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Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club July, 2021



The Longest Day Tournament

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July?!?!

Hello WCRC Members!

Can you believe it's July already?

Tennis has been back in full swing lately with WCRC Leagues, USTA, and The Longest Day Tennis Rally. The Rally raised over \$11,500 with over 100 donors, 32 of which played tennis. Thank you to all



Sally Krapf 2021 WCRC President

who played and donated! Special shout out to Euna Roh, Glenn McBee, Doug Fish and Kevin Kyono for organizing this amazing day! (Check out the photos found on pages 6-12).

USTA 18+ and 65+ leagues are coming to a close on July 18th. 40+ season starts up July 5th and runs through August 22. We currently have 21 40+ Adult teams and five 40+ Daytime teams.

The USTA 18+ mixed season opens July 19th and runs through September 5th. We have one 6.0 mixed team, three 7.0 mixed teams, three 8.0 mixed teams and two 9.0 mixed teams.

As a reminder all WCRC USTA team players MUST BE **CURRENT WCRC MEMBERS.**

The WCRC will be opening our Fall Mixed League starting August 1st. Find a mixed partner and sign up next month.

It's not too late to sign up for summer singles or winter doubles. www.wcrc.net (see pages 17 & 18 for info).

On August 7th we will be having our Mid-Summer Tournament. This fun event offers mens doubles. womens doubles and mixed doubles for levels 2.5-4.5. Only 32 spots are open so be sure to sign up at noon on Monday, July 12th. YOU CANNOT SIGN UP BEFORE **THEN.** (details on page 13)

Have fun and see you on the courts!

Sally Krapf



Welcome to Our 55 New Members Current Membership: 1387

Petra Ahvenainen	San Ramon
Antonio Ambriz	Oakley
Mary Anjedani	Orinda
Diana Babayan	Benicia
Melissa Bach	Walnut Creek
Rajan Balasubramanian	Danville
Brian Barlay	Oakland
Andrea Barrow	Danville
Barbara Beckley	Walnut creek
Andres Bella	Walnut Creek
Jeff Bennett	Walnut Creek
Robert Benz	Walnut Creek
Scott Bishop	Concord
Maxime Charlebois	Danville
Dean Christman	San Ramon
Mark Dinh	Oakland
Alex Djegal	Martinez
NancyDoan	Alameda
Rebecca Dooley	Danville
Paul Dulac	San Mateo
Harrison Edwards	Walnut Creek
Susan Gabe	Alameda
Fernando Garcia	Pleasant Hill
Jeff Gear	Alameda

4.0	Sabrina Gough	Oakland	3.0
4.5	Robert Greer	Danville	3.5
4.0	Vijay Harrell	Walnut Creek	N.A.
3.5	Remington Heatley	Walnut Creek	3.5
3.0	Kevin Jones	Alameda	3.5
3.5	Joan Kazerounain	Alamo	3.0
4.5	Tony Kelly	Napa	3.0
4.0	Jessica Kelmon	Concord	4.0
3.0	Leo Kim	Walnut Creek	4.5
5.0	Shayne Kirk	Lafayette	3.0
3.5	Eileen Ko	Concord	4.0
4.0	Nancy Korich	Moraga	4.0
3.0	Pierre Ladion	Stockton	4.5
5.0	Tracy Leeds	Oakland	4.0
3.5	Frank Fan Li	Oakland	3.5
4.5	Taylor Long	San Ramon	4.0
3.5	Brisa Lowry	Berkeley	3.5
4.0	Matthew McCormick	Orinda	3.5
N.A.	Silvana Moiceanu	Lafayette	3.0
4.5	Mitali Perkins	Martinez	3.5
3.0	Tuesdai Powers	Castro Valley	3.0
4.0	Hermie Ramos	Concord	3.0
4.5	Mike Rennels	Piedmont	4.5
3.5	Ralph Saviano	Brentwood	4.5
	Rachel Shippee	Walnut Creek	3.0
	Arnab Sinha	San Ramon	4.5
	Henry Soong	Fremont	4.0
	Juraj Svec	Livermore	3.0
	Bryant Ung	Martinez	4.5
	Joshua Wong	Penngrove	4.5
	Lisa Wu	Piedmont	4.0



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

Summer Heat

Its July and it's HOT! Please make sure that you're bringing enough water when you come out to play. The water fountains are open, and there is a water bottle filler on site. Also, our ice machine is available to all patrons, so don't hesitate to use it. All off staff have gone through CPR and safety training, so if there are any issues on court, please notify staff for assistance!

4th of July Hours - Hours of Operations: 8:00am-3:30pm

Masks Rules at the Courts - Mask are recommended to be worn by all patrons. Masks are no longer required to be worn by vaccinated patrons. Please be safe and we're are excited to see the smiles of all our vaccinated patrons!

Northgate High School - For information on our Summer hours please call our office at (925) 945-0105 or email laithk@lifetimeactivities.com.

