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Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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Shari Wiseman is ready at the net, as her partner Julie O'Keefe, waits to kill a serve on Day 3 of the Senior Women's districts playoffs at Elk Grove. (They won their match in a ten point tie-breaker!)

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Short on Space...

It's taken us awhile to realize that we need to keep this newsletter to 8 pages because of the manual work involved if it exceeds that amount. (it's a folding issue you can ask Robert about). Anyway, that means we're going to have to be better editors and some news may get delayed. Since there's a lot to tell this month, I'm cutting my message short and next month you may see additional changes so we can get more news to you.

First, a quick thanks to those of you who voiced your opinion on TPI. We appreciate hearing from you. WCRC will not be fielding combo teams this year as long as USTA NorCal continues to demand TPI participation.

For those of you who attended our annual Winter Banquet, you'll remember that the proceeds from our silent auction were to be used toward the needs of Mt. Diablo High School's Tennis teams. To benefit both the boys and girls squads, we settled on giving them a ball machine and I think you can tell from the photo that they were very excited about their new "Tennis Tutor". Team members are pictured below. Their coaches, Miguel



Pam Maloney
2004 WCRC President



Romo and Fran Bagnasco (yes, our Fran) and Carolyn Spady and myself were there to present the Tennis Tutor.

Lastly, please given a special thanks to Judy Stillman, Jennifer Scriabine and Tammy Chan for an OUTSTANDING Winter Doubles Tournament weekend. It was a blast!

See you on the courts...

Pam Maloney

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2004

Men's and Women's Summer Singles Leagues Registration Form

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

T-shirt Size M L XL XXL

T-shirt Type Regular V-neck* Tank top*

*V-neck and tank top in women's style only

Current Rating: 2.5 4.5

3.0 5.0

3.5 5.5

4.0

I would like to enter the following division:

Women's 2.5 Men's 3.0

Women's 3.0 Men's 3.5

Women's 3.5 Men's 4.0

Women's 4.0 Men's 4.5

Women's 4.5-5.0 Men's 5.0-5.5

I am a: WCRC Member (\$25)

CCTA Member (\$25)

Non-Member (\$35)

I am available to play matches:

Weekday days Weekend mornings

Weekday evenings Weekend afternoons

How did you hear about this league?

I've played before

From someone who has played before

Email/Internet

This newsletter

How many years have you played in this league?

7 6 5 4 3 2 1st yr

Registration Deadline: May 15
www.ccta.cc

ACE IT!

Tournament to Benefit Breast Cancer



The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation



A Tennis Benefit For Breast Cancer Awareness Presented By Orindawoods Tennis Club and Friends! June 26, 2004

You are invited to participate in the second annual tennis benefit day at Orindawoods ~ this year's benefit organization is Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation San Francisco Chapter.

For more information email Linda Richardi at monalinda@jps.net or visit our website at www.wcrc.net.

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Tennis News



Great Expectations

It was the year 2000 when the new ratings came out and we realized we could now play at the Senior USTA 3.5 level instead of 4.0. Aha! we said, now we can win!! Sure enough, we won and went to Sectionals (the last step before Nationals) playoffs losing 1-2. Then in 2001-02 we felt we really had it all together and went to the Districts, again losing 1-2. In 2002-03, adding some new players and tactics, we won the Districts 3-0, but then lost at Sectionals 0-3. Surely this 2003-04 year was ours! We had two players who were re-rated 3.5 from 4.0, three new 50 year olds, lots of depth, etc. However, we again lost at Districts 1-2. How could we lose? We had lots of experience, an exceptional team, and a benevolent captain. Well, guess what? The opposition was unbelievable, experienced, aggressive and sharp (just like us). Will we ever win? Who knows? But the process has been wonderful and I wouldn't have traded it for anything. We have players from 2001 who are still with us like **Hilde Chan, Sharon Greene, Gisela Hendrickson, Karyn Hoyer, Anne Mann, Umeko Nishimura, Julie O'Keefe, Diane Siebert, Shari Wiseman and Joan Yao. Mary Kay Wilcock** and **Kathy Lee** joined somewhat later.

Brand new this year were **Janet Couchot, Mimi Howard, Yvette Pezzaglia, Irene Stokon**, and our

"junior" seniors - **Sue Danner, Maria Caven and Pam Palitz**. Let me tell you about all of them. They are very generous in all respects, give constant support to each other and "worry" that maybe someone else should take their place in a match "because they're not as strong as..." Well, I can't say enough for them. Maybe we deserve to win (some day) and I guess we've been winning all along just knowing each other and playing a great sport.

-Rita Utz, CTMY (Captain for Too Many Years)

Tournament Updates

3.0 Tennis is not your Father's 3.0 tennis - as the WCRC Senior men's team found out at the District Championships played at ELK Grove. The tournament started with a hard fought 0-3 loss to Marin as WCRC lost two of the infamous "anything can happen" tie breakers, 10-8 and 11-9. With only a slim hope of progressing, the team ran into a very strong Gold River team losing 0-3 with all matches lost in straight sets. **Jay Evans** and **Joel Schaffer** saved the team from a 0-9 bagel as they teamed on the third day for our only win - a third set tie breaker over Napa. 3.0 tennis is definitely not what it use to be.

