over the value of the item. With this change you should see more aggressive bidding on the varied items up for auction this year.

My next project is to apply to the U.S. Post Office for a non-profit organization status to bring our newsletter mailing cost down. I just hope this process doesnÕtake as long. Throughout this process I have learned a great deal

about working with the government. I will also be working with the USTA on obtaining a grant to help cover the cost of resurfacing a few of the courts at Northgate. IÕvælready had meetings with the representatives from the USTA and the City of Walnut Creek, and the prospects of resurfacing look good. Cherryl Silva of the USTA even took pictures of the weeds growing in the cracks on the Northgate courts. She is very anxious to work with us on this project, so maybe it wonÕtake long to get it going. We are now waiting for the bids from the City, so we can turn in the paperwork to the USTA.

Other projects the club has been working on seem to be moving along, but still at a snail@pace. The City is supportive of our idea to install stands next to Court 1, but they want to incorporate that project into the bigger project of remodeling the area near Court 8 where the old oak tree once stood. IOntold that we OmayO have stands by next spring, but as IOveearned from the projects mentioned previously, IOlbelieve it when I see it. See ya on the courts. -Robert

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the problem, you will have to work on being more aggressive with your shots or being more consistent and hitting higher percentage shots.

Your records will be invaluable to you as you build several years or more of personal information. You will find that as you progress up the ladder of excellence trying to play the best you can, you will be more and more conscious of what affects your game, favorably or unfavorably. With your notebook, you will be able to anticipate problems against certain styles of play and certain opponents, you will begin to look forward to the socalled OeasyOpponents or styles that you like to play against. Since psychological preparation can account for 75 to 90 percent of match success against opponents that have already beaten you, being armed with the proper information about these opponents will give you the needed edge to beat that tough style or opponent.

Many tennis players keep their best wins separate as a psychological reminder of how well they have played in the past and as an incentive for playing better in the future.



# Singles League Concludes Fifth Successful Year with Tourney

The 2002 Summer Singles League ended its fifth year with a five-day tournament, held September 26-30 at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. The tournament included over 225 of the league § 450 total participants, each who played at least six regular season matches to qualify.

On the Men® side, #2 seeded Bob Walgren (cover) successful defended his 4.0 title by posting an 8-0 record in the regular season, then successfully working his way through the tournament draw and beating top-seeded Rich Favreau in the final 6-3, 6-4. Antioch® Jerry Garcia went 9-1 during the regular season in Men® 3.5, with his only loss to Larry Fredricks. Garcia and Fredricks, the tournament® top seed, met again in the quarterfinals, with Garcia avenging his earlier defeat by a 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 score. He defeated #3 seed Allan Richardi in the final, 6-4, 6-1.

In the Men® 5.0-5.5 division, Shane Jones proved that, often, regular season results donÕtmean much come tournament time. After posting a 4-5 record this summer, Jones saved his best tennis for last, winning four straight matches, including a 6-1, 3-6, 7-5 win over #1 seed Kent Lindeman in the final. Jackson Riker won the Men® 4.5 championship with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Michael Paden.

Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein became the first two-time winner on the Women® side, posting a 6-0 regular season record in the Women® 4.5-5.0 division and gaining the tournament title with a hard fought 6-4, 6-4 win over Karen Presnell. Ramsower-Pearlstein also won the division in 2000.

Heidi Belton was runner-up in the 2001 Women 4.0 division, but took the next step this year by winning the tournament, albeit the hard way. Top seeded Belton lost the first set to #2 seed Maria Ley in about 15 minutes, then rebounded to capture an 0-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory. Jane Ladrech steamrolled her way through the Women 3.5 regular season and tournament, winning 11 consecutive matches (while not losing more than 6 games in any one match) and beating #5 seed Jennifer Scriabine in the final 6-3, 6-2. Karen Sonobe was unseeded in the Women 3.0 tournament, yet put together five wins in a row including victories over the #5 and #2 seeds before beat-



ing previously undefeated and topseeded Hilary Anderson in the final, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.







