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Newsletter of the
Walnut Creek Racquet Club

February 2004



**Carol Papke serves as
partner Pauline
Hanley prepares to
pounce on a return.**

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2004 Already?

I must say that the latter part of 2003 just flew by! Now, here I am giving my first report to you. I think most of you will agree with me that WCRC owes **Jennifer Scriabine** a BIG THANKS for the outstanding work she did for WCRC in 2003 and I'm very happy that she agreed to continue on the Board for another year.

Additionally, we have four new people on the Board in 2004. **Susie Dunlap**, a long-time member, has agreed to be Vice President. **Shirley Nagle**, a newer member of the Club, will be our USTA Women's Director and **Don Loeffler**, a well-known face around the courts, will be USTA Men's Director. Shirley and Don will share responsibility for Seniors and Mixed USTA. Lastly, **Carolyn Spady** actually took over Women's Interclub last summer.

The last piece of news about the Board is that **Marilyn Concepcion**, **Bill Clayton**, **Rita Utz** and **Kent Lindeman** have decided to take a break. Marilyn has been mailing this newsletter to you for so many years that no one seems to remember how long it has been. Bill has been USTA Men's Director for a few years and done an outstanding job. Rita has run Women's Interclub for lots of years without a hitch. Kent whose contribution is beyond measurement, is also leaving the board. We'll miss their outstanding "formal" contribution but know they are among the group the Club can always count on for help. Thanks Marilyn, Bill, Rita and Kent.

January has been a pretty busy month for the Board from organizing the Annual Winter Party, obtaining items for the Silent Auction, Raffle and then holding the event on January 23rd; applying for a \$5,000 "Tennis in the Parks" grant from the National Recreation and Park Association to try and fund some new Club events; holding the Little Siebel tournament; and finalizing our calendar of events for 2004.

We've got a couple of things planned for February, including the Valentine's Day Tournament and the Siebel Bus Trip. Don't forget to sign up! In addition, the USTA Adult Season is coming up and teams are forming. If you aren't on a team - think about being a Captain. Remember, WCRC is a volunteer organization so let any of your Board members know if you can help.

I look forward to a fun year of tennis activities with the Club. Please feel free to contact me if you have issues, suggestions or ideas.

Thanks,
Pam Maloney
Pam Maloney



Pam Maloney
2004 WCRC President



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USTA Norcal News

by Robert Young

TENNIS PLAYER INDEX (TPI)

It's looking more and more like a watered down version of TPI will be required of players in the upcoming Combo and 50-mixed league, and even the rest of the leagues in 2005.

What has changed so far is the requirement that ALL club members' names and info must be transferred to the Norcal site. The Norcal board voted to change that requirement to only the actual league players. There are several other changes in the works to be voted on during the next Norcal meeting.

What our club needs most now is a TPI club administrator to work with Norcal in setting up the

database of players. I'm told it's a very easy job once the database is complete, but will take some time in the setup.

Anyone up for the challenge, please step up and volunteer. One of the benefits of being the club administrator is the ability to bulk email members that other players can't. Might be useful for someone trying to fill out a 3.5 team to have an ability to send an email to every 3.5 player in our club. Just hanging out a carrot here. :)

Comments and questions can be sent to Robert@canterburytrails.com.

See ya on the courts.

Robert Young

Announcements

Congratulations to WCRC Members **Marty and Kathleen Tedlock** on the birth of their daughter **Kate Marie**. After 90 minutes of labor and two quick pushes, Kate was born December 29th at 10:30 am.



Kate Marie Tedlock

On a more somber note, on January 3, 2004, **Robert "Bob" Pape** passed away.

WCRC member **Harry Hutton** remembers Bob fondly, enjoying many games and matches with him. Bob continued to play until his illness interfered with tennis, a sport he dearly loved. "He was a very nice gentleman and was always cheerful and quick with a 'punny' quip," states Harry.

