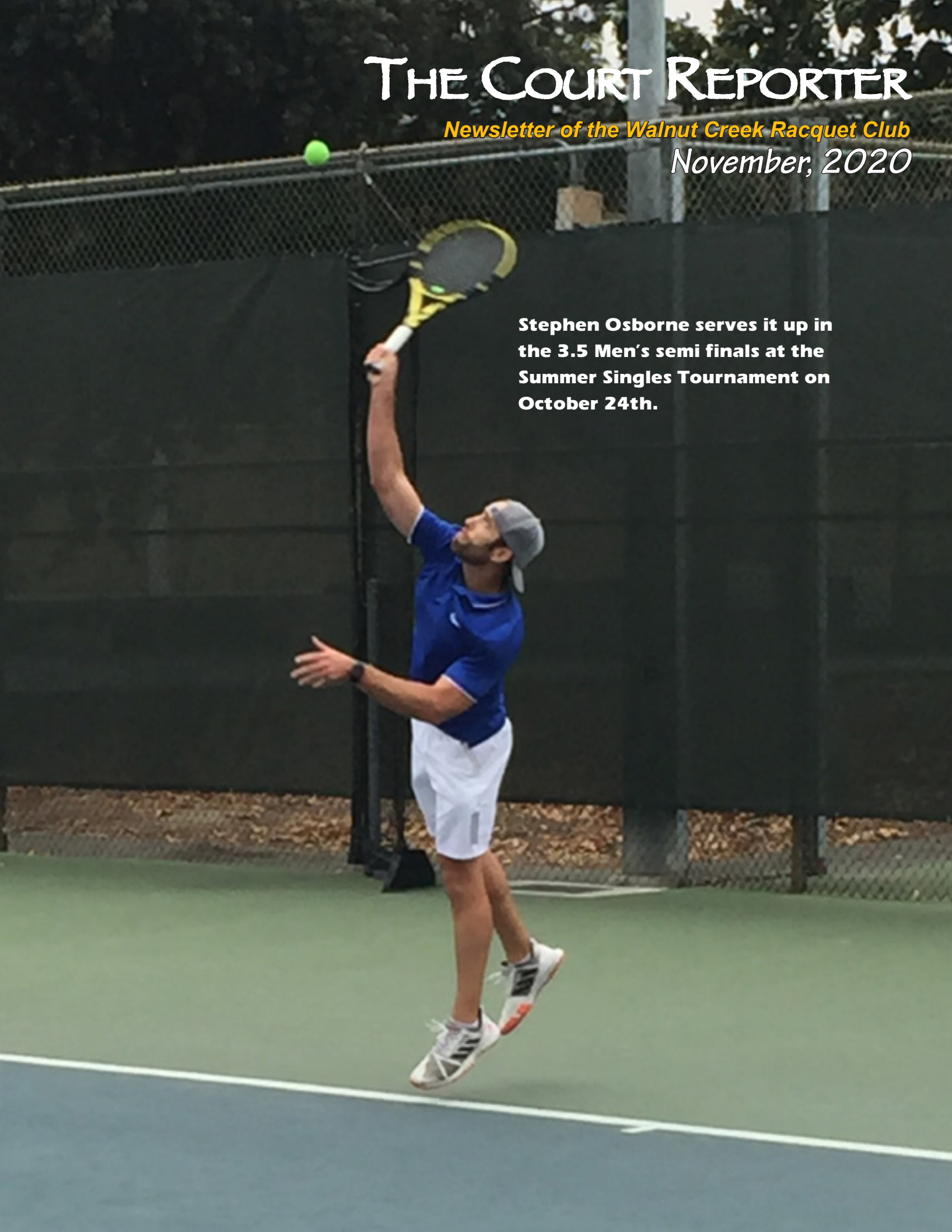


THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

November, 2020

**Stephen Osborne serves it up in
the 3.5 Men's semi finals at the
Summer Singles Tournament on
October 24th.**



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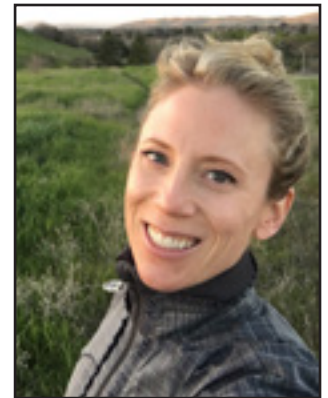
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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy November!

