



# THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the  
Walnut Creek Racquet Club

September 2003



**Women's 3.5 team headed to Tucson in early October**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### What do we do?



Jennifer Scriabine  
2003 WCRC President

What does the Walnut Creek Racquet Club board actually do? As you know, our club is run by volunteers. The board members commit to a one year term. We meet monthly, on the first Tuesday of every month. The meetings are run by the President, are recorded by the Secretary and always include a report from the Treasurer. USTA, tournaments, Leagues, membership, Web site, newsletter and any new business is always discussed.

Our USTA, Tournament and league coordinators remain very busy throughout the year. In the last several years in particular, our USTA team participation has really grown and the coordinators have had their hands full with court scheduling. Our tournament coordinators help to run the many events throughout the year, including the Calcutta and the Club Championships. A tournament involves putting together and collecting the entry forms, building and communicating the draws, shopping for food, tennis center set up, tournament desk, food preparation and then clean up, usually over the course of several days or even weeks. It takes quite a few people to successfully pull off a tournament and our club manages to do it over and over again. We also have people coordinating the Summer Singles, Winter Doubles and BALL leagues throughout the year.

And then there are the folks that help keep the club running smoothly. Our membership director collects new member applications and renewals. They also keep the membership database up-to-date in order to generate mailing labels for the newsletter and our directory that is published yearly. We also have the folks who help us stay on top of the local tennis news. We have a top-notch web-site that the coordinator keeps current with articles and photos. There is also a ton of good information and tools available right on the www.wcrc.net website. This great newsletter also takes a lot of work to put together and get mailed out to each of you. Our editor makes sure everyone contributes their content and then pulls it all together. Getting this thing mailed out to over 700 people every month is a job in and of itself.

I hope that gives you a little taste of the hard work that all the board members and the numerous other volunteers in our club put in. If you haven't already maybe now would be a good time to volunteer to help out at our next event!

*Jennifer Scriabine*



# 2003 WCRC Club Championships Highlights...

**Men's B Champ  
Charles Kearney  
(right)**



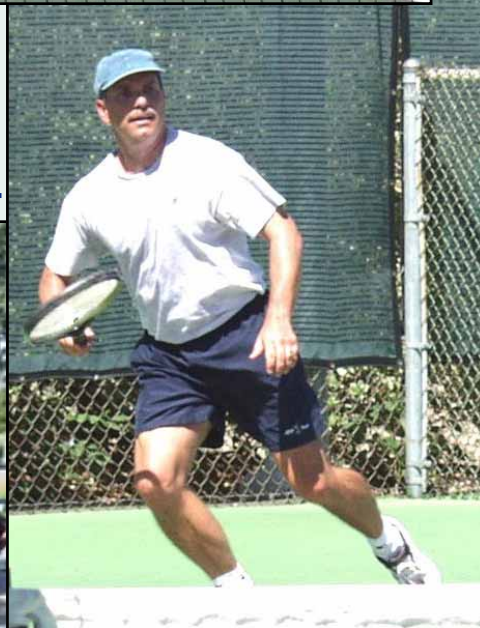
**Men's A Champ  
Chris Bown  
(below)**



**Men's A  
Runner-Up  
Tony Lum**



**Men's B  
Runner-Up  
Dave Berlier**



**Spectators take in the action.**



**Catherine Wang sets up for a running forehand.**



# WCRC Goes to Sectionals...











# Tennis News



## Bown Double Winner in Club Championships



*Chris Bown*

Benicia's **Chris Bown** captured both the Men's A Singles and Doubles crowns at the 2003 WCRC Club Championships, held August 16-17 & 23-24 at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. In winning his first WCRC singles title, Bown beat #2-seeded **Mike Rizarri** 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4 in the semis and San Ramon's **Tony Lum** 6-4, 7-5 in the final. He then

teamed with newcomer **Ron Hidayat** to take the doubles crown with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Rizarri and **Thor Schreck**. It was Bown's third consecutive Men's A Doubles title, having won it the previous two years with **Mark Litzau** as his partner.