**Pearlstein** 

Special thanks to: Jennifer Scriabine, Kent Lindeman, Mike Jetland, Tammy Chan, Josh Svendsen, Shari Huber, John Bondon, Lynne Weinshelbaum, Neil Dawson, Bob Walgren, Jim Farber, Sean Zhang and Nat Bitton for their assistance in running the tournament.

Jackson Riker (left) receives his Men@ 4.5 trophy from Jennifer Scriabine

### **Tournament Results**

### Women@ 3.0 - Champion: Karen Sonobe

First Round: Colson d. Costello, def; Pruden d. T. Lee 6-2, 6-1; Karr d. Leach 6-2, 6-1; L. Smith d. Milani 6-2, 6-2; Bhatnagar d. Frazier 7-5, 7-5; Okimoto d. Sllow 6-2, 6-2; Yucel d. Maloney (8) 6-4, 6-4; Sonobe d. Henderson 6-3, 6-0; Almeida d. Fries 6-1, 7-5. Second Round: Anderson (1) d. Colson 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; J. Lee (6) d. Pruden 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; Karr d. Oyoung (4) 6-4, 6-2; Bergmann (5) d. L. Smith 6-0, 7-5; Bhatnagar d. Wang (7) 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; Segaud (3) d. Okimoto 6-3, 6-2; Sonobe d. Yucel 6-1, 6-3; Johnson (2) d. Almeida 6-2, 6-4. Quarterfinals: Anderson d. J. Lee 6-1, 6-0; Bergmann d. Karr 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5; Segaud d. Bhatnagar 6-4, 6-1; Sonobe d. J. Johnson 6-4, 7-6 (5). Semifinals: Anderson d. Bergmann 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; Sonobe d. Segaud 6-2, 6-3. Finals: Sonobe d. Anderson 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

### Women 3.5 - Champion: Jane Ladrech

First Round: T. Snyder d. Regan 6-0, 6-0; Bryggman d. Garnett 6-1, 6-3; Greason (6) d. Hapke def; OONe(4)l d. Noda def; Holst d. Annoni 6-0, 6-3; Rothfield d. Major 7-6 (2), 6-2; Scriabine (5) d. Gonzales 6-3, 6-1; Kennedy d. Warren (4) def; Chaffee d. Lindeman 6-3, 6-3; Dirito d. Ho 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (5): Knapp (3) d. Grandchamps 6-3, 6-3; Ladrech (6) d. D. Jones 6-1, 6-1; Duarte d. White 6-3, 6-0; Richardi d. Tracey 6-2, 6-2. Second Round: Dunn (1) d. Snyder 6-2, 6-1; Greason d. Bryggman 6-1, 6-2; OÕNeid. Holst 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; Scriabine d. Rothfield def; Chaffee d. Kennedy 6-2, 6-3; Knapp d. Dirito 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4; Ladrech d. Duarte 6-1, 6-1; Richardi d. Benterou (2) 6-4, 7-5. Quarterfinals: Greason d. Dunn 6-0, 6-2; Scriabine d. OONei5-7, 6-4, 6-2; Chaffee d. Knapp 6-2, 6-3; Ladrech d. Richardi 6-1, 6-0. Semifinals: Scriabine d. Greason 6-3, 6-0; Ladrech d. Chaffee 6-4, 6-3. Finals: Ladrech d. Scriabine 6-3, 6-2.

### Women 4.0 - Champion: Heidi Belton

Quarterfinals: Murillo d. Yates (4) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; Suh (3) d. Huber 6-1, 6-3; Ley (2) d. Welsh 7-6 (4), 6-1. Semifinals: Belton (1) d. Murillo 6-2, 6-1; Ley d. Suh 1-6, 6-1, 7-5. Finals: Belton d. Ley 0-6, 7-5, 6-4.

