

# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club*

*December, 2018*



**Long time WCRC member  
Gerry Brown still has it!**

*Photo by: Robert Young*

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### December 2018



**Glenn McBee**  
**2018 WCRC President**

Merry Christmas all! Happy Holidays! However you celebrate the season, I do hope you are enjoying your family and friends. Happy to have some rain and improved AQI, but I also need to get back on the court, and work off some of this turkey and gravy and all.

Have you signed up for Fall Mixed season yet? It's one of my favorite seasons, find a friend, sign up and enjoy! The season continues until 2/3/19. You can sign up at <http://www.wcrc.net/Leagues/Login.aspx>.

The WCTC looks great, we had a nice Grand Opening for the new courts a few weeks ago. Lots of WC officials showed up. I did share our concerns for courts with everyone who would listen. Lifetime did a wonderful job hosting and scheduling activities.

Do YOU think we need more courts and court access? City officials need to hear from you, "OUR voice counts", my voice is not enough. We need to have a strong showing at PROS on Monday December 3 at 6pm for the annual tennis review. JOIN ME in our support of tennis! Please LMK if you will attend, or just show up.

**Why should you attend?** PROS hears from me often, and they are supportive. But nothing speaks like a BIG crowd of supporters. I have seen this many time from the Pickle ball community, they show up 30+. They gained the attention of the committee and have been able to take over 2 tennis courts, and we need to do the same, show up and speak up and get courts. We NEED to gain more courts (NG access specifically, our best short term option) and perhaps even have more courts built. It starts with a voice, a request, and it isn't a quick process.

#### What can you do at the meeting?

If you like, you can speak during the public feedback session; you will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes, or less. It's not volume, its new voices asking for same thing, repeatedly (MORE COURTS!) Or you can show up, sit and listen, clap and cheer at the right time. We need butts in the seats and voices supporting!

#### What would you say, if you spoke?

I think it's simple, and you all already know. Tennis at the

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## NEW MEMBERS

WCTC is GREAT! We NEED MORE COURTS or at least more access to tennis courts. We are the 2nd largest public club in the state of California, and we have the fewest courts of comparable clubs! And the largest in NorCal. Share frustration about practice time, getting a court. Talk about the good, a special time, a great team or teammate. Please don't speak ill of LT, that won't help, and they support us big time.

Storage shed at Rudgear has been installed! Now we just need to get the right "Stuff". I'm thinking 4 chairs for middle court, scorecards, broom, squeegee, roller, what else do we need?

Be well and we will see you on the courts!

Glenn



### Welcome to Our 3 New Members Current Membership: 1222

Robin Hultgren	Walnut Creek	2.5
Erin Mastrangelo	Walnut Creek	5.0
Patrick Wachter	Oakland	5.0



Membership questions contact:  
**Pam Maloney** at 925-787-3970 or  
email at: [pam4tenis@gmail.com](mailto:pam4tenis@gmail.com)

## Lifetime Activities What's Happening at the Courts?

### Holiday Hours, Improvements, and Changes at the WCTC

Happy Holidays to all! Please note that we will be open from 8am to 12:30pm on Christmas Eve (12/24) and New Year's Eve (12/31). We will be closed on Christmas Day (12/25) and New Year's Day (1/1). With the changing cost of doing business in our community, WC City Council has approved new a new fee structure set to be effective Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The changes in the fee structure aim to foster more equitable court access to different users in the community. A chart with more information on this fee change is available on page 12. For more information, please contact Isabella Galang at [isabellag@lifetimeactivities.com](mailto:isabellag@lifetimeactivities.com).

**Classes & Camps – Sign up today!** Fall class and camp registration is ongoing. We are also offering Holiday Camps for Youth and Adult learners. Winter registration opens December 5<sup>th</sup>. You can register and preview offerings online on our website: [www.lifetimeactivities.com](http://www.lifetimeactivities.com) or stop by the office.