Third-seeded **Charles Kearney** staged an improbable yet gutty comeback against **Dave Berlier** to win the Men's B Singles championship. Down 2-5 in the final set, Kearney dug deep and did not concede another game, posting a 5-7, 7-5, 7-5 victory. The tandem of **Mike Druding** and **Craig Simmons** won the Men's B Doubles with a 6-4, 6-3 decision over **Dennis Goins** and **Francis Crusit**.

Top seeded **Ron Helgesson** added a 2003 Men's C Singles title to his already overloaded trophy case, straight-setting four opponents, including defending champion **Philip Hensley** in the final, 6-4, 6-3. **Debashis Panda** and **Tony Kim** upset **Nat Bitton** and **Peter Hellmann** 6-1, 7-5 to win the Men's C Doubles.

**Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein** easily retained her claim as the Women's A Singles and Doubles champion for a fourth straight year. She dispatched #2 seeded **Yumi Suzuki** in the singles final 6-4, 6-1, then teamed with Kim Lackey to down **Margo Garner** and **Marianne Dundon** 6-0, 6-1. Top-seeded **Shari Huber** defeated **Catherine Wang** 6-3, 6-4 to win the Women's B Singles and **Sybil Schmidt** went 2-0 in round robin play to capture the Women's C

Singles title. **Laura Hooper** and **Kristen Ray** won the Women's C Doubles. (See photos on page 3). Special thanks to the following people for helping run the tournament: **Nat Bitton**, **Tammy Chan**, **Neil Dawson**, **Shari Huber**, **Mike Jetland**, **Kent Lindeman**, **John Rivers**, **Bob Walgren** and **Lynne Weinshelbaum**.

## Volunteers Needed for Friday Night Drop In Tennis

Over the past two months we've held informal drop-in tennis for club members to help folks get to know one another. We think they've been successful and would like to see them continue but need volunteers to run them. As it stands now, we don't have any scheduled but if anyone wants to step forward and volunteer we'll keep them going. It's a fun night of tennis and not much work for the volunteer.

We thought we'd change them a little to make less work for the volunteer so all you have to do is give out balls and get people on the courts. Email **Pam Maloney** at [pam4tennis@hotmail.com](mailto:pam4tennis@hotmail.com) if you can help and would like to see them continue.

## WCRC Goes to Districts!

We had two teams representing the Walnut Creek Racquet Club at Districts this year held August 8-10 at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. The Men's 4.0 team, captained by **Nick Scriabine** and **Mike Willis**, marched into the weekend undefeated. On Day 1 they pulled out a 4-1 win, which was not as easy as it sounds.



**Nick Scriabine's Men's 4.0 team**



# Tennis News



**David Graham** pulled off a win in a super tiebreak against Rolling Hills' undefeated singles player. **James Greig & Todd Curley** also had to pull out a win in a third set tiebreak. Day two was the real nail biter. The match stood at 2-2 and Dave Graham was down 2-5 in the second set after having lost the first. He fought back and won the second. They then played out the third set super tiebreak in front of a very large and rowdy

back the momentum and won!

Both teams will be competing at sectionals in Carmel Valley, August 22-24, for a spot to represent WCRC at Nationals.

## Save This Date!!!!

**Tuesday, October 7th** is the

Walnut Creek City Council meeting where they'll be voting on the skatepark.

We need to have as many people there from WCRC as possible to support our position that the skatepark does not

belong next to the tennis courts. Also, be on the

look out for an email with an online petition.



**Jane Ladrech's Women's 3.5 team**

crowd. It started out very close but Dave got the momentum and went on to take the match. Their third day was by far the easiest, they won four matches in straight sets and their only loss was in a super tie-break.

