

THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

June, 2020



How we're coping!



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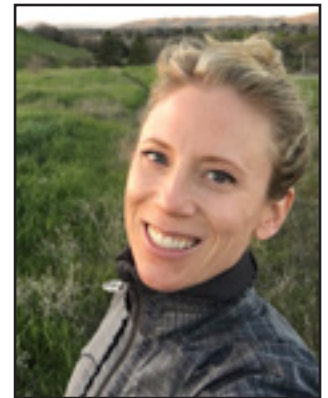
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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy June!

We are slowly getting to a place where tennis is back in our lives. Lifetime has opened up to singles and doubles. Of course protocols are still necessary. Check out the Lifetime update on page 3 for all the details.



Sally Krapf
2020 WCRC President

Unfortunately the remainder of the WCRC **Winter Doubles** Season has been cancelled. The good news is we will be reimbursing all players that signed up for the league.

Some good news is that **Summer Singles** is going to open on June 1st.

Thanks to Patrick Forden and his team at Percepticon who revamped our old website. Our **new website** will be launched by the end of May. Lots of new features. We will be going through and making how to videos for ease of use. You can always contact us to help with any issues.

On another note due to Covid-19 the WCRC is adding six months of membership to all existing members.

Check out all the **How we are coping** photos that members submitted (pages 5-9).

Everyone please stay safe and healthy. Stay home and support our essential workers however you can.

Sally Krapf





The Board will be reopening our website to allow new members to join the Club.

Now that we are reopening, we are working with the firm that hosts our site to add six (6) months of free membership to all existing members.

Until the programming is complete it may look as though you are dropped or late paying your dues; please just ignore these messages for a while and we'll be back in touch when the programming is done.

Thanks for your patience!

Pam Maloney
Membership Chair

Lifetime Activities A Message from Lifetime Activities

WELCOME BACK PLAYERS!

Lifetime Activities Walnut Creek is happy to welcome our players back to tennis and pickleball. While we are excited for everyone to return to the courts, we must remind **tennis (singles and doubles)** and pickleball (singles only) players to please follow safety guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our team and patrons. Please keep the following things in mind:

- All participants and spectators must respect social distancing guidelines and **stay at least six feet apart** at all times to maintain social distancing. **No gatherings are permitted.**
- A maximum of **4 players per court is allowed per court for tennis**, and **2 players per court (singles only) for pickleball.**
- **Cash will not be accepted at the pro-shop.** We will take credit cards, ApplePay, and checks.
- Drinking fountains and the ice machine remain unavailable, please plan accordingly. Drinks and snacks are available for purchase at the pro-shop.
- Bring a folding chair as the use of benches is currently unavailable.
- Use of shared equipment, including racquets, paddles and water bottles, is prohibited.
- Each player may only touch their own individually labeled tennis or pickleball balls.
- Players shall stay on one side of the court for duration of play
- Individuals may not enter the facility if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

We ask that captains / organizers remind and help ensure that their groups / players abide by the guidelines above.

For those of you who have a court usage pass these were put on hold effective March 16th, 2020. Once reactivated, the pass will be extended for the period it was on hold. PLUS Pass holders will receive an additional \$30 credit on their account.

We are happy to announce that racquet repair and restringing services have resumed. Unfortunately, ball machine service and demo service remain unavailable at this time. We intend to resume summer camps and programs the week of June 8th. Please see www.lifetimeactivities.com for details.

For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at isabellaf@lifetimeactivities.com

Warm Regards,

Isabella

Isabella Feinberg
General Manager

Member Spotlight

Joe Noth Hella Positive, Meet Joe Noth

Interview and article by Pam Maloney.

As an effort to get to know our membership the Board has decided to start a new monthly column "Member Spotlight". We will be interviewing WCRC members and getting to know them. This article will help us find out how they got introduced to tennis, their background, any favorite memories, etc. We hope you enjoy this new commentary.

When Dana Gill founder and CEO of Lifetime Activities, met Joe he picked him out of 150 others to be the Director of Tennis & Activities at Heather Farm. His instinct about Joe being a great teacher were absolutely right.



