



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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prepares for a
serve.



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy February!



Sally Krapf
2020 WCRC President

Dear Members,

Well the first month of 2021 is over and with the recent reopening of the state we look forward to see what this will bring in terms of doubles tennis.

Fortunately with outdoor dining opening again we are hoping the County will lift the restriction at HF to allow doubles. We will continue to work together with Lifetime to push for the County to allow us to resume as we all miss it dearly!

We will keep you posted with any updates we receive. In the meantime stay healthy, spend time with your loved ones, stay active, and have fun any way you can!

But if you are looking to play some singles tennis the WCRC has our new WING League. (Winter and spring singles. It's a way to keep us playing and competitive until USTA gets going again. You can sign up on line at www.wcrc.net or check out page 6 for details.

Sally Krapf



What are you doing to keep busy during shelter in place?
Send me photo(s) and a brief description to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.
tammie4tennis@gmail.com

M EMBERSHIP



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

Welcome to Our 3 New Members Current Membership: 1258

Piyush Bhargava	Walnut Creek	4.0/4.5
Regina Iwai	Walnut Creek	3.5
Ronald Wyatt	Alamo	4.0



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

Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)

Starting in 2021, Lifetime Activities has partnered with UTR to bring a more dynamic rating system to our lessons and to our players. For more information on what UTR is and how its calculated please visit their website at www.myutr.com/.

Can of Balls Price Change

Pro Penn Marathon Balls (1 can)- \$4.33

We will no longer be offering a multi can discount!

Northgate Courts Update

During the Winter the lower four courts at Northgate will remain closed Monday-Friday, and will be opened for public use on Saturday-Sunday from 8am to sunset. For any questions regarding the court closure for the Winter feel free to email Laithk@lifetimeactivities.com. Thank you for your understanding.

County Doubles Restriction

We will continue to monitor county guidelines as they come out, but at this time **all Walnut Creek tennis courts are singles only for Tennis and Pickleball**. 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

Spots are filling up quickly for our Winter Session 2 classes! To look at the current schedule and to register please visit our website at www.Lifetimeactivities.com.

SPRING SESSION CLASS SCHEDULE/ REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

**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

Rob Corder Who Doesn't Love a Wood Racquet Tournament?

Interview and article by Lynne Weinschelbaum.

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.

Rob Corder was born in Japan and adopted at a very early age by a US military family. The family also adopted a young girl of the same age. They moved to the Central Valley and settled in a small town called Ceres. For those of you who don't know (I didn't), Ceres was a goddess of agriculture, grain crops, fertility and motherly relationships in ancient Roman religion. Seems quite a fitting name for a town in the Central Valley.

In the summer of 6th grade, Rob met our own Karl Brown and the two of them became friends and played high school tennis. They lost touch when Rob went to San Jose State and Karl to Cal. Rob and Karl ran into

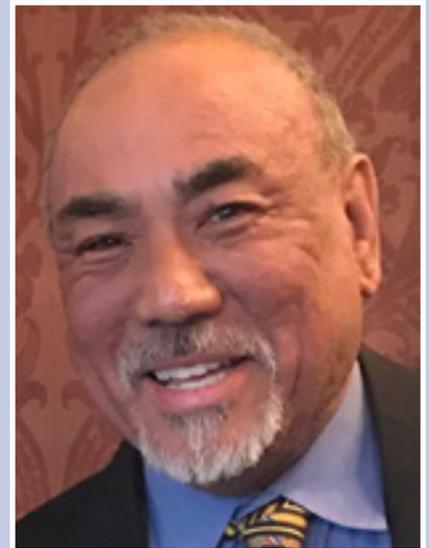
each other many years later at Heather Farm and have since renewed their friendship. Another testament to what a small tennis community we all belong to. In addition to tennis, Rob also played football, basketball and ran track.

Rob was an Art major in college and became an illustrator in Los Angeles before moving to the Bay Area. He worked in advertising for I. Magnin and Macy's in San Francisco. One of the models Rob worked with was Cindy Crawford (before she became famous). Along the way Rob married Lonna at St Mary's College. They have been together for 32 years and

have one son named Chili in honor of one of Rob's favorite SF Giant's baseball players (Chili Davis).

Rob taught at the Academy of Art in San Francisco for 12 years and most recently has worked at the Museum of Modern Art although COVID has forced it's temporary closure. He has also participated in many local art projects; from a fiberglass heart in Danville to outdoor electrical boxes in Dublin and a Recycle Poster in Walnut Creek.