WANTED Closet Musicians

Senior Players Wanted
(Blues/Rock and Roll)

Looking for musicians in the club
interested in jamming for fun.

Drums, bass and guitar players needed.
No gigs, just light and fun jams at my
house in Clayton.



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Tennis News



Unfinished Business Completed for Walnut Creek Mens 8.5 Combo

After waiting over a month to complete a rain delayed sectionals, the Walnut Creek Men's 8.5 Combo team finished off 3 tough opponents at Harbor Bay to become the Sectional Champions of Northern California, held January 23-25.

With **Steve Squire/Greg Lane** getting off with a quick win, the two other teams somehow squeaked by San Francisco, with dramatic come-from-behind super tiebreaker wins (**Brian Italia/Mike Willis** were down 9-5, while **Todd Curley/Pat Beauchemin** were down 9-7). Next up was last year's State Champions, Sierra Sport, under the lights. Once again, tough super tie breaker wins by Italia/Willis and **Carlos Manuel/Beauchemin** led the way.

Sunday's early morning match proved to be a bit easier as Italia/Willis and Manuel/Beauchemin coasted to straight set wins to wrap up the championships.

Captained by WCRC's Membership Chair, **Marty Tedlock**, the team was focused to take home the title. "Our goal for this year was to win the Sec-



Left to Right, Carlos Manuel, Richard Miller, Brian Italia, Marty Tedlock, Mike Willis, Pat Beauchemin and Greg Lane

tional title, not just participating. It's not often that you set such high goals and actually attain them. It's a great team win!"

Contributing to the championship season were **Pat Beauchemin, Todd Curley, Jesse Gonzalez, James Greig, Gary Harris, Brian Italia, Greg Lane, Carlos Manuel, Richard Miller, Nick Scriabine, Steve Squire, Marty Tedlock, Paul Tomaska, Thao Tran, Todd Trimble** and **Mike Willis**.

Registration Opens For USTA Adult League:

On January 12th, team registration opened for the upcoming 2004 Adult USTA season. Team registration will close on March 1, 2004. For those of you who are willing to captain a team, now is the time to start pulling it together.

Teams may be registered at the following levels: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 5.5 and Open. Players must be at least 19 years during the calendar year of their first match played. Captains organizing teams may register their team via the USTA NorCal website at www.norcal.usta.com.

If you need help recruiting members for your team or are looking for a team to join, please contact **Shirley Nagle** at SNAG510@aol.com or **Don Loeffler** at donloeff@pacbell.net. They will keep your information to pass on to those looking for a team or new members. Walnut Creek has a reputation in the area for fielding competitive USTA teams while other members use this opportunity to play some fun tennis, get together with old friends and meet new players.

Whatever your interest, its time to start thinking about the upcoming season. If you want to place an ad for "players needed" in the upcoming Court Reporter, please email **Tammie Snyder** at tammie@gte.net.

Little Siebel Tournament Wrap Up

Despite the small turnout the Little Siebel was held on Saturday, January 17. In the 7.0 division, **Kathleen Pruden** and **Francis Crusit** wrapped it up by winning all three of their round robin matches. In second place was **Ed Hockbrueckner** and **Anna George** by a narrow margin based of fewest games lost. At the 6.0 division **Myrl Kan** and **Jay Evans** took first place, followed up by **Gerry Brown** and **Barbara Currigg**. Special thanks goes out to Gerry Brown. If he had not rounded up his USTA mixed doubles team to play in the tournament, we would not had enough players. Also thanks to **Joe Silk** who jumped in at the last minute, giving us an even number of teams at the 7.0 level. Each first and second place team members received tickets to early round matches of the Siebel Open tournament taking place at HP Pavillion in San Jose in early February.



**New Member
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Valentine's Day Tournament Registration Form

When: Saturday, February 14, 2004

Where: Walnut Creek Tennis Center

Cost: \$20.00

Start: Times posted after 4pm on Thursday, February 12th

♥ PLAYER 1 ♥

♥ PLAYER 2 ♥

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

"Secret Lovers" format (to be explained at event). Play will include three 8-game pro sets.