### Women@ 4.5-5.0

### **Champion: Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein**

Quarterfinals: Riker (4) d. Cavallo 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; Roach (3) d. Fisher 6-0, 6-0; Presnell d. Weinshelbaum 6-0, 6-0. Semifinals: Ramsower-Pearlstein (1) d. Riker 6-2, 7-6 (1); Presnell d. Roach 6-2, 7-6 (4). Finals: Ramsower-Pearlstein d. Presnell 6-4, 6-4.

### Men@ 3.5 - Champion: Jerry Garcia

First Round: Hochbrueckner d. Ramos 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; T. Kim (15) d. W. Kim 6-0, 6-0; Bruna d. Ly def.; Goldstein (11) d. Mehlman def.; Twirbutt d. Larson 6-4, 6-0; Garcia (6) d. Pearlstein 6-1, 6-0; Snyder d. Brockman 6-1, 6-0; Svendsen d. Barnes 6-4, 6-3; Armstrong (14) d. Chun 6-0, 6-4; Roth d. Huss def.; Sklavos (12) d. Belbis 7-6 (4), 6-2; Glantz d. Green

7-6 (6), 6-2; Whittington d. Van Oosbree (5) 6-2, 7-6 (6); Goldstein d. Benterou 7-5, 6-3; Knibbs (7) d. Milani 6-0, 6-3; Stevens d. H. Vu 6-4 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; E. Kim (10) d. L. Hellman 6-4, 6-0; OOReillyd. Shank 6-4, 6-2; Ahumada (16) d. Lum 6-2, 6-1; Magovern d. Woodruff 6-0, 6-1; Briggs d. McBearty 7-5, 6-4; Wolf (8) d. Callaway 6-2, 6-2; Tuinstra d. Streegan 6-3, 6-4; Simonich d. Farrell 6-1, 6-0; Panda d. Iversen 6-1, 6-2; R. Young (13) d. Long 6-2, 6-4; Adams d. Cleland 6-1, 6-2. Second Round: Fredricks (1) d. Hochbrueckner 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; T. Kim d. Bruna 4-6, 6-0, 6-0; Twirbutt d. Goldstein 4-6, 6-0, 6-2; Garcia d. Snyder 6-1, 6-1; Svendsen D. Nichols (4) 6-4, 6-2; Armstrong d. Roth 7-6 (2), 6-1; Sklavos d. Glantz 6-2, 6-2; Whittington d. Goldstein 7-5, 6-3; Knibbs d. Stevens 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-6 (5); E. Kim d. OOReilly 1-6, 5-6 ret.; Magovern d. Ahumada 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; Richardi (3) d. Briggs 6-2, 6-4; Fong d. Wolf 6-3, 3-6, 2-5 ret.; Tuinstra d. Simonich 6-1, 6-0; Young d. Panda 6-3, 6-4; Rauen (2) d. Adams 6-4, 7-5. Third Round: Fredricks d. T. Kim 6-3, 7-5; Garcia d. Twirbutt 6-2, 6-0; Armstrong d. Svendsen 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4); Sklavos d. Whittington 6-7 (3), 6-2, 4-1 ret.; Knibbs d. E. Kim 6-2, 6-0; Richardi d. Magovern 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; Tuinstra d. Fong 6-4, 6-4; Rauen 3-6, 5-5 ret.. Quarterfinals: Garcia d. Fredricks 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; Sklavos d. Armstrong 6-3, 6-2; Richardi d. Knibbs 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Tuinstra d. Rauen 6-3, 1-6, 6-1. Semifinals: Garcia d. Sklavos 6-1, 6-3; Richardi d. Tuinstra 7-5, 5-7, 6-1. Finals: Garcia d. Richardi 6-4, 6-1.