Rob has quite an extensive tennis resume. He has played 800 USTA matches, been to Nationals in Florida with a men's senior team captained by Alan Roth and was voted Captain of the Year by NorCal USTA for Diablo South in 2011. He has also won the WCRC



doubles tournament twice in the Mens 3.5 category (with Jason Chao in 2012 and with David Gangarapu in 2017). Rob also plays in his HOA's annual Wood Racquet tournament – now that would be fun.

One of the most fun things that Rob has been lucky enough to do is attend every NCLS and World Series home game during the three years that the SF Giants won the World Series. He was paid by MLB as a photographer! That is lucky.

What many of you probably don't know is that Rob suffered a heart attack 3 months ago. He was playing a doubles match and it was hot. He began to feel lightheaded and was sweating much more than usual. Rob drove home and his wife drove him to Kaiser where they did emergency surgery to install 2 stints. The good news is that he has completely recovered and is back to playing tennis. Both he and his wife have changed their diet to exclude red meat and trans fats and instead emphasize vegetables, grains and fruit. Rob wanted everyone to look at their own diets and consider some modifications.

Rob appreciates the camaraderie and friendships at Heather Farm. We appreciate you as well Rob and hope we will all be back playing and partying at Heather very soon.





2020 Men's and Women's WING (W**I**nter S**P**ri**NG**) Singles Leagues **Registration Form**



Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

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 3.0 Men's 3.0
- Women's 3.5 Men's 3.5
- Women's 4.0 Men's 4.0
- Women's 4.5/5.0 Men's 4.5/5.0
- Women's 50+ (3.0-5.0) Men's 50+ (3.0-5.0)

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

I am a: WCRC Member (\$10)
 Non-Member (\$10)



Dates: November 26th - April 16th

Entry Fee: \$10 (per bracket)

Format: Men's Singles/Women's Singles

Divisions: Men's 3.0 - 4.5+ & 50+
 Women's 3.0 - 4.5+ & 50+

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.

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 by arrangement for top 4 players in standings. Playoff matches to be complete 4/17 to 5/31.

Match Min.: 1 match

Checks to: Walnut Creek Racquet Club (**NOT** WCRC)
 c/o Cameron Coltharp
 336 Blue Ridge Drive
 Martinez, CA 94553

Or Online: wcrc.net/login

Questions: camcoltharp@gmail.com
 510-717-2107

ARTHUR ASHE

JULY 10, 1943 - FEBRUARY 6, 1993

TENNIS PLAYER and ACTIVIST



Arthur Ashe was the first African American player to compete in the international sport of tennis at the highest level of the game. After an early retirement from sports due to heart surgery, Ashe used his sportsman profile and legendary poise to promote human rights, education, and public health.

Early years

Arthur Robert Ashe Jr. was born on July 10, 1943, in Richmond, Virginia. He spent most of his early years with his mother, Mattie Cordell Cunningham Ashe, who taught him to read at age five. She died the next year of heart disease. Ashe's father, Arthur Ashe Sr., worked as a caretaker for a park named Brook Field in suburban North Richmond. Young Arthur lived on the grounds with four tennis courts, a pool, and three baseball diamonds. This was the key to his development as a future star athlete. His early nickname was "Skinny" or "Bones," but he grew up to be six feet one inch with a lean build.

Ashe began playing tennis at age six. He received instruction from R. Walter "Whirlwind" Johnson, an African American doctor from Lynchburg, Virginia, who opened his home in the summers to tennis prospects, including the great Althea Gibson (1927–). Johnson used military-style methods to teach tennis skills and to stress his special code of sportsmanship, which included respect, sharp appearance, and "no cheating at any time."

An amateur tennis player

Ashe attended Richmond City Public Schools and received a diploma from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1961. After success as a junior player in the American Tennis Association (ATA), he was the first African American junior to receive a U.S. Lawn Tennis Association (USLTA) national ranking. When he won the National Interscholastics in 1960, it was the first USLTA national title won by an African American in the South. The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) awarded him a full scholarship.

In 1963 Ashe became the first African American player to win the U.S. Men's Hard-court championships, and the first to be named to a U.S. Junior Davis Cup (an international men's tournament) team. He became the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) singles and doubles champion, leading UCLA to the NCAA title in 1965. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Ashe served in the army for two years, during which he was assigned time for tennis competitions. In 1968 Ashe created a tennis program for U.S. inner cities.