Last weekend we held our annual **Summer Singles Tournament**. Although participation was down due to the coronavirus, there was still great competition for those who participated.



Sally Krapf
2020 WCRC President

A big thank you to Cameron Coltharp who ran a smooth tournament. Congratulations to the finalists and winners. (check out the tournament photos on pages 9-14)

The WCRC Board would like to take this time to thank Isabella Feinberg the Lifetime Activities Walnut Creek Manager for all her hard work. She is moving on to the newly refurbished Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. She has worked tirelessly during her reign as manager and has successfully kept a strong relationship with the WCRC community and Board. We are truly going to miss you and wish you the very best in your new adventure. On another note, Heather Farm will also be losing head instructor Joe Noth. Joe has been instrumental in bringing a high level of classes and education to the Walnut Creek Community. You both will leave a hole in our WCRC family. Moving into the management role will be Laith Kadourhe who will be stepping up. Most of you know Laith as the friendly guy in the club house. We look forward to working with Laith and the staff at Lifetime.

Check out the fun collage of photos of WCRC members and what they did this summer on pages 6-8.

Stay safe and healthy.

Sally Krapf

M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our **1** New Members
Current Membership: **1244**

Mike Magagnini

Pleasanton

n/a

Membership questions contact:
Pam Maloney at 925-787-3970 or
email at: pam4tenis@gmail.com



Lifetime Activities

What's Happening at the Courts?

NEW OPERATING HOURS AT WCTC. 11/2/20-3/14/21)

Monday – Friday: 9am-12:30pm, 2:30-9pm (closed 12:30-2:30pm)

Saturday & Sunday: 8am-5pm

A Message from the General Manager

Dear Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members,

As some of you may know, I have accepted the position of General Manager at the new Goldman Tennis Center at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco which is set to open in early 2021. My final day as WC General Manager is on Sunday, Nov 1st. It has been my pleasure to serve you all over the last 4 years. I've enjoyed getting to know all of you and working with WCRC to promote tennis in our community. I am grateful for all the support from the tennis community and for all the tennis friends I've met since moving here. While I am sad to leave the Walnut Creek office, I am confident that my successor, Laith Kadourhe, will continue our positive and collaborative relationship. I wish you all good health and more (doubles) tennis in the coming months. Should you wish to get in touch, you may reach me at isabellaf@lifetimeactivities.com.

Thank You and See You on the Courts!

Best Regards,
Isabella Feinberg

UPDATE: County Doubles Restriction

You may check the status on their website: <https://cchealth.org/covid19/pdf/Contra-Costa-County-Openings-at-a-Glance.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3B8R4XTEnKPnyqOXPXTL-XAzJxArJBZ2yTWQAbYY7LabVS1tgZzJT96I> We continue to advocate for the return of doubles play to our community and will keep you informed of any new information as it becomes available.

Youth and Adult WINTER Classes Winter Class registration opens in mid-late November. Thanksgiving and Holiday Camps are open for registration. Class offerings and registration online at www.lifetimeactivities.com.

Visit us online at www.lifetimeactivities.com or stop by the the office at 1751 Heather Drive.
Please call with any questions at 925-945-0105.

Member Spotlight

Kent Lindeman

There is Even Love in the Bleachers at the Farm

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.

Many of us remember Kent Lindeman as not only an exceptionally talented tennis player and gifted organizer, but also an all-around nice guy. How did he find his way to Heather Farm and discover not only great people and lifelong friends but also love in the bleachers? Let's start from the beginning. Kent was born and raised in Hershey, Pennsylvania. His interest in tennis started with his mother who played and would go out with Kent to hit. She must have been an excellent instructor as Kent went on to play #1 singles and doubles for 2 years in high school. He actually helped organize the boy's team which didn't exist until he was a junior. Kent attended Bucknell University and although he tried out for the tennis team twice, he was not able to make the team (their loss!).



A couple years after graduating from college, Kent was in the wedding of his high school best friend which was being held in Yosemite National Park. He got to spend some time in the Bay Area and thought 'this place is amazing'. As luck would have it, Kent met a woman who was also in the wedding party and they began a long-distance relationship. He finally took the plunge and moved to California in 1996 where he took a job with HollandParlette, a nonprofit association management firm located in San Francisco. Kent became the owner of the company in 1999 and has run the company for over 20 years. His girlfriend at the time lived in Walnut Creek so that is naturally where he settled.

