



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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**Sanjay Backliwal
drives a forehand
during an 8.0
mixed scrimmage
match.**

photo by Bob Satcher

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings Members!

In my April message I talked about USTA starting up again, then we received communication that it was postponed.



Sally Krapf
2021 WCRC President

As you may have seen USTA just announced a few days ago that leagues will commence again starting with Adult 18+ and Adult 65+. If you are looking for a team go to our club website page and contact a captain.

<https://www.ustanorcal.com/organization.asp?id=10864>

The courts at Heather Farm have been busy lately with people practicing or playing matches for the WCRC Leagues as the weather has been great!

Mark your calendars for our annual Calcutta tournament. The auction is scheduled (restrictions permitting) for Friday 9/17 and the tournament is scheduled for Saturday 9/18. This is our most popular tournament. We didn't hold the tournament last year and are excited to bring it back as this is always so much fun! Look out for future emails on registering for the event.

Stay safe, play tennis, and have fun!

Sally Krapf

M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our **22** New Members
Current Membership: **1283**

Stephen Boorostyan	Benicia	N.A.	Rosanne Kim	Orinda	3.0
SamChaccour	Danville	3.5	Martin Lasarga De Maria	Walnut Creek	N.A.
Henry Coates	Orinda	N.A.	Heather Loetz	Danville	3.5
Dina Colella	Walnut Creek	3.5	Audra Lutter	Concord	N.A.
Jennifer Grant	Concord	3.5	Joseph Momich	Walnut Creek	3.0
Barbara Harris	Lafayette	3.5	Becky Reiss	Walnut Creek	4.0
Whitney Johnson	Pleasanton	3.0	Julie Schmit	Lafayette	4.0
Kimiko Kearney	Alamo	4.0	Emma Smith	Orinda	N.A.
Daniel Kim	Orinda	3.0	Karlene Steelman	Moraga	3.0
			Carissa Swanson	Concord	2.5
			David Swanson	Walnut Creek	4.0
			Doug Tambling	Walnut Creek	N.A.
			Jazy Zhang	Danville	2.5



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

Lifetime Activities

What's Happening at the Courts?

OPERATING HOURS AT WCTC

Monday – Friday: 8am-10:00pm • Saturday & Sunday: 8am-8pm

The Return of USTA - After a year of no league play and everyone itching to get back on the wagon, USTA is finally returning to Heather Farms. Please visit our website at www.Lifetimeactivities.com for the updated guidelines/ court fees, so that everyone has a fun and safe experience here at Heather Farms. We look forward to seeing you all out on the court!

Northgate High School -We're happy to announce that we will be opening the lower four courts at Northgate to the public all week long for the month of May. Here are the hours for the lower four Tennis courts at Northgate High School.

Mon – Fri Open: 3:15-4pm / Close: Sunset

Sat & Sun Open: 8-8:30am / Close: Sunset

Courts will remain closed on match days and tournament weekends.

Update to Court Rules - At this time, we are allowing Singles and Doubles tennis, and recommend that masks be worn during play. Mask are required to be worn when not actively playing. Social gatherings and sharing of food/drinks is not permitted on the facility grounds. Pickleball doubles is allowed, but a mask is required to be properly worn over the nose and mouth during play. For any further questions regarding court rules please call our office.

Youth and Adult Summer Classes/ Camps - Summer Camp registration is **OPEN NOW!** Please visit our website for camp dates, times, and to register your child for one of our fun in the sun Tennis Camps. Spots are limited so secure your spot today!

If you're looking for information on our Summer Classes, that info can also be found on the website and registration for Summer Classes will beginning on 5/19/2021. For more information, please feel free to call our office using the number provided below.

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

Susan Sovik

Was it Disney Magic or the Manhattans That Kept Them Coming Back?

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.

Susan was born and raised in Walnut Creek. She is the youngest of 6 children, but was likely the most active. Susan began figure skating lessons at the Sun Valley ice rink when she was 7. As her skating skills improved, she moved to the larger Berkeley Iceland rink and was on her way to becoming a competitive figure skater. Her days were filled with figure skating and then more figure skating.

Susan's days would begin at 3:30 in the morning and she would be on the ice from 5am to 10am. She would then change clothes in the car and



attend school until early afternoon. Then back to the ice rink after changing clothes in the car for another 3-4 hours. Susan would then go to her ballet lesson from 5:30pm to 7pm (and, yes, changing clothes in the car again). I'm sure she ate at some point, probably in the car!

During her high school years Susan had a tutor, which allowed her to practice skating 6-7 hours a day. Her coach also instructed a young, up-and-coming skater and friend of Susan's named Kristi Yamaguchi. Susan would commute down to San Mateo to train. She had other coaches and

choreographers and her mother was kept busy sewing sequins on her costumes. Susan competed in the Central Pacific Regional Championships and Pacific Coast Sectional Championships and was an alternate for the US National Team in 1985 (very impressive Susan).

Susan grew up skating with many of the top Bay Area figure skaters – Kristi Yamaguchi, Brian Boitano, Debi Thomas and Yvonne Gomez. She also competed against the infamous Tonya Harding. She has remained friends with Brian Boitano and Yvonne Gomez and skates once a year at their annual charity event in San Francisco. Susan ended her skating career after high school.