### Men § 4.0 - Champion: Bob Walgren

First Round: Ladrech d. Hoenecke 6-4, 6-2; R. Chan (6) d. Silk 6-1, 6-2; Bondon (4) d. Olander 6-0, 6-1; Quandt d. Gee 7-5, 6-4; Shumaker d. Torchia 6-2, 6-1; Simmons (5) d. Rouhani 7-6 (3), 4-2 def.; Schmidt (7) d. Morrow 7-6 (4), 6-2; Chew d. Jetland 6-4, 5-2 ret; Joe (8) d. B. Lewis 6-4, 6-2; Bakar d. C. Danner 6-2, 3-4 ret.; Helgesson d. Boone 6-0, 6-2. Second Round: Favreau (1) d. Arbabi 6-2, 6-1; Ladrech d. Chan 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; Quandt d. Bondon 6-3 ret.; Simmons d. Shumaker 6-4, 6-4; Schmidt d. Chew 6-2, 6-4; Cerruti (3) d. Funk 6-4, 6-3; Bakar d. Joe 7-5, 6-4; Walgren (2) d. Helgesson 6-1, 6-1. Quarterfinals: Favreau d. Ladrech 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-2; Simmons d. Quandt 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-3; Cerruti d. Schmidt 6-3, 6-2; Walgren d. Bakar 7-5, 1-6, 6-3. Semifinals: Favreau d. Simmons 7-5, 6-3; Walgren d. Cerruti 6-3, 6-1. Finals: Walgren d. Favreau 6-3, 6-4.

### Men@ 4.5 - Champion: Jackson Riker

First Round: Dorfman d. H. Wong 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; D. Graham d. Caronna 6-2, 6-4; Politzer d. Vu 6-2, 6-4; B. Graham d. Ozer 6-1, 6-0. Secound Round: Andrews (1) d. Nelson 6-4, 6-1; Perriard d. Dorfman 6-3, 6-3; Stewart d. Quintana def.; P. Lane (6) d. Lisi 5-7, 6-1, 6-2; Paden (4) d. Scriabine 6-0, 6-0; Kwan d. Crusit 6-1, 6-0; D. Graham d. Brandt 6-3, 7-5; Beauchemin d. Willis (5) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; Nguyen (7) d. Kaiser def; Bove d. Schweigert def; DellÕannod. Verza 6-3, 6-3; Beernik (3) d. Politzer 6-2, 6-1; Riker (8) d. Johnson 6-3, 6-4;

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USTA Adult League Playoffs

# Men's 3.5 Stopped Short of Nationals

It might not be a stretch to say that members of Don Loeffler@ Men@ 3.5 Adult League team that advanced to Sectional play in Carmel on August 23-25 are not big fans of the USTA Osupertie-breaker. OAfter sweeping through Local and District play without a loss, they opened Sectionals with a tough 3-2 loss against Carlmont (San Mateo) -- each of Carlmont § three points were gained with a win in the super tiebreak. Day Two saw another 3-2 loss against Chico Racquet Club where the deciding point was again, the super tiebreak. The men lost the concluding match against to the eventual winners from Sunnyvale Tennis Club. Despite their weekend on the Monterey Bay, the team was the only Adult League team to advance to Sectionals in 2002. Congraulations to the entire 3.5 team for their outstanding play!

# Women Super Senior Team Wins Sectionals at Valley Vista

The WCRC® Women® SuperSenior 3.5 team, captained by Janet Couchot and Frances Bagnasco, captured the Sectional title in mid-September at Valley Vista. Congratulations to team members: Elizabeth Baxter, Linda Dow, Gisela Hendrickson, Anne Mann, Joy Monroe, Janet Neilsen, Fran Rowley, Shirley Swan, Rita Utz, Marilyn Wai, Maureen Ware and Joan Weber.

### **NEW MEMBER EVENT**

If youÕve joined the Club in the last year and want to meet other members, here⑤ a great opportunity. Join us at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center on Friday, October 18 from 5:30 pm until ??? for a ÒNew MembersÓ get together - beverages and tennis are on us! YouÕll need to bring a can of balls & something to munch on.