Once in Walnut Creek, it was easy for Kent to find his way to Heather Farm. One of the first people that he met at the Farm was Bobby Walgren who was working in the clubhouse. Bobby set up a few matches for Kent and he eventually got to know all the regulars. He played on a number of 4.5, 5.0 and 5.5 Men's USTA teams out of Heather. Although none of the teams made it past districts, the camaraderie and specialness of the Farm made it a unique and fun experience for Kent.

One day in 1998 Kent noticed a woman who was sitting on the bleachers and started a conversation with her. Janet had just finished a lesson with Fred Safipour and was

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watching the action on Court 4. Love soon followed as did marriage and eventually 2 children (Kyle and Jenna who were both born at John Muir Hospital).

Primarily being a singles player and a natural organizer, Kent thought forming a singles league would work well for those looking for more competitive tennis. The singles league was founded by Kent and a few other players in 1998 with 48 men participating in its first season. The league grew to over 500 participants in the early 2000's with multiple men's and women's divisions and eventually spawned the doubles and mixed doubles leagues.

In 2000, Irv Pearlstein convinced Kent that he should serve on the WCRC Board. Although reluctant at first, he eventually succumbed to Irv's persistence and became the vice president. He was the president in 2001 and brought with him some talented new blood, including Jennifer Scriabine, Tammy Chan, John Bondon, Claudia (Suh) Bown and Shari (Huber) Gonzalez. Kent's proudest WCRC moment came in 2002 when USTA NorCal named the WCRC "Community Tennis Association of the Year". Terrific achievement Kent!

Sadly for the WCRC, Kent and his family moved to Indianapolis in 2005 to be closer to Janet's family and raise their young children. Kent has continued to play USTA tennis and achieved one of his bucket list items in 2018 when his 40+ 4.5+ team made it to Nationals (congrats Kent – going to Nationals is on the bucket list of every competitive tennis player!). Kent's son Kyle is now a freshman at Purdue and daughter Jenna is a high school junior. His wife Janet works as a consultant for Clorox (has worked there for 25 years) and enjoys playing tennis a few times a week.

The past couple years Kent has been playing more pickleball than tennis. A friend convinced him to give it a try and he was hooked once he started playing tournaments. He has traveled around the country playing in tournaments and in 2019 won a Bronze medal at the US Open in Mixed Doubles Age 45 Open and then a Silver medal in Men's 35 4.5 Doubles at USAPA Nationals in Indian Wells. How fun is that!

Kent still thinks of Heather Farm and the WCRC regularly and has a Court Reporter newsletter collage that has been hanging in his home office since moving to Indy 15 years ago. We think of you as well Kent – thank you for all you did for the WCRC and tennis at Heather Farm. You are missed by many!





Tammie & Justin Snyder adopted Nelson and 6 months later his half sister Olive.



Monica Ravanello played some singles with a beautiful sunset. She also has been trying her hand with some pottery projects!



Stefanie Klien popped out a new little tennis fan. Meet Vivian Rose Cohen.





John Perry's daughter got married!



Karen Sonobe adopted this little guy Baxter (male yellow lab), who is almost 8 months old. They've been exploring lots of new things that they missed during SIP. Baxter does well in the grocery store and even came to a tennis match and watched! He wasn't phased by the balls.

Baxter is training to become a Guide Dog for the Blind. Raisers keep the puppies for 2 years before they go to formal training in San Rafael.

The #1 question- How do you give up the puppy after you've trained them for 2 years? Karen says when you met the recipients of our club puppies when they graduate – The recipients say... "Thank YOU!" and tell us that this puppy has given them their independence and has changed their lives forever!



At the Show of Champions in Watsonville, Jennifer Caruso won 1st place buckle and a saddle on her horse Bronson (left) and 5th buckle on Lily (right).





Rob Corder had a busy summer, During the pandemic he was able to participate in two civic painting projects. An outdoor electrical box in Dublin, as well as a fiberglass heart that he painted for the Town of Danville. He also had a wildly unexpected heart attack on September 28th while playing tennis! He is currently well on the road to recovery and thankful to be able to return to the tennis courts soon!



Denis Weil renovated his guest bathroom. He did the design which changed the orientation of the sink and cabinet. All demo, product selection and installation of fixtures as well as the tile work was completed by Denis in a month! A plumber did assist him with the tub and behind the wall valves. Next up...the Master bath!