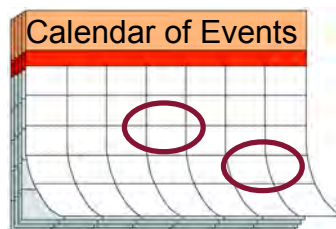
Prizes to be awarded to First, Second and Dead Ass Last places.

Results will be announced at the end of the event. Food and drinks will be provided.

Registration deadline is Monday, February 9, 2004

**Please make a check for \$20 payable to WCRC
and mail to: 2416 Encinal Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94597**

Questions? Call Jennifer at (925) 939-4328 or email scriabine@astound.net



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 13** Siebel Open Bus Trip (quarterfinals)
14 WCRC Valentine's Day Tournament

MARCH

- 5-7** Mixed Leagues - Local League Playoffs
12-14 Senior Leagues - Local League Playoffs
19-21 Mixed Leagues - Local League Playoffs
26-28 Senior Leagues - Local League Playoffs

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of December 31, 2003



Income

Club Championships '03	1,452.80
Turkey Tournament	660.00
Winter Doubles League '03	6,700
Little Siebel Tournament '03	500.00
Awards Banquet	2,500.00
Bank Interest	21.21
Advertising Income	780.00
Incentive Award-USTA	1,355.00
Membership Dues	12,220.00
Silent Auction	1,741.00
Board Dinner	230.00
Siebel Open Trip '03	2,994.00
Summer Singles League '03	11,590.00
Winter Doubles League '04	7,385.00
Friday Night Team Tennis	8.00
Calcutta Tournament	5,972.50
Mixed Doubles Club Championships	665.00

Total Income

56,774.51

Expenses

Awards Banquet '04	1,245.00
Turkey Tournament	96.92
Winter Doubles League '04	3,203.40
Club Championships '03	982.11
Nationals 3.5 Women's	500.00
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	6,950.79
Non-Profit Fees	51.55
Outdoor Heater	134.19
Postage	2,572.20
Post Office Box Rental	58.00
Printing & Duplicating	106.30
Supplies	806.27
Website	445.13
Awards Banquet '03	2,250.42
Board Dinner Expenses	707.54
Siebel Open Trip '03	4,238.90
Summer Singles League	9,187.31
Winter Doubles League '03	4,196.75
Friday Night Team Tennis	154.08
Calcutta Tournament	5,666.23
Club Championship '02	828.60
Mixed Doubles Club Championships	381.46
Valentines Tournament	193.83
New Member Night Mixer	96.15

Total Expenses

50,919.18

Profit (Loss)

5,855.33

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\$12,549.07

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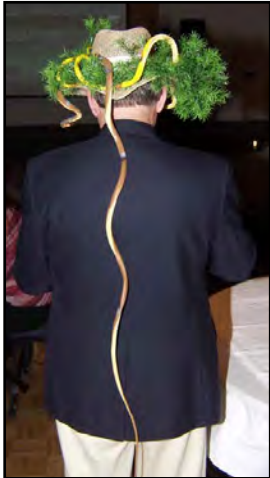
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WINTER PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

Oh, The Masks!

Based on the 90 folks who turned out for the annual winter party in Mardi Gras masks, we think all who came had a great time. There were lots of fun costumes, including:

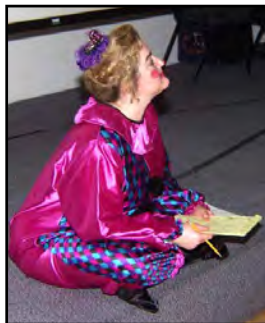


Anna Huxley in a feather mask that was almost as tall as she is; **Nick Scriabine** with multiple wigs and his very own beads; **Nat Bitton** dressed for comfort in a stunning, full-length Romanesque-toga; **Annette D'Antonio** with a long, blonde wig and red mask; **Medora Willis** in a fabulous ball gown, tiara included; and **Bill Bennett** in his always memorable red bow tie!