Despite the loses, **Gerry Brown, Francis Chan, Dale Crabtree, Jay Evans, Dick Gall, Ron Huxley, Irv Pearlstein, Joel Schaffer, and Dave Sperry** had a great time at the 20 court facility. With the cooperation of mother nature, we all enjoyed a well-planned and well-executed event. We certainly plan to return next year, and hope that everyone has the opportunity to experience the excitement of playing at Districts. A special thanks to the volunteers of the WCRC for all the support and the opportunity to sponsor a team.

If you were unable to get to Elk Grove to cheer on the WCRC Senior Women's 3.5 and Senior Men's 3.0, you have another opportunity to support the WCRC 6.0 Mixed Doubles team at their Districts to be held May 22-23 at the Pleasanton Community Tennis Center. In addition, Craig and Carla Kirk's WCRC 7.0 Mixed will be representing Diablo North at the Districts also on May 22-23. Their matches will be played at Harbor Bay in Alameda.

So come out cheer on your fellow club members as they attempt to progress to the Sectionals and Nationals.



Front (l-r): Shari Wiseman, Yvette Pezzaglia, Mary Kay Wilcock, Pam Palitz, Maria Caven.

Back (l-r): Kathy Lee, Gisela Hendrickson, Rita Utz (captain), Janet Couchot, Joan Yao, Karyn Hoyer, Sharon Greene, Diane Siebert. Missing from picture: Hilde Chan, Anne Mann, Irene Stokon, Julie O'Keefe, Umeko Nishimura, Mimi Howard, Sue Danner.



Tennis News



Maria Caven and Pam Palitz King at Districts this week-end in Elk Grove. They played for Rita Utz's 3.5 team and won in the super tie breaker.

WCRC vs. WCRC Matches

- 5/1 Women's 4.0 • 2:30pm • Heather Farms
Heidi Belton vs. Vicki Linck
- 5/1 Men's 4.0 • 12:15pm • Larkey Park
Marty Tedlock vs. Jesse Gonzalez
- 5/2 Women's 3.5 • 2:30 pm • Heather Farms
Carolyn Spady vs. Rita Utz'
- 5/6 Women's 4.0 • 6:30 pm • Heather Farms
Debbie Hellmann vs. Heidi Belton
- 5/8 Women's 3.5 • 3:30 pm • Rudgear
Terri Hernandez vs. Shirley Nagle
- 5/29 Women's 4.0 • 12:15 pm • Rudgear
Vicki Linck vs. Debbie Hellmann
- 6/13 Men's 4.0 • 12:15 pm • Rudgear
Pete Truong vs. Marty Tedlock

HELP! I'm looking for someone to take over the Court Reporter newsletter in 2005. Anyone who has design and layout experience and is familiar with Pagemaker, please contact Tammie Snyder at 925-957-0604 or by email at tammie@gte.net.



2004 Mixed Doubles Club Championships June 12 -13

When: June 12 - 13
 Where: Walnut Creek Tennis Center
 Deadline: **Tuesday, June 1**
 Divisions: Mixed 6.0 Mixed 8.0
 Mixed 7.0 Mixed 9.0+
 Entry Fees: \$20 per team*

2003 Defending Champions

- 6.0 Francis Crusit & Kathleen "Pru" Pruden
- 7.0 Jay Hoyer & Umeko Nishimura
- 8.0 Tom Jur & Veronica Roussel
- 9.0+ Melanie Pizzoli & Martin Dunlap

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

Please check appropriate division you would like to play: 6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0+

Make checks payable to WCRC and send no later than June 1, 2004 to:

Jennifer Scriabine, 2416 Encinal Drive • Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Questions? Please call Jennifer at 939-4328 or email her at scriabine@astound.net.

*Entry fees include tennis balls, BBQ, individual trophies for winners.

You must be an **active member** of WCRC to play in the Club Championships.

2004 Women's & Men's Winter Doubles Tournament Results

In the heat of the weekend the Men's 3.0 division was lucky in that none of their matches went three sets. In fact, we had only one tie-breaker and the rest of the sets were over relatively quickly. In the finals the #2 seeds **Raleigh and Falkner** bested the #1 seeds **Kalustian and Roth** in two sets. In the Men's 3.5 **Mullapudi and Pon** did not lose more than 4 games in a single match prior to the finals, but they had their hands full with **Van Oosbree and Fong**. They lost the first set but came back strong to win it in the end. The 4.0 Men has some long days, with 3 of the quarterfinal matches going to three sets and both semifinal matches were close as well. The #11 seeds **Dasso and Blastic** held on through several tough matches to get to the finals but the #3 seeds **Panda and Kim** wore them out in a first set tie-break and went on to win in two. In the Men's 4.5s, the #2 seeds did not show up which allowed the 3rd seeds **Lee and Attiyeh** to make it through to the finals against the #1 seeds **Ladrech and Andrews**. Ladrech and Andrews came out strong to win the first and go up quickly in the 2nd. However, Lee and Attiyeh battled back and won the 2nd. They then carried that momentum over into the 3rd and were able to secure a 5-2 lead. Ladrech and Andrews weren't finished and they staged an amazing comeback, much to the delight of the fans. They fell just short and lost it on yet another lob from Lee.