Joe's introduction to tennis didn't happen until he was 12, but he knew he loved the sport. Growing up in Cincinnati put him in USTA's mid-west section which meant he and his Mom travelled quite a bit on weekends so he could play competitively. Of course, this was in addition to playing at his high school which just happens to be De LaSalle, a sister school to our own. When time for college came around so did the scholarship offers. He chose Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC, a Division 3 school, so he could immediately play both singles and doubles. He loved the tennis and was able to help the team bring home the 2005 USA South Conference Championship. After one year in NC Joe decided to head back to his hometown and attend the University of Cincinnati. Unfortunately, the 3.5 GPA he brought with him didn't last long. The return to U.C. meant hanging out with childhood friends and living off campus. His focus switched to social life as U.C. didn't have a tennis program and Joe found other extracurricular activities to keep him happy.

From the age of 16, Joe was teaching tennis during summers and school breaks so transitioning into a full-time teaching pro was meant to be. He got his USPTA certification at 19 y.o. and by 2006 he moved to Culpepper, VA where he became the Head Tennis Professional at Culpepper Sport and Racquet Club. That club had 3 indoor clay courts and Joe did everything from starting a successful clinic program, opening a pro shop, hosting USTA tournaments, clay court maintenance, answering phones and even taking out the trash. After almost 5 years Joe decided it was time to move on so he started sending out resumes. His focus was the east coast, but he also replied to Lifetime's open position.

When Lifetime sent him a plane ticket he thought why not; after all he'd never been to California. The interview included giving a lesson to none other than Sterling Fairholm, John Lien and Mark Jimenez. He was impressed but had an interview in North Carolina the following week but Dana was willing to wait for his answer. Lucky for us, Joe chose the position at Heather Farm.

In March of 2011 he loaded his Jeep, said good bye to his parents and brother and took a week driving cross country, arriving in Walnut Creek on St. Patrick's Day. Joe's love for teaching and organizing tennis events is obvious. So many of the activities at Heather are his ideas, including a Friends and Family event he organizes for the staff so he can really get to know the people he works with. In 2013 he started a Competition Training program for 8-9 year olds and today all the girls from that class made their high school varsity teams as freshmen. An accomplishment to be proud of.

Joe's trusty Jeep blew up in the summer of 2018 so he was riding his motorcycle a bit more. On August 24,

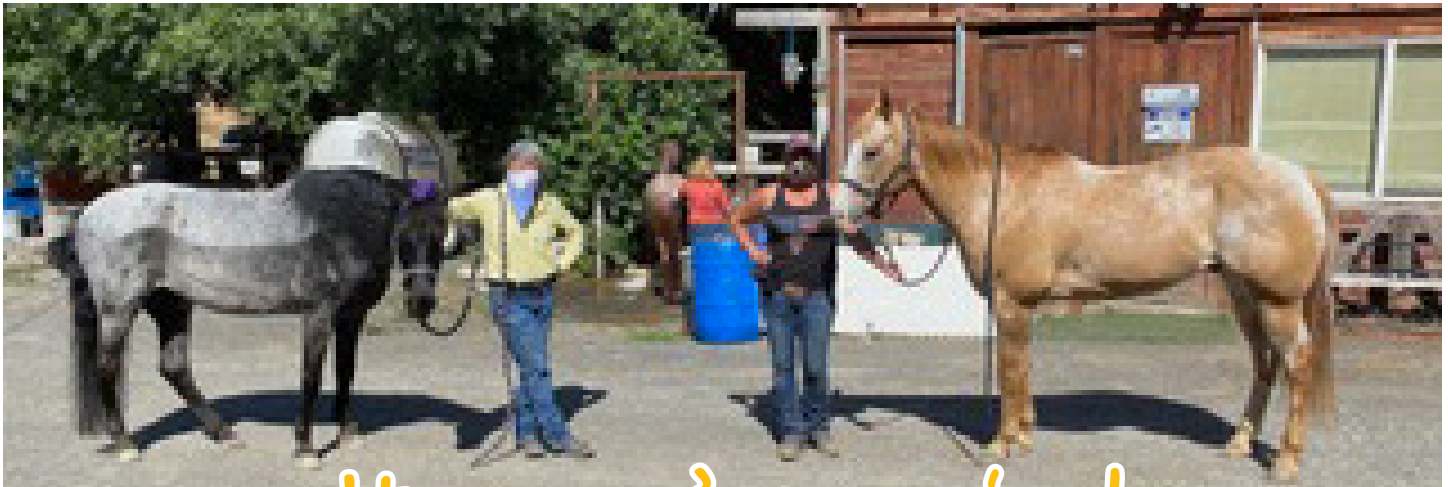
2018 he was on his bike when an 86 year old woman, with no drivers license, made an illegal U-turn on Detroit, near Costco. Joe's life went upside down as she struck him leaving him with a broken left leg and openly dislocating his left arm. If it wasn't for Concord PD, three good Samaritans and the staff of John Muir, he wouldn't be the same. As it turned out, the people who helped him were neighbors and have become close friends. When he was released from the hospital his Mom flew out to help take care of him but in the meantime his friends had built a wheelchair ramp at his home. He contends that SIP isn't all that bad for him since he was pretty much house bound and in the wheelchair for almost 2 months.