Susan attended DVC where she met her future husband, John. She would graduate from San Diego State University and then receive her teaching credential from Cal State Hayward. Susan began teaching 1st grade at Sacred Heart In Oakland where she was to stay for 5 years.

Susan and John were married in 1992. They have 3 children and have been married for 28 years. She took a break from teaching while raising her children. The family joined Oakhurst CC and the children started taking tennis lessons. Susan soon joined in on the fun and began taking clinics and lessons herself. The tennis bug had hit her! She would take her daughter to ballet lessons in Walnut Creek and having time on her hands began playing tennis at Heather Farm.



Her husband, John, also began to play tennis and they both started playing on teams out of Heather. Susan has played on many teams and soon began to co-captain teams as well. Susan was on a mixed 7.0 team that made Nationals in 2018. Unfortunately, having just gone back to work teaching, she was unable to play at Nationals in Florida. For the last 3 years, Susan has worked for the Mt. Diablo Unified School District at El Monte Elementary, teaching 2nd and 3rd grade.

Susan and John's other great love is Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure. They go to the park every 6 weeks or so although this past year has obviously been the exception. With the parks reopening soon, rest assured, they already have several trips planned. Susan's favorite ride is Guardians of the Galaxy – Mission: BREAKOUT, which is located in the California Adventure Park. Another of her favorites is Pirates of the Caribbean (mine too). They enjoy everything from the parades and shows, to the Animation Academy and the dining. Susan and John also love to be ambassadors for the park to their friends and people they meet at the parks.

Susan's favorite restaurant is Carthay Circle, located in the California Adventure park. There they enjoy, you guessed it, the Manhattans! Enjoy your trip to Disneyland Susan and have a Manhattan for us. Cheers!



WCRC Men's & Women's 2021 Winter Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at www.wcrc.net)

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

ZIP Code _____

Home Phone _____

Work or Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

NTRP level _____

WCRC Member? ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

Division for which you are registering (please check one): NTRP (check one)

☐ Men's 3.0
☐ Men's 3.5
☐ Men's 4.0
☐ Men's 4.5/5.0

☐ Women's 2.5/3.0
☐ Women's 3.5
☐ Women's 4.0
☐ Women's 4.5/5.0

Registration Fees (note - if you are interested in joining the Racquet Club, please download a membership form from <http://www.wcrc.net/about/membership.htm> and return it with this application):

* \$50 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members) • \$40 per team for on-line registration

* \$60 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member) • \$50 per team for on-line registration

* \$70 per team (both non WCRC members) • \$60 per team for on-line registration

If you would like to register by mail, return this form with a check for registration fees (payable to Walnut Creek Racquet Club **NOT** WCRC) mail to: Walnut Creek Racquet Club, 224 Farm Ln., Martinez, CA 94553.

Questions? Call Garvin Tom at (209) 969-5445 or via e-mail gtom12@hotmail.com

League Information: Players may enter the WCRC Winter Doubles League in more than one division (i.e. 3.0 and 3.5), as long as he/she is playing at or above his/her level. If a player is entering in more than one division, he/she may enter with the same partner or a different partner but may not enter with different partners at the same level.

The league runs from March 22, 2021 - July 30, 2021. The tournament TBD based on Covid protocols.

Once League play is complete and registration for the end-of-League Tournament begins, a player may **NOT** enter the Tournament at more than one level. **No exceptions will be made.**

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2021

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January - March, 2021



Apr

- Apr 7-May 31 WCRC WING Singles Playoffs
- Apr 17 WCRC Summer Singles League Opens
- Apr 26 USTA 18+ Team Registration Opens
- Apr 26 USTA 65+ Team Registration Opens

May

- May 10 USTA 18+ Team Registration Closes
- May 10 USTA 65+ Team Registration Closes
- May 31 USTA 18+ Team Season Opens
- May 31 USTA 65+ Team Season Opens
- May 31 USTA 40+ Team Registration Opens

Jun

- Jun 7 USTA Mixed 18+ Team Registration Opens
- Jun 14 USTA 40+ Team Registration Closes
- Jun 21 USTA Mixed 18+ Team Registration Closes

WCRC LEAGUES

- WING Singles** Closes April 16
Playoffs April 17 - May 31
- Winter Doubles** March 22 - July 30
- Summer Singles** April 17 - September 12

Income

League Dues	0.00
WING singles	489.76
Total League Dues	\$489.76
Membership Dues	339.00

Total Income **\$828.76**

Gross Profit **\$828.76**

Expenses

League Expenses	0.00
Summer Singles Expenses	0.00
Summer Singles Player Gifts	667.64
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$667.64
Total League Expenses	\$667.64

Office Supplies	13.64
Printing and Reproduction	0.00
Newsletter Printing	39.81

Total Printing and Reproduction \$39.81

Rental Deposit	500.00
Website	210.00

Total Expenses \$1,431.09

Net Operating Income -\$602.33

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Balance through March, 2021 **\$49,623.89**



2021 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)

Dates: April 17th - September 12th
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: 9/20-9/26 (by arrangement)
Round of 32: 9/27-10/3 (by arrangement)
Round of 16: 10/4-10/10 (by arrangement)
Quarters: 10/11 - 10/22 (by arrangement)
Semi-finals: 10/23 (onsite)
Finals 10/24 (onsite)
A minimum of 4 players are required to generate a draw.

Match Min.: 6 matches

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

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save \$5

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