On the ladies side of the tournament, the 2.5s ended up with only two teams so they battled it out for the champions trophy. The tandem of **Bentley and Bryant** defeated **McCormick and Finney** in a very long two sets despite a score of 6-1, 6-4. At the 3.0s, we had the marathon matches on Sunday. **Dare and Yoshitake** played a long three setter in the semi-finals and had to go back on the courts 15 minutes later to play the finals. They then played another three setter but in the end **Louis and Huxley** outlasted them to win the championship. The only other team to play more tennis this weekend was **Gee and Suzuki**. They entered in both the 4.0 and 4.5 and made it to both finals. They bested **Harrington and McCarley** in the 4.0 final and turned around and played an amazing three setter against **Riker and Weinshelbaum** in the 4.5 finals. This was some of the best tennis of the weekend and after close to three hours Riker and Weinshelbaum pulled it out.

Overall it was a great weekend, with plenty of sunshine, good food and great tennis. I'd really like to thank **Tammy Chan, Pam Maloney, Judy Stillman, Susie Dunlap, Shari Huber and Robert Young** for all their help.

Men's 5.0

*Peterson/Lindstrom
won the tournament
for the third time.*



Men's 4.5

*Lee/Attiyeh def.
Andrews/Ladrech
2-6, 6-4, 6-4*



Men's 4.0

*Panda/Kim def.
Dasso/Blastic
7-6(3), 6-3*



Men's 3.5

*Mullapudi/Pon def.
Von Oosbree/Fong
2-6, 6-3, 6-1*



Men's 3.0

*Raleigh/Faulkner
def. Kalustian/Roth
6-2, 6-3*



Women's 4.5

Riker/
Weinshelbaum
def.
Gee/Suzuki
6-4, 3-6, 6-3



Women's 4.0

Gee/Suzuki def.
Harrington/
McCarley
6-1, 6-2

Women's 3.5

Kreysar/
Rothfield
def.
Johnson/
Gutermuth
6-2, 6-3



Women's 3.0

Louis/Huxley
def. Dare/
Yoshitake
6-4, 3-6, 6-4

Women's 2.5

Bentley/Bryant
def.
McCormick/
Finney
6-1, 6-4



TREASURER'S REPORT



Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of March 31, 2004

Income

Awards Banquet	3,106.00
Siebel Bus Trip	2,015.00
Little Siebel Tournament	200.00
Winter Doubles League	1,975.00
Interest	5.74
Advertising	780.00
Membership Dues	4,340.00
Silent Auction	1,610.00
Valentines Tournament	485.00
Total Income	14,786.74

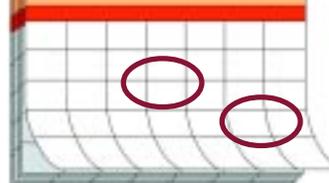
Expenses

Siebel Bus Trip	2,898.50
Little Siebel Tournament	94.82
Turkey Tournament	327.76
Winter Doubles	1,500.00
Awards Banquet	3,307.17
Newsletter	1,936.50
Non-Profit Fees	20.00
Postage	7.40
Printing/Duplicating	29.86
Supplies	289.98
Website	107.70
Valentines Tournament	216.81
Total Expenses	14,442.04

Profit (Loss) **344.70**

Balance March 31, 2004 **\$12,893.77**

Calendar of Events



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY

- 1-2** Senior Leagues - Sectional Championships
- 7-8** WCRC Calcutta (Party 7th, Tennis 8th)
- 21-23** Mixed Leagues - District Championships

JUNE

- 1** WCRC/CCTA Summer Singles Leagues Begin
- 12-13** WCRC Club Championships - Mixed Doubles

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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NTRP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE • 2004

May 3-9

CHICO SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
MW(30-85)sd
Chico Racquet Club, Chico
Entry deadline: April 21
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500005904

May 6-9

BAY COUNTIES OPEN
(Men's Open Singles)sd
Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville
Entry deadline: April 28
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500019204

May 8-9, 15-16

JOHN CRAMER MEMORIAL NTRP
MW(3.5-4.0)sd; MX(3.5-4.0)d
Pacific Courts, San Leandro
Entry deadline: April 26
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #508306804

May 8-9, 15-16

LAKE MERCED 4.5, 5.0, 5.5 NTRP
MW(4.5-5.5)sd; MX(4.5-5.5)d
San Francisco State University, San Francisco
Entry deadline: April 26
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500006704

May 14-16

17TH ANNUAL SOLANO SENIORS
MW(35-65)sd; MX(35-65)d
Solano Athletic Club, Fairfield
Entry deadline: April 30
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500006804

May 21-24

MILLS COLLEGE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
MW(30,40,50,60)s; MW(30,40,50,60)d; MX(30,40,50,60)d
Mills College, Oakland
Entry deadline: May 10
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #508306704