Youth and Adult Summer Classes/ Camps - There is still room in our Summer Session 2 classes and end of Summer Camps! Sign up today to guarantee your spot!

Important notice: Masks are now optional for all students enrolled in our programs.

Fall Youth and Adult Class Registration - Registration for Fall Session classes opens on July 13th! So, mark the date on your calendar!

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.

Cara Mia Barnacascel

Spotlight

Captain, Chef, Wine Connoisseur and more...

Interview and article by Garvin Tom.

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.

f you've been to Heather in the evenings and weekends, you may have spotted Cara Mia wearing her trademark turquoise and white colors sitting alongside perhaps the best spread of food and drinks that you'll ever see at a USTA match. Born in El Sobrante, the East Bay native grew up early on in El Cerrito before moving to Concord, where she graduated from Ygnacio Valley High School. Afterwards, she attended SF State and later became a web developer. She soon ended up landing a job at Wells Fargo, where she has worked at for the last 25 years.

Cara Mia got into tennis to spend more time with her husband, Sean, and jumped right into the deep end by co-captaining the first USTA team she ever played for. She fell in love with captaining almost immediately as she has captained 43 (and counting) different USTA teams ever since. Her enjoyment of being a captain is rooted from her love of meeting and interacting with other people and having that competitive spirit while still having fun with the people around

her. Some of her favorite memories come from spending time with her teams in Districts and Sectionals, where team dinners and occasional nights out at the Dive Bar in Sacramento were usually on the menu.



One of her favorite moments was leading her 2.5 women's team to Nationals in Alabama in 2017.

Cara Mia met Sean while they were attending YVHS, when she was dating his best friend at the time. Cara Mia and Sean then started dating each other off and on for several years after that. Then came one fateful day. Cara Mia and Sean had been broken up (again) for about six months, and Cara Mia was riding with her boyfriend at the time to Los Angeles for Comic Con.

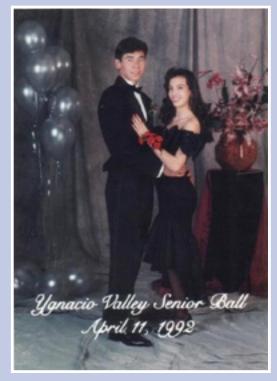
On the way there, her boyfriend fell asleep at the wheel and crashed, causing major injuries to her including a collapsed lung, burst spleen, and broken neck. While Cara Mia spent 10 days in the ICU in Bakersfield, her dad called Sean, and Sean drove to Bakersfield to be with her and never left her side while there. Their relationship grew stronger as a result, and Sean proposed to Cara Mia a year after the accident. They were married in August of 2002.

Away from tennis, Cara Mia organizes the beer booth for the annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival, where she has volunteered at for 26 years. Held every April in San Francisco's Japantown, the NCCBF is one of the largest cherry blossom festivals outside of Japan and celebrates the arrival of spring and the blooming of the cherry blossoms. Each year, Cara Mia coordinates 120 volunteers for this event.

As stated earlier, Cara Mia has probably the best food you'll ever have at a match, and she prepares a few things for almost every one of the matches that her teams host. She was inspired by her

grandmother, who would cook in the summer for her while she watched with great interest. Cara Mia would try out cooking these same recipes herself and eventually would inherit 12 binders filled with recipes from her grandmother. Of course, a meal is never complete without a nice bottle of wine. Cara Mia has visited over 300 wineries in Napa and is a member of multiple wineries there. She is currently building a new wine cellar, which will soon house over 200 bottles of wine, at her home.

If you get a chance to check out Cara Mia's delicious spread, it is one you won't soon forget. Something special must be in those recipe binders!









We were all CHAMPIONS! The Longest Tennis Rally

"The Longest Day" is the day with the most light — the summer solstice. On June 20th, thousands of participants from across the world came together to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through an activity of their choice. Together, they used their creativity and passion to raise funds and awareness for the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. We chose tennis as our activity and have been holding a fun annual tournament since 2016. On June 19th, we held our 5th tournament we call, "The Longest Tennis Rally." We weren't able to hold the tournament last year due to COVID-19 so our fundraising was doubled and joy was tripled! We had 32 donors playing in this year's tournament and we were so happy everyone was wearing the color of the Alzheimer's Association, PURPLE!

We raised more than \$11,500 from 102 donors in only 2 weeks! Every dollar goes directly to the Association. Alzheimer's couldn't have been this successful without the great support. cooperation and sponsorship of many individuals. Most notably, thank you to Lifetime Activities for donating the use of seven courts at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. Kevin Kyono and Jason Mitchell for their extra donations and our many, many donors!

Donations can still be made until August 31st. If you'd like to donate,



you can visit our team page at http://act.alz.org/goto/TheLongestTennisRally. Our current total puts us in the top 3 for tennis fundraising events in the country. Won't you help a great cause and help push us to #1? Please share this link with your friends and family and let them know what a wonderful opportunity it is to help in the fight against Alzheimer's.