BEFORE



AFTER



AFTER

Summer Singles Tournament

A big thank you to everyone for playing in the Summer Singles League this season! I hope you found it to be a little bit of normal during a very difficult year. It has been my pleasure to serve as your league coordinator and I look forward to seeing you again next year. While I appreciate all the thank you messages I have received, please know it takes more than just me to make the league go. I want to give a big thank you to everyone on the Board for making the Walnut Creek Racquet Club the special place that it is and for helping to make the Summer Singles league possible. While the season may be over the tennis doesn't have to stop! You can use the online communication tools to communicate with the players to setup recreational matches anytime during the years. And finally, congratulations to all of our division champions and finalists! The scores for each match during the tournament is available on the online brackets. I have provided the champion and finalist information below. Also, if you didn't receive your league gift (hat), I am happy to leave one for you on my porch for pickup. Simply email me at camcoltharp@gmail.com to make the arrangements. See you next year!

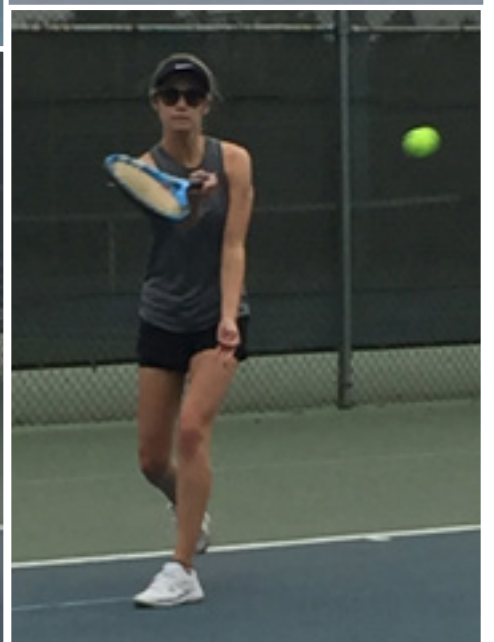
Cameron











Summer Singles Results



Women's 3.0

Corazon Bellamy def. Lindsay Wilson 6-2, 6-4



Women's 3.5

Jess Zhang def. Krisztina Kohlhaas 6-4, 7-5

Women's 4.0
Hillary Anderson def.
Heidi Belton
6-4, 6-2

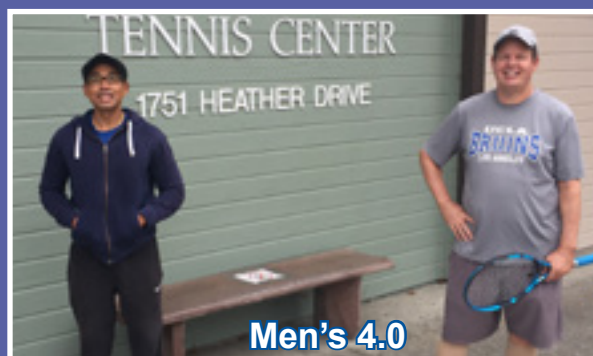


Women's 4.0

Men's 3.5
Mike Joe def.
Alexander Michael
4-1 (retire)



Men's 3.5



Men's 4.0

Jerry O'Neal def. Stephen Buchholz
6-2, 6-2



Men's 4.5

Elliot Feinberg def. Peter Master
6-0, 6-2

CALENDER OF EVENTS

2020

**ALL USTA Tennis Leagues
Suspended Through 2020**

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

2020 Adult 40+

2020 Mixed 40+

2020 Adult 18+



TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel
through September, 2020



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

	Total
Income	
Advertising Income	\$365.85
Fall Mixed Doubles League	\$1,436.21
Summer Singles League	3,801.55
Winter Doubles League	-\$800.33
Total League Dues	\$4,437.43
Membership Dues	\$9,548.38
Total Income	\$14,351.66
Gross Profit	\$14,351.66
Expenses	
Board Meeting	\$409.40
Court Usage Fees	\$35.00
District Fees	\$585.00
Equipment	\$173.99
Filling Fees	\$20.00
Gifts	\$126.64
Interest Expense	\$50.00
Total Fall Mixed League Expenses	\$2,554.36
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$682.75
Total League Expenses	\$3,237.11
Office Supplies	\$388.75
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$184.71
Rental Deposit	-500.00
Sectionals Fees	\$90.00
Website	\$4,867.05
Total Expenses	\$9,667.65
Net Operating Income	\$4,684.01
Total Other Income	\$252.36
Net Income	\$4,936.37

Balance through September, 2020 \$50,983.17



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