We had a very successful silent auction with all the items

being sold. Plus, this year every guest was given a raffle ticket and offered the opportunity to buy more. **Susie Dunlap** had to have some help keeping track of her ticket numbers as the raffle items were given out because she purchased so many tickets. Fortunately, she won several nice gift certificates.

Nat Bitton divided the group into 3 teams and ran a trivia game with 10 questions that got everyone talking, screaming and competing.



This was lots of fun and a great way to meet folks at other tables. Then dancing and general craziness took over until closing time. Oh yes, awards were given out too! **Robert Young** took lots of pictures which appear on the next four pages of the newsletter.



Goldstein, Robert Young, Pam Maloney, Mary Trueblood-Miller and Larry Miller. Special thanks to **Marty Tedlock** and **Nick Scriabine** who did a great job tending bar.

Al Johns & Liz Riddle Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

Just a few years ago, the Board thought it would be appropriate to recognize members who consistently go above and beyond the call of "volunteerism". **Al Johns** and **Liz Riddle** were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the January 23 party because of the many, many things they have done for the Club over the years. Whenever we need help with running a tournament,

cooking at an event, cleaning up, organizing or anything else you can think of - Liz and Al never say no.

They are great folks who help make WCRC an outstanding Club. Thanks Liz and Al for all your support and help. We owe you!



Annual Auction proves to be a good fund raiser!

The WCRC would like to thank the following donors to our Annual Silent Auction, held January 23, 2004 during our Winter Party. The auction raised \$1,650 from which the club will make a donation to the Mt. Diablo High School (Concord) varsity tennis program, led by WCRC-member **Fran Bagnasco**. Thanks to all winning bidders for participating and supporting a good cause!



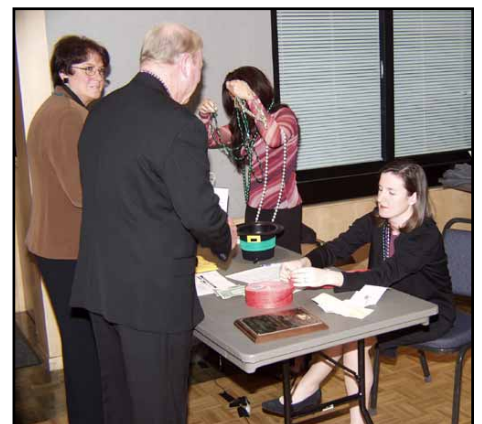
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NTRP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE • 2004

February 14-16, 21-22

14TH ANNUAL SOLANO NTRP CHAMPIONSHIPS
NMW(3.0-5.5)sd; NX(3.0-5.5)d
Solano Athletic Club, Fairfield
Entry deadline: January 26
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500001704

February 14-16, 21-22

52ND ANNUAL CHALLENGE CUP SENIORS
M(35-75)sd; W(35-70)sd
Oak Park Tennis Center, Stockton
Entry deadline: February 4
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #508300904

February 28-29, March 6-7

SLUG TENNIS NTRP
NMW(3.5,4.5,5.5)s; NM(4.5,5.5)d; NW (4.5)d; NX(4.5)d
UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz
Entry deadline: February 16
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #508306404

February 28-29, March 6-7

SLUG TENNIS OPEN
MW(Op)sd; MX(Op)d
UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz
Entry deadline: February 16
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500002204

February 28-29

SPORTSMEN OF STANISLAUS NTRP CHALLENGE
MW(3.5-5.5)s; M(4.0-5.5)d; W(4.0-5.0)d; MX(3.5-5.5)d
Sportsmen of Stanislaus Club, Modesto
Entry deadline: February 18
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #508306904

March 5-7, 26-28

MONTEREY BAY NTRP 3.0-5.5
MW(3.0-5.5)sd
Monterey Tennis Center, Monterey
Entry deadline: February 25
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500002804