**Jane Ladrech** and **Valerie Fung-A-Ling's** Women's 3.5 team also entered Districts undefeated. When their number one singles player out with a back injury, Walnut Creek lost both singles matches. The doubles saved the day, with **Ann Little** and **Corby Mullins** winning easily in a third set super tiebreak to clinch the match. The second day was a breeze by comparison. They won all five, four of them in straight sets. Day three proved to be the most exciting. Although the number one singles and number one doubles won easily the match still ended up all tied up at 2-2. The last match on the court was **Jane Ladrech** and **Ann Mullins**. They had lost the first and had a see saw second but finally came out on top. They got down 4-7 in the super tie break but they took

## You Do the Math

It's Thursday night at Heather Farms and there are 3 courts being used for teaching and 5 courts being used for league play which leaves a grand total of 2 for the rest of the public for the evening. If you'd known you would have started out somewhere else or offered to play at your opponent's home club.

Well now you can with WCRC's new on-line calendar. Features include:

- \* Times and dates of all league events, NTRP tournaments, WCRC events and other court activities\*
- \* Browseable by day of the week
- \* All dates with activities are highlighted
- \* All Walnut Creek public court activities are posted including Heather Farms, Rudgear, Larkey Park and NorthGate

**August 30, 2003**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**Heather Farms - 12:15 PM**  
CCTA Match: Loyal Ones  
Total Courts Used: 5

**Rudgear - 12:15 PM**  
USTA Match: Combo W7.5A  
Total Courts Used: 3

**Rudgear - 3:30 PM**  
CCTA Match: Tie Breakers  
Total Courts Used: 3

Check it out at <http://www.wcrc.net/usta/courts.asp>

\* Note - all schedules are posted by the WCRC and maintained by the tennis center. If you notice a schedule discrepancy, please contact the Tennis Center at 925-945-0105.



## WCRC Teams Enjoy “Fun” CCTA Matches

Seven (7) WCRC teams have completed the first month of the regular season play in the new Contra Costa Tennis Association (CCTA) league and have enjoyed team competition in a “lower stress” environment than USTA. The Men’s 3.0 team, captained by **Stuart Levitas** are currently in second place in their division with a 1-1 record after a narrow 3-2 victory over Sleepy Hollow Swim & Tennis. The match was clinched in doubles, as **Tom Miller** and Levitas teamed for a 7-5, 6-1, which was followed by **Gerald Choi** and **Gary Mochizuki**’s 6-4, 7-6 win.

**Gerry Brown**’s Men’s 3.5 team met WCRC’s “Strings” squad on August 24, with Brown’s team prevailing 3-2. Highlights included **Terry Thomas** and **Chuck Seymour**’s 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 win at #1 doubles over **Roy Powell** and **Jon van Oosbree** and a 6-3, 6-1 victory by the tandem of **Craig Yen** and **Mike Joe** at #3 doubles over **Ray Thomas** and **Debashis Panda**. The two WCRC teams currently stand in third and fourth place, respectively.

Of the four WCRC entries in the Women’s 3.5 division, the biggest surprise might be **Carolyn Spady**’s “Loyal Ones”, who have not dropped a match since the league’s Kickoff Weekend on July 19-20. Their 4-1 record ties them for first place with the “Crowquettes” from Crow Canyon Country Club and includes a 3-2 win versus the **Carmen Duarte** led-Tiebreakers on August 2. Points were picked up by **Medora Weiser** with a straight set win at #2 Singles as well as the top two doubles lines - **Janet Neilsen/Robin Doyle** over **Debbie Hellmann/Carol Papke** 7-6, 6-7, 6-1 and **Debbie Wilson/Zorgi Ewing** over **Michelle Gold/Shirley Nagle** in an even closer match 6-7, 7-5, 7-5.

Susie Dunlap’s “Creekers” sit alone in second place with a 3-0 record, while the Retrievers (3-2) captained by **Karen Hirtzel** are in good position to make a strong second half run. The regular season continues through the first week of October with the end-of-season team tournament scheduled for October 11-12 and 18-19 at St. Mary’s College in Moraga.



