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Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy July!

In case you haven't heard the USTA 18+ season registration has been put on hold until July 20th. There is a high chance that there won't be any USTA seasons for the remainder of the year. More than likely it will be dependent on if the US Open happens or not.



Sally Krapf
2020 WCRC President

Regardless the **WCRC summer singles league** has officially opened and we have quite a few players registered. If you are looking to get back on the courts this league is a great way to meet new players at your level and set up matches when and where you both agree on. Save \$5 by signing up on line at <https://wcrc.net/login> or you can fill out the form found on page 8 and mail it in.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the new WCRC website take a moment and get yourself familiar. Lots of content and new things to do. We are fixing any issues to make it a seamless transition. You can always contact us to help with any issues.

Last month's issue was fun to see WCRC members and how they are coping in their non-tennis lives.

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

Have a safe 4th of July.

Sally Krapf



M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our **4** New Members
Current Membership: **1220**

Amrita Brard	Walnut Creek	4.0
David Gross	Walnut Creek	3.0
Martha Van Orshoven	Lafayette	n/a
Ronald Wurgley	Lafayette	3.5

As promised, the Board added 6 months to all WCRC member accounts to acknowledge our inability to play for the last several months. The best way to see your renewal date is to look at the membership site under "My membership information" where you'll see your current term which reflects the additional six months.

Of course, you'll receive an automatic email when your renewal comes up so you really don't have to do anything. Hope to see you on the courts!

Pam Maloney
Membership Chair



Membership questions contact:
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Lifetime Activities

A Message from Lifetime Activities

July 4th Hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Safety Reminders

Given the current situation, we would like to remind our patrons of the following safety guidelines:

- Please observe appropriate physical distancing, and stay 6+ feet apart at all times. Gatherings on or around the courts are not permitted at this time.
- No handshakes, high fives, or close physical contact with members outside your household. It is recommended that each player touches only their own set of tennis balls.
- Please bring extra water and a folding chair as the water fountains, benches, and bleachers remain unavailable at this time. All gates will remain open to minimize touch points.
- Our pro-shop is not currently accepting cash as a form of payment. We accept all major credit cards, or ApplePay / Android Pay. Payment is expected prior to court usage.
- Tennis doubles is allowed with a maximum of 4 people on court. Pickleball remains singles only at this time with a maximum of 2 people on court.
- Ball Machine service, demo service, and Adult group lessons remain unavailable at this time.

Summer Is Here!

As temperatures heat up, Lifetime Activities would like to remind our patrons to exercise caution in the hotter weather. Sun protection (sunscreen, hats, sunglasses) and light-colored clothing are recommended. Stay safe and hydrated!

Youth Summer Camps (7-15y) Summer Camps are available to sign up for on a weekly basis. We offer camps Monday thru Friday, and well as Saturday and Sunday camps. **We offer an AM Tennis option from 9am-12pm and an All Day Tennis & Activities option from 9am-3:45pm.** You can register online on our website: www.lifetimeactivities.com or stop by the office. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are not offering Little Tennis Camps for 4-6-year-olds this year.

Member Spotlight

Tammie Snyder

It Must Have Been The Watermelon Blow Pop

Interview and article by Lynne Weinshelbaum.

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.

Tammie Snyder is well known to everyone who is a WCRC member and anyone who has played tennis in the Bay Area. Her dedication to the racquet club and the game of tennis is an inspiration to us all. What would the Calcutta tournament be without Tammie's guiding hand and superior organization skills? But what do you really know about Tammie? Let's find out.

Tammie was born in Hollywood, CA and was raised with her 2 sisters in Pasadena and El Segundo. The laid back beachside community of El Segundo certainly helped to mold her personality and keen wit. In 1979 the family moved to Alamo when Tammie's father got a job in the Bay Area. Although the change from El Segundo was pretty dramatic Tammie was able to roll with it and hold onto her free spirit. She graduated from San Ramon High and attended Cal State Hayward intending to take education classes and become a teacher.

Searching for a new direction Tammie quit taking school and worked at various jobs including a waitress at a Mongolian BBQ restaurant. She later worked for a manufacturing company in San Jose and took up graphic design which she taught herself (the best way to learn if you have a determined and strong personality). Having conquered graphic design, Tammie went to work for Harrison Promotional Services in Walnut Creek. Which is when tennis finally enters the picture.

Tammie and her boss, Bryan, would hit every day before work at 6 in the morning (certainly well before I have had my first cup of coffee). What a great way to start your day and hone your tennis skills (not to mention also helping to develop a terrific rapport with your boss). In 1993 Tammie bought out Bryan's company and formed TLC Designs. Her full name was Tammie Lynn Coker hence the "TLC".

In September of 1996 Tammie moved to Washington State with her high school boyfriend of 13 years. She began working as a temp in a warehouse at an airplane manufacturing company. One day she was working on the manufacturing floor with a blow pop in her mouth (you can easily picture this right?). Someone asked her if she had another blow pop. She didn't but promised to bring them one the next day. That someone was Justin. And, yes, he did get his watermelon blow pop the next day.

At the time both Tammie and Justin were in relationships. When one day Justin's hand touched Tammie's she felt an electric jolt and knew that cupid had aimed his arrow well. Knowing that Justin was not able to commit, Tammie left her boyfriend and moved back to the Bay Area. She resumed her old routines of hitting with Bryan and developing TLC Designs. As we all know, that was not the end of the story.