**Lifetime Tennis Holiday Giveaway!** All Court Usage Pass Holders may stop by the pro shop and SPIN TO WIN one of twelve prizes. Prizes must be redeemed by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. There will be no extension or exceptions. One prize per pass holder please.

**All current court usage passholders will be entered into an additional drawing to win a 2019 Plus Pass. Drawing will be held on December 26, 2018. We will post the winner in the January 2019 Newsletter! GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**

**Want to Play with the Pro?:** Our USPTA Certified Pro Duncan Leiggi will be hosting Round Robin Clinics every **Tuesday (9-11AM)** and **Friday (8-10PM)**. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance to hold your spot. (\$8.00 Pass Holders, \$16.00 Non-Pass Holders) See you on the courts!



**Visit us online at [lifetimeactivities.com](http://lifetimeactivities.com) or stop by the office at 1751 Heather Drive.**

**Please call with any questions at 925-945-0105.**





# Tennis News



## On Any Given Wednesday...

*by Robert Young*

For over 15 years there has been a day league played at Heather Farm you may have not been aware of. The “Gentlemen’s League (now called The Men’s Interclub) over-60 league is played weekly, mid-day, between local clubs. The League was the brainchild of Ken Borchek of Clubsport Pleasanton and a couple of others including Walnut Creeks’ captain, Harry Hopkins. Ken, pretty much on his own, continued to do the organizing and heavy lifting after Harry died and the 3rd person faded out. Ken continued organizing the League even after Clubsport was unable to enter a team in the League.

The most interesting thing about the league is that began and has remained primarily a refuge from the hyper-competitiveness and line calls of USTA. All play is doubles, with the strongest team playing line one and progressing down in level for as many teams and or courts are available. The most striking thing observed by any new player is when you come off the courts you are greeted with a question by teammates, “Did you win?”. But the answer really didn’t matter much, playing the game is what counts. Win or lose, you are made to feel welcome by both clubs and are shown where the drinks and food are.

This participating clubs this year are, are Walnut Creek I, Walnut Creek II, Roundhill CC, Moraga CC, Rossmoor, Blackhawk CC, and Oakland Hills. Past participating clubs have included Valley Vista, Orinda CC, Diablo CC, Clubsport Pleasanton, Orinda Woods, Livermore CC, Greenbrook TC in Danville, and Hidden Hills in Hayward until they ran out of old guys able to play tennis.







# Summer Singles Tournament

It has been my absolute pleasure to serve you as the Summer Singles League Coordinator this year. Thank you for being a great group of players and for completing so many matches! I hope that you enjoyed the league and will consider participating again next year.

Please don't hesitate to share with me any ideas you have for improving our league next year. The WCRC Board is always interested in what our membership has to say. The end of year tournament, which wrapped up today, was a huge success.

Congratulations to the Champions and Finalist! The complete draw results have been updated and posted on each division's standings page.

The season may be over but the Player Tools section remains available for contacting players for recreational play. Please use the tools and keep playing during the off-season.

Check out all the photos for the tournament here: <https://wcrc.zenfolio.com/p717673699>

I hope to see you on a court soon!

*Cameron Coltharp*  
Summer Singles Coordinator  
Walnut Creek Racquet Club







# Summer Singles Results



**Women's 3.0**

Marilyn Meganck def. Kate Morgan-Chu  
6-1, 6-3



**Women's 3.5**

Somi Lee def. Natalie Ivankovich  
6-1, 7-6 (5)



**Women's 4.0**

Priyanka Holmes def. Martha Spanos  
default



**Men's 3.0**

Melvin San Pedro def Gary Scott  
6-1, 6-0



**Men's 3.5**

Andrew Bartlow def Fernando Saenz  
6-1, 6-4



**Men's 4.0**

Stephen Buchholz def Troy Rondeau  
6-2, 7-5



**Men's 4.5**

Garrett Krueger def Shane Jones  
6-1, 7-5





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## 18+ 8.0 Mixed Team Makes a Run at Sectionals

by Violeta Franco

The fourth time was the charm! We finally advanced to sectionals. The challenge was to get ready in less than a week for our biggest 8.0 mixed competition. We had minimal availability with people traveling and injured, but there was no lack of support from the remainder of the team.