Although Joe was in Virginia for almost 5 years he never even thought about buying a house. After just 6 months in Walnut Creek, he knew this is where he wanted to be. Within a year he bought a house in Concord and now shares it with a couple of friends from softball. He seems to have settled in a place that suits him. He became a season ticket holder of the silver and black (Raiders to those who don't know), loves the A's and everything else about this area. One of his many friends gave him a bracelet while he was in the hospital that says "Hella Positive" and he wears it always. Joe celebrates his arrival in California every year around St. Patrick's Day with a big party at his home and luckily for him that was the day before SIP began. Today he's back at Heather with a reduced staff but still teaching private lessons and staying Hella Positive. That's Joe Noth.

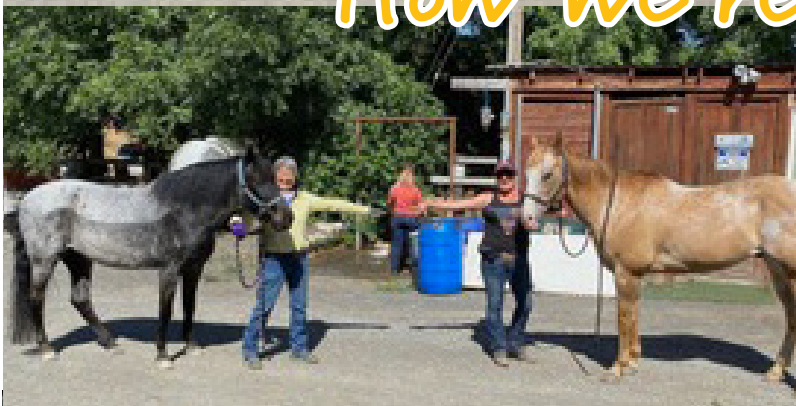


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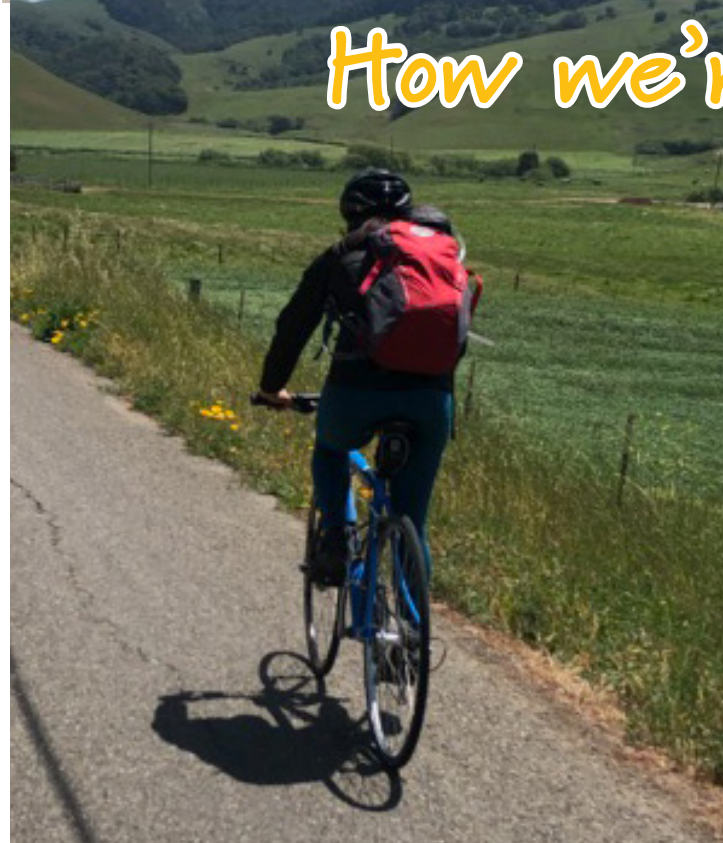