Please call or email Pam Maloney by October 14 to make a reservation: pam4tennis@hotmail.com or 939-1403.



### **Tournament Results**

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B. Graham d. Kearney def; Braithwaite d. B. Lee 6-4, 6-3; D. Miller (2) d. Dalsey 6-3, 6-2. Third Round: Andrews d. Perriard def; P. Lane d. Stewart 6-3, 7-5; Paden d. Kwan 7-6 (3), 6-4; D. Graham d. Beauchemin 6-2, 7-5; Nguyen d. Bove 6-3, 6-4; Beernik d. DellÕann6-0, 6-2; Riker d. B. Graham 6-0, 6-2; Braithwaite d. Miller 6-3, 6-3. Quarterfinals: Andrews d. P. Lane 6-3, 7-5; Paden d. D. Graham 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Nguyen d. Beernik 6-2, 6-4; Riker d. Braithwaite 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. Semifinals: Paden d. Andrews 6-3, 0-6, 6-2; Riker d. Nguyen 6-2, 6-3. Finals: Riker d. Paden 6-2, 6-1.

### Men@ 5.0-5.5 - Champion: Shane Jones

First Round: Wheeler d. Martinez 6-0, 6-4; Perry d. Nyman 6-1, 6-3; Dunlap d. Shendell 6-1, 7-6 (4); Tran d. Tamura 6-1, 6-2; Manuel d. Marsh 6-0, 7-6 (3); Schreck d. Weingart 6-4, 6-4. Second Round: Lindeman (1) d. Wheeler 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-3; Bown (6) d. Perry 6-2, 6-3; Dunlap d. Robinson (4) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; Reinaas (5) d. Tran 6-4, 6-0; Helfer d. Velez (7) def; Manual d. Rizzari (3) def; S. Jones d. Fischer (8) 7-5, 6-2; Schreck d. Hoult (2) def. Quarterfinals: Lindeman d. Bown def; Reinaas d. Dunlap 6-2, 2-6, 6-0; Helfer d. Manuel 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; Jones d. Schreck 6-3, 7-5. Semifinals: Lindeman d. Reinaas 6-2, 6-1; Jones d. Helfer 6-2, 6-4. Finals: Jones d. Lindeman 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

## NOMINATIONS WANTED FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For the third consecutive year, the WCRC will formally recognize those members who have given their time and energy to promote and advance the mission and purpose of the club. Qualifications for the OLifetimeAchievement AwardÓ include:

¥5 years or longer of sustained service ¥1 year of WCRC Executive Board participation ¥2 years of committee leadership

Please submit your nominations for this award to Robert Young at 906-0614 or via email at robert@canterburytrails.com no later than December 10, 2002. The winner, selected by the WCRC Board of Directors, will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at the Heather Farm Community Center.



# New Member Information Removed for Privacy



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### NTRP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE. 2002

### October 19-20 & 26-27

HEAD/PENN NTRP GRAND PRIX MW (3.0-5.5) sd, MX (3.0-5.5) d The Club at Mission Hills, Fremont \*\*Top eight players in all NTRP divisions as determined by points gained in 2002

### November 2-3 & 9-10

CHABOT CANYON 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 SINGLES MW (3.5-4.5) s; 2003 season Chabot Canyon Racquet Club, Oakland Entry deadline: October 14 TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500028402

### November 16-17 & 23-24

LAKE MERCED 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 NTRP MW (3.5-4.5) s; 2003 season San Francisco State University Entry deadline: November 4 TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500029202

### November 30-December 1 & 7-8

CLUBSPORT FREMONT 3.5, 5.5 M (3.5, 5.5) sd; W (3.5) sd, MX (3.5) d ClubSport Fremont Entry deadline: November 14 TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500029302

### November 30-December 1 & 7-8

GREEN VALLEY HOLIDAY NTRP TOURNEY MW (3.0-5.0) sd; MX (3.0-5.5) d Green Valley Country Club, Suisin Entry deadline: November 14 TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500029402