*Bret Jones serves while Irv Pearlstein awaits a chance to poach.*



*The Pleasant Hill tandem of Ken Hill and Larry McFall volley back.*



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement:  
as of July 31, 2003

**Balance - July 1, 2003 18,158.42**

## Income

Little Siebel Tournament '03	500.00
Awards Banquet	2,500.00
Bank Interest	15.17
Advertising Income	780.00
Incentive Award-USTA	1,355.00
Membership Dues	9,675.00
Silent Auction	1,741.00
Board Dinner	230.00
Siebel Open Trip '03	2,994.00
Summer Singles League '03	100.00
Winter Doubles League '03	6,600.00
Calcutta Tournament	5,919.50
Mixed Doubles Club Championships	380.00

**Total Income 32,849.67**

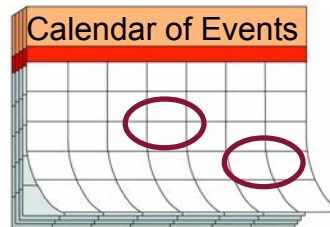
## Expenses

Little Siebel '03	211.22
Dues & Subscriptions	25.00
Donations	785.00
Light Fund Payment	3,000.00
Insurance	325.00
Membership Brochures	42.22
Member Directory	1,477.61
Newsletters - Court Reporter	3,813.97
Postage	1,207.40
Printing & Duplicating	25.97
Supplies	181.08
Website	985.27
Awards Banquet '03	2,250.42
Board Dinner Expenses	707.54
Siebel Open Trip '03	4,238.90
Winter Doubles League '03	4,196.75
Friday Night Team Tennis	83.13
Calcutta Tournament	5,666.23
Club Championship '02	828.60
Mixed Doubles Club Championships	213.46
New Member Night Mixer	96.15

**Total Expenses 30,360.92**

**Profit (Loss) 2,488.75**

**Balance - July 31, 2003 20,647.17**



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

## SEPTEMBER

- 6-7** Walnut Festival NTRP
- 8-9** USTA Super Seniors Sectional Championships
- 13-14** Walnut Festival NTRP
- 14** WCRC Summer Singles Leagues Ends
- 23** 2003 USTA Senior Season Begins
- 26-27** USTA Fifty Mixed Sectional Championships
- 27** WCRC Summer Singles Tournament - *Early Rounds*

## OCTOBER

- 2-5** WCRC Summer Singles Tournament - *Later Rounds*

## NOVEMBER

- 14-16** USTA Combo League Playoffs -Round 1
- 21-23** USTA Combo League Playoffs - Round 2
- 22** WCRC Turkey Tournament

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

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### **September 6-7, 13-14**

WALNUT CREEK FESTIVAL NTRP  
MW(3.5-4.5)sd, MX(3.5-4.5)d  
Walnut Creek Tennis Center  
Entry deadline: August 26  
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500015703

### **September 5-7**

FAIRFIELD FESTIVAL OF THE WINDS NTRP  
MW(4.0, 5.0)sd, MX(4.0,5.0)d  
Solano Athletic Club  
Entry deadline: August 22  
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500015403

### **September 12-14**

MILLENNIUM SPORTS CLUB VACAVILLE NTRP  
MW(3.0-5.5)sd, MX(3.0-5.5)d  
Millennium Sports Club Vacaville  
Entry deadline: September 1  
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500015903

### **September 13-14**

PACIFIC TIGERS AUTUM NTRP CHALLENGE  
MW(3.0-5.5)sd; MX(3.5-5.5)d  
UOP Hal Nelson Tennis Courts  
Entry deadline: September 1  
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500016003

### **September 20-21, 27-28**

SHERWOOD FALL NTRP CLASSIC  
MW(3.0-5.5)sd, MX(3.0-5.5)d  
Sherwood Tennis Center  
Entry deadline: September 9  
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500016703

### **September 20-21, 27-28**

SAN LEANDRO TENNIS CLUB 5.0 NTRP  
MW(5.0)sd, MX(5.0)d  
Pacific Tennis Courts  
Entry deadline: September 8  
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500016603