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CALENDER OF EVENTS

2020

**ALL Tennis Events On Hold
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2020 CANCELLED USTA LEAGUES

All 2020 National League Championships

2019 Combo Sectionals

2020 Adult 55+

2020 Mixed 18+

2020 Adult 18-45 Singles

2020 Adult 70+

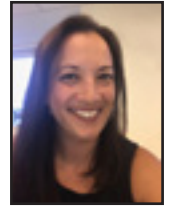
2020 Combo Doubles

Jun **thru** **Dec**

Jun 1	WCRC Summer Singles League Opens
Jun 8	USTA 18+ Team Registration Opens
Jul 6	USTA 40+ Mixed Team Registration Opens
Jul 13	USTA 18+ Team Registration Closes
Aug 3	USTA 40+ Team Season Resumes
Aug 3	USTA 40+ Mixed Team Registration Closes
Aug 10	USTA 18+ Team Season Opens
Aug 30	USTA 40+ Team Season Closes
Sep 9	WCRC Fall Mixed League Opens
Sep 10-13	USTA 40+ Playoffs Round 1
Sep 14	USTA 40+ Mixed Team Season Opens
Sep 24-27	USTA 40+ Playoffs Round 2
Oct 2	USTA 18+ Team Season Closes
Oct 9-11	USTA 40+ Section Championships
Oct 15-18	USTA 18+ Playoffs Round 1
Oct 22-25	USTA 18+ Playoffs Round 2
Oct 24-25	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament
Oct 23-25	USTA Tri-Level
Oct 29-Nov 1	USTA 18+ Playoffs for 2 flights

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel
as of April, 2020



Walnut Creek Racquet Club
Profit and Loss
January - April, 2020

	Total
Income	
Advertising Income	\$219.45
Total League Dues	\$2,618.44
Membership Dues	\$7,844.28
Total Income	\$10,682.17
Gross Profit	\$10,682.17
Expenses	
Board Meeting	\$409.40
Court Usage Fees	\$35.00
District Fees	\$585.00
Equipment	\$173.99
Filling Fees	\$20.00
Gifts	\$126.64
Total League Expenses	\$2,602.33
Office Supplies	\$98.48
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$75.01
Rental Deposit	-500.00
Sectionals Fees	\$90.00
Website	\$399.70
Total Expenses	\$4,115.55
Net Operating Income	\$6,566.62
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Balance as of April, 2020	\$52,668.41

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The Walnut Creek Racquet Club has proudly supported the Alzheimer's Association (ALZ) for the past 4 years in their fight to raise funds and awareness against this awful disease. ALZ holds an annual event on which they call The Longest Day (TLD). TLD is the day with the most light — the summer solstice. On June 20, people from across the world will fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through a fundraising activity of their choice. We have chosen "TENNIS" and raised over \$33,000 over the past 4 years. Achieving #1 fundraising for any tennis team across the entire country

This year, due to Covid 19, there will be no tennis tournament. We WILL continue to raise funds for this worthy cause. In order to donate, please go to this page <http://act.alz.org/goto/TheLongestTennisRally> and follow the steps noted. Please process by June 20, 2020.

We thank you very much for your support and hope to see you at next year's tournament!