As soon as we won the second playoff, Erik Lee said, "I'm available all weekend". That was music to my ears. Sean, Scott, Amy, Norma and Thuy gave short notice to their employers and took Friday off. We had a full line-up for every match which seemed impossible at the beginning. Everyone played their best, as always, and we won both matches on Friday, but came up short on Saturday and we did not advance to the quarters.

In the end, what matters most is the journey, not the destination.

Ben and I are thankful and very proud of all of you for showing amazing support to the team, your partners and outstanding sportsmanship towards your opponents.

Our amazing team: Sean Barnacascel, Norma Brewer, Scott Calhoun, Maria Chiang, Wyler Collo, Ben Feinberg (co-captain), Miwa Feinberg, Violeta Franco (captain), Christine Hohenstein, Lloyd Hohenstein, Erik Lee, Ryan Megnack, Thuy Nguyen, Tina Sorenseon Berman, Shridhar Swaminathan, Amy Taylor, Ed Wassmuth, Mike Yurkus and Caroline Zhao.



# Sectionals





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## 40+ 7.0 Mixed WCRC-South Team “Hit and Run” at Nationals

by Tammie Snyder

So many WCRC players tend to play outside our league to guarantee more court time. With USTA shortening the seasons and WCRC impacted with so many teams it's no wonder a “WCRC-South Team” was created.

It's always so fun and exciting to make it to Nationals and have the opportunity to play against the best players in our nation. Although they came up short they all had a great time and built some everlasting memories together.

Team Hit and Run: Wayne Badorf, Jay Dunlavy, David Gangarapu, Julianne Gee, Michelle Hudak, Betsy Kemp, Marjie Kentie, Krisztina Kohlhaas (co-captain), Julieta Leong, Darien Lum, Thomas Lyhne, Sabrina McQueen, Harish Natarajan (captain), Eric Olson, Jeff Richards, Daljeet Singh, Susan Sovik, Zhen Zhang.



*WCRC Member Darien Lum's photo made it to the USTA Website.*





# WCRC Men's & Women's 2019 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? ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ 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 4.5/5.0

- ☐ 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 31, 2019**. If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **January 31, 2019** with a check for registration fees (payable to Walnut Creek Racquet Club **NOT** WCRC) to: Walnut Creek Racquet Club, 224 Farm Ln., Martinez, CA 94553.

**Questions? Call Garvin Tom at (209) 969-5445 or via e-mail [gtom12@hotmail.com](mailto:gtom12@hotmail.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.

The league runs from December 22, 2018 - May 12, 2019. The tournament will run the weekend of May 17-19, 2019.

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.**

<b><u>COURT USAGE FEE STRUCTURE</u></b> Effective January 1, 2019	<b>90-Minute Court Fee</b> (Non-Passholder)	<b>4-Month Seasonal Pass</b>	<b>Youth Annual Pass</b>	<b>Senior Annual Standard Pass</b>	<b>Senior Annual PLUS Pass</b>	<b>Adult Annual Standard Pass</b>	<b>Adult Annual PLUS Pass</b>	<b>Advanced Reservation Fee</b> (Non-Passholder)
<b>FEE</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$275</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$12</b>
<b>VALIDITY / DURATION</b>	90 Minutes	4 Months	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 event / match
<b>AGE GROUP</b>	All Ages	All Ages	15 & Under <sup>1</sup>	60 & Over <sup>1</sup>	60 & Over <sup>1</sup>	Ages 16-59	Ages 16-59	All Ages
<b>Tennis</b>								
<b>OPEN PLAY</b> (Reservations made 8 days or less / Walk Ons)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
<b>EVENT / ADVANCED RESERVATIONS</b> (Made 9+ days ahead)	✗	\$4 fee per event*	\$4 fee per event*	\$4 fee per event*	✓	\$4 fee per event*	✓	✓
<b>USTA League Home Matches</b>	✗	\$4 fee per match*	\$4 fee per match*	\$4 fee per match*	✓	\$4 fee per match*	✓	✓
<b>BALL/ FALL / SPRING League Home Matches</b>	✗	\$4 fee per match*	\$4 fee per match*	\$4 fee per match*	✓	\$4 fee per match*	✓	✓
<b>Official WCRC Events and Tournaments</b>	✗	\$4 fee per event*	\$4 fee per event*	\$4 fee per event*	✓	\$4 fee per event*	✓	✓
<b>Access to LT Monthly Pass Specials</b>	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
<b>Discounted LT Round Robin Clinics</b>	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
<b>Pickleball<sup>2</sup> Recreational Open Play</b>	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