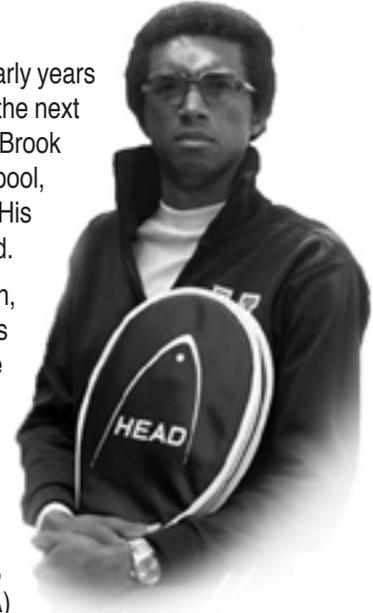
This was the beginning of today's U.S. Tennis Association/National Junior Tennis League program, with five hundred chapters running programs for 150 thousand kids.

As professional tennis player

Two events changed Ashe's life in the late 1960s. The first was the protest by African American athletes at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, Mexico, in opposition to separation based on race, or apartheid, in the Republic of South Africa. The second event was in tennis. He was the USLTA amateur champion and won the first U.S. Open Tennis Championship at Forest Hills. The USLTA ranked him co-number one (with Rod Laver). He became a top money-winner after turning professional in 1969. In 1972 he helped found the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

In 1973 Ashe became the first African American to reach the South African Open finals held in Johannesburg, South Africa, and he was the doubles winner with Tom Okker of the Netherlands. Black South Africans gave Ashe the name "Sipho," which means "a gift from God" in Zulu. The year 1975 was Ashe's best and most consistent season. He was the first and only African American player to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon, beating the defending champion, Jimmy Connors. Ashe was ranked number one in the world and was named ATP Player of the Year.

In 1977 Ashe married Jeanne Moutoussamy, a professional photographer and graphic artist. The couple had a daughter, Camera Elizabeth. Ashe almost defeated John McEnroe (1959–) in the Masters final in New York in January 1979, and was a semi-finalist at Wimbledon that summer before a heart attack soon after the tournament ended his career. After heart surgery Ashe announced his retirement from competitive tennis.



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As international role model

After retiring from competition, Ashe served as captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team and led it to consecutive victories (1981–82). Ashe received media attention for his Davis Cup campaigns, his protests against apartheid in South Africa, and his call for higher educational standards for all athletes. But he spent most of his time dealing quietly with the “real world” through public speaking, teaching, writing, business, and public service. Ashe helped develop: the ABC Cities program, combining tennis and academics; the Safe Passage Foundation for poor children, which includes tennis training; the Athletes Career Connection; the Black Tennis & Sports Foundation, to assist minority athletes; and 15-Love, a substance abuse program.

After heart surgery in 1983 Ashe became national campaign chairman for the American Heart Association and the only nonmedical member of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council. In the late 1970s he became an adviser to Aetna Life & Casualty Company. He was made a board member in 1982. He represented minority concerns and, later, the causes of the sick.

Ashe was elected to the UCLA Sports Hall of Fame, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, and the Eastern Tennis Association Hall of Fame. He became the first person named to the U.S. Professional Tennis Association Hall of Fame. He spent six years and \$300,000 of his own money to write *A Hard Road to Glory: A History of the African-American Athlete*, a three-volume work published in 1988.

Ashe won an Emmy Award for writing a television version of his work. He also worked as a broadcaster at tennis matches, sports consultant at tennis clinics, and columnist for the Washington Post.