Nearly a year later, Justin contacted Tammie and was ready to commit. He moved down to the Bay Area and they were married in February of 2000. Logan came along and the family was almost complete. Justin, not being a tennis player, needed to be converted. Tammie was the perfect teacher. One night they were having dinner at China Village in Ygnacio Plaza and noticed lights across the street and went to investigate. It was Heather Farm and a symbiotic relationship was born.

They began playing tennis at Heather and joined several teams. Being a natural organizer Tammie started captaining teams, on her own and with Myrl Kan. To date she has captained/co-captained 88 teams.



WCRC then president, Kent Lindeman asked Tammie if she would join the WCRC Board and do the monthly newsletter (of course she would!).

Tammie joined the board and has held nearly every position at least once. In 2001 she became the driving force for the most loved tournament, the Calcutta. Her ability to juggle at least three balls at the same time has year in and year out contributed to the tremendous success of the Calcutta.

For Tammie, Heather Farm and the racquet club are a loving extension of her family. She, Justin and Logan have developed lifelong friends. There is also a compassionate and empathetic side to Tammie. Her current project in the works is BeUnderstanding.com, (website is currently under construction) that she and Logan masterminded together. As Tammie and Logan say “You don’t have to understand, you just have to be understanding”.

Want a final picture of Tammie – when she was in her mid 20’s she was riding her motorcycle out Tassajara and hit some loose gravel on the newly paved road. The bike went down and so did she. Tammie got major road rash on her elbows, knuckles, knees and half her face. Ouch! I can see her now, hair whipping in the wind and Born To Be Wild playing in the background.

Recently the Snyder’s added a new addition to their family. Now 5 month old and a whopping 7 pound Havamalt (half Havanese/ half Maltese) puppy Nelson. He has brought so much joy and love into their family and they find him quite distracting during these times of sheltering in place.

You can find Tammie, Justin and now Nelson down at Heather every Monday night running practice as she’s been doing every Monday night for the past 16 years!



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CALENDER OF EVENTS

2020

**ALL Tennis Events On Hold
Until August 1st**

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

Jul thru **Oct**

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+ Daytime Team Season Closes
Oct 4	USTA 18+ Team Season Closes
Oct 9-11	USTA 40+ Section Championships
Oct 12-16	USTA 18+ Daytime Playoffs Round 1
Oct 15-18	USTA 18+ Playoffs Round 1
Oct 19-23	USTA 18+ Daytime Playoffs Round 2
Oct 22-25	USTA 18+ Playoffs Round 2
Oct 24-25	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament
Oct 23-25	USTA Tri-Level

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel
through May, 2020



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

	Total
Income	
Advertising Income	\$219.45
Total League Dues	\$2,618.44
Membership Dues	\$8,322.16
Total Income	\$11,160.05
Gross Profit	\$11,160.05
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	\$138.48
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$87.47
Rental Deposit	-500.00
Sectionals Fees	\$90.00
Website	\$469.70
Total Expenses	\$4,238.01
Net Operating Income	\$6,922.04
Net Income	\$6,922.04
Balance through May, 2020	\$53,023.83



2020 Men's and Women's Summer Singles Leagues Registration Form

Register
on-line
save \$5

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:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 3.0 | <input type="radio"/> Men's 3.0 |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 3.5 | <input type="radio"/> Men's 3.5 |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 4.0 | <input type="radio"/> Men's 4.0 |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 4.5/5.0 | <input type="radio"/> Men's 4.5/5.0 |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 50+ (3.0-5.0) | <input type="radio"/> Men's 50+ (3.0-5.0) |

50+ Division is 1 flight with ALL levels (3.0 - 5.0)

I am a: ☐ WCRC Member (\$25)
☐ Non-Member (\$35)

If you register on line per bracket:

- ☐ WCRC Member (\$20)
☐ Non-Member (\$30)

Register
on-line
save \$5

Dates: April 20th - September 25th
Entry Fee: \$25 for WCRC Members (per bracket)
\$35 for non-members (per bracket)

Format: Men's Singles/Women's Singles

Divisions: Men's 3.0 - 4.5/5.0
Women's 3.0 - 4.5/5.0

Scheduling: This is an open schedule. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches. Players will be provided with a contact list of participants within their division.

Match Format: Best best two out of three sets. When opponents agree, a super tiebreaker (10 point) can be used in lieu of the third set. Winner gets unopened can.

Match Site: Any site mutually agreed upon

Scoring: The winner is responsible for reporting the match score by logging on to www.wcrc.net.

Standings: Division standing will be updated on a real time basis as scores are posted

Tournament: End-of-season tournament with draw determined by league standings.
Round of 64: 9/21-9/27 (by arrangement)
Round of 32: 9/28-10/4 (by arrangement)
Round of 16: 10/5-10/11 (by arrangement)
Quarters: 10/12-10/23 (by arrangement)
Semi-finals: 10/24 (onsite)
Finals 10/25 (onsite)
A minimum of 4 players are required to generate a draw.

Match Min.: 6 matches

Checks to: Walnut Creek Racquet Club (**NOT** WCRC)
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Or Online: wcrc.net/login

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