\* Patrons may put a credit on their account to cover Advanced Reservation fees

<sup>1</sup> A valid ID is required for Youth / Senior Discount. Must be of required age at time of purchase. No prorations / exceptions will be made.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated Pickleball Construction is Fall 2018

Note: All current passes (Annual R/NR and 4-Month R/NR) will be honored until the date of pass expiration.



# CALENDER OF EVENTS

# 2018



Dec 10	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Registration Closes
Dec 10	USTA 40+ Team Registration Closes
Dec 10	USTA 18-39 Team Registration Closes
Dec 16	USTA Combo Team Season Closes



Jan TBA	USTA 65+ Team Invitational Championships
Jan 7	USTA 40+ Team Season Opens
Jan 7	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Season Opens
Jan 7	18-39 Team Season Opens
Jan 11-13	USTA Combo Playoffs Round 1
Jan 25-27	USTA Combo Playoffs Round 2



Feb 22-24	USTA Combo Districts
Mar 17	USTA 40+ Team Season Closes
Mar 17	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Season Closes
Mar 31	18-39 Team Season Closes

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel  
as of October, 2018



### Walnut Creek Racquet Club

PROFIT AND LOSS  
January - September, 2018

	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income	75.00
League Dues	<b>7,262.39</b>
Membership Dues	20,179.41
Tournament Dues	<b>5,474.46</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$32,991.26</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$32,991.26</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Service Charges	9.00
Board Appreciation Dinner	668.04
Board Meeting	810.64
Captains Meetings	663.30
Contributions	200.00
Court Usage Fees	485.00
District Fees	2,310.00
Dues and Subscriptions	40.00
Filling Fees	45.00
Gifts	323.46
League Expenses	<b>6,790.12</b>
Locks	21.64
Nationals Stipend	1,000.00
Office Supplies	124.53
Porta-Potty	1,035.79
Post Office Box	109.00
Postage and Delivery	188.18
Printing and Reproduction	<b>489.58</b>
Professional Fees	<b>50.00</b>
Rental Deposit	700.00
Sectionals Fees	1,740.00
Software	215.00
Tournament Expenses	<b>8,267.85</b>
Website	709.55
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,995.68</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,995.58</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Income	29.08
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$29.08</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$29.08</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,024.66</b>

Balance as of October, 2018    \$41,215.04

Do you have a favorite photo  
you'd like to see in an upcoming  
newsletter?

Send any photos or articles to  
tammie4tennis@gmail.com



WCRC members: Garvin Tom, Sally Krapf,  
Natalie Chan and Danny Geren hanging  
out after a 7.5 CW combo match!

Trick or treat! Some Halloween fun on the  
courts. Pictured from left to right: Mendy  
Gonzales, Nicole Leong, Catherine Kutsuris,  
Nga Gross, Miwon Vella, MJ Bedegi.

## Mixed Doubles League - Standings

### 6.0

Richelle Buchholz/Leonard Young  
Rosalynd Zahiri/Salem Zahiri

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### 7.0

Jana Bachman/Brian Hennessy  
Zhen Zhang/Ritesh Bhandari

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### 8.0

Raquel Aguilar/Alex Aguilar  
Tammie Snyder/Justin Snyder  
Pru Pruden/Stephen Wright  
Tina Sorensen Berman/Erik Lee

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