Later years

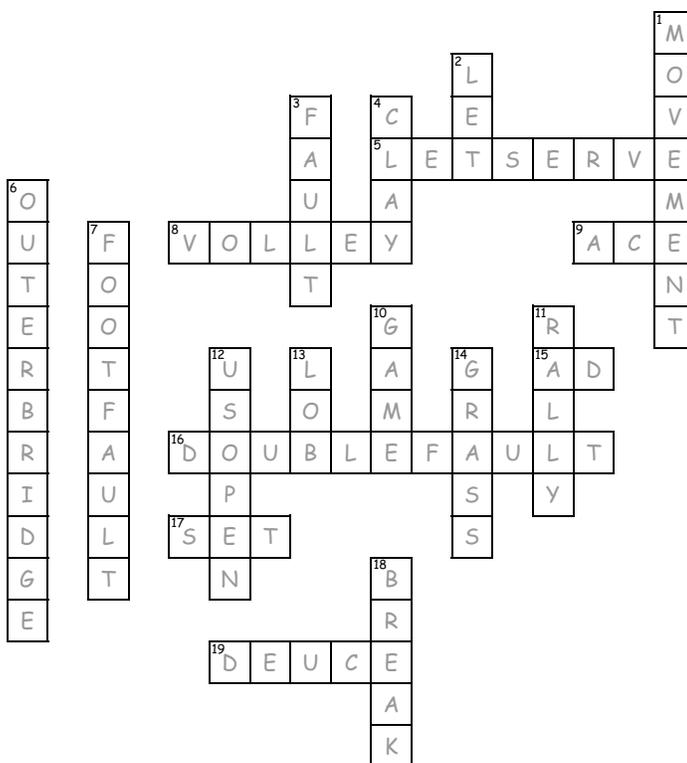
After brain surgery in 1988 came the discovery that Ashe had been infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS, a fatal disease that attacks the body’s immune system). Doctors traced the infection back to a blood transfusion he received after his second heart operation in 1983. After going public with the news in 1992, Ashe established the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS to provide treatment to AIDS patients and to promote AIDS research throughout the world. He rallied professional tennis to help raise funds and to increase public awareness of the disease. He addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN) on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1992.

Arthur Ashe died on February 6, 1993, in New York City. As Ashe’s body lay in state at the governor’s mansion in Virginia, mourners paid their respects at a memorial service held in New York City and at the funeral at the Ashe Athletic Center in Richmond. In 1996 Ashe’s hometown of Richmond announced plans to erect a statue in his honor. The following year a new stadium at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York, was named after him.

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Tennis, anyone?

Answers



CALENDER OF EVENTS 2021

**ALL USTA
Tennis Leagues
Suspended Until
Further Notice**



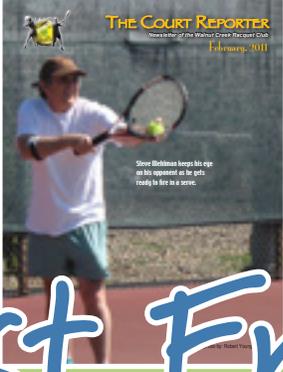
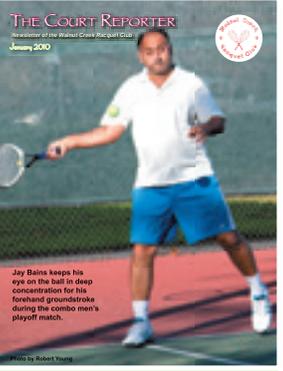
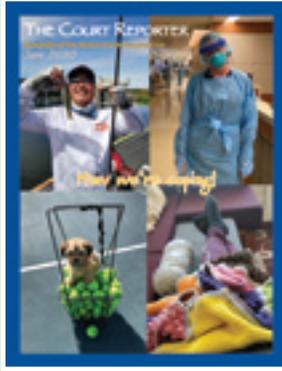
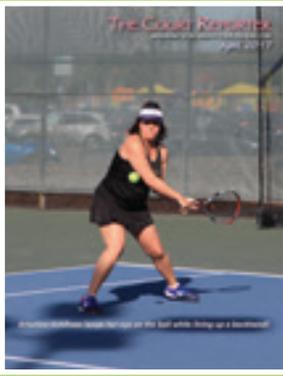
TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel
through December, 2020



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

	Total
Income	
Advertising Income	492.39
League Dues	
Fall Mixed Doubles League	1,436.21
Summer Singles League	3,839.79
WING singles	357.58
Winter Doubles League	-800.33
Total League Dues	\$4,833.25
Membership Dues	9,823.81
Total Income	\$15,149.45
GROSS PROFIT	\$15,149.45
Expenses	
Board Meeting	409.40
Court Usage Fees	35.00
District Fees	585.00
Equipment	173.99
Filling Fees	20.00
Gifts	232.04
Interest Expense	50.00
League Expenses	
Total Fall Mixed League Expenses	\$2,554.36
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$1,595.37
Total League Expenses	\$4,149.73
Office Supplies	388.75
Post Office Box	134.00
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$247.77
Rental Deposit	-500.00
Sectionals Fees	90.00
Total Website	\$5,261.70
Total Expenses	\$11,277.38
Net Operating Income	\$3,872.07
Other Income	
Total Other Income	\$252.36
Net Other Income	\$252.36
Net Income	\$4,124.43
Balance through December, 2020	\$50,226.22



Blast From the Past