We are currently forming our planning committee for The Longest Tennis Rally 2022. Please let us know if you'd like to be a part of this great event. If you're interested, you can contact Kevin Kyono, Doug Fish, Glenn McBee or Euna Roh. Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

















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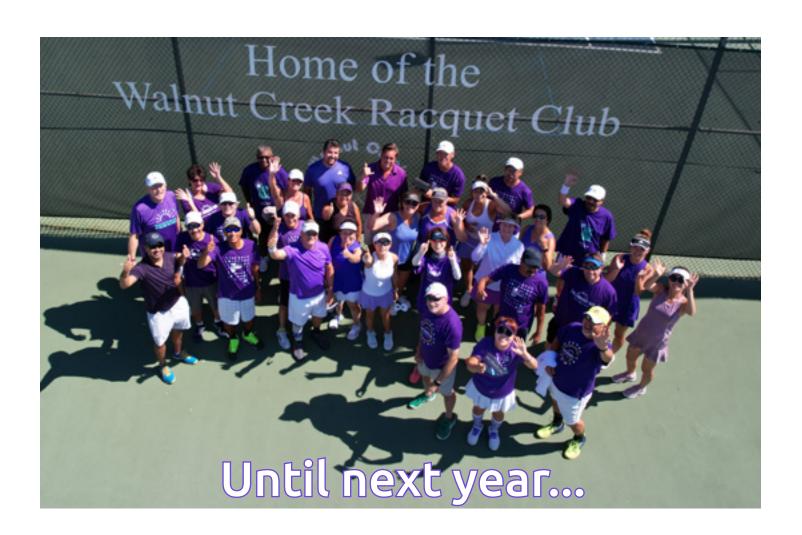


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Mid-Summer Night Tennis

Date:

Saturday, August 7

Time: 3:30 - 8:00 pm

Place: Heather Farms

Cost: \$20.00/person

Format: Team Tennis Doubles



If you cannot play ALL 6 rounds of tennis please do NOT register for this event.

Flights are divided by USTA rating.

Group A: 2.5* - 3.5 • Group B: 4.0 - 4.5

*players rated 2.5 must have USTA match experience to register

This tournament fills up quickly! Registration will open at noon on Monday, July 12th.

Sign in at www.wcrc.net and log in to membership, then go to events.

Questions? Please contact Tammie Snyder at 925-202-7000 or at tammie4tennis@gmail.com

Registration only on line at were net



WCRC travels to the new Golden Gate Park facility







12 WCRC players made the trek out to Golden Gate Park to play on the new facility. We had a great time, beautiful weather and were welcomed by old friends Isabella Feinberg and Joe Noth. Some of us stayed to enjoy some food in the City and took the long way back over the Golden Gate bridge. Photo above left: (I-r) Sanjay Backliwal, Heidi Belton, Steve Wheeler, Thuy Nguyen, Mike Yurkus, Chris Cast, Cara Mia Barnacascel, Garvin Tom, Tammie Snyder, Justin Snyder, Devon Brodhead, Jill Van Slyke, Isabella Feinberg & Joe Noth.







2020 WING (WInter SpriNG) Singles League Champion and Finalists

Womens

4.0

Champion: No final was played. Finalists: Lena Larionova & Martha Spanos

3.5

Champion: Krisztina Kohlhaas Finalist: Corazon Bellamy

3.0

Champion: Kayla Hornbrook Finalist: Kelly Anderson

Mens

50+

Champion: Steven Lehmer Finalist: Michael Balg

4.5

Champion: Thomas Lyhne Finalist: Piyush Bhargava

4.0

Champion: Michael Balg Finalist: Adam Chacksfield

3.5

Champion: Sam Chaccour Finalist: Alexander Michael



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

	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 (ple	ease 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.**



2021 Men's and Women's Summer Singles Leagues Registration Form



Full Name			Dates:	April 17th - September 12th
Address			Entry Fee:	\$25 for WCRC Members (per bracket) \$35 for non-members (per bracket)
	_		Format:	Men's Singles/Women's Singles
		ip	Divisions:	Men's 3.0 - 4.5/5.0 Women's 3.0 - 4.5/5.0
Work Phone			Scheduling:	This is an open schedule. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches. Players will be provided with a contact list of participants
Cell Phone				within their division.
Email		O XL O XXL	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.
T-shirt Type O Reg	gular O	V-neck* O Tank top*	Match Site:	Any site mutually agreed upon
*V-neck and tank top in wo	omen's styl	e only	Scoring:	The winner is responsible for
Current Rating:	Q 2.5	O 4.5		reporting the match score by logging on to www.wcrc.net.
	O.8 C	O 5.0	Standings:	Division standing will be updated on
	3 .5	O 5.5	C	a real time basis as scores are posted
	Q 4.0		Tournament:	End-of-season tournament with draw
I would like to enter the	ne followi	ng division:		determined by league standings. Round of 64: 9/20-9/26 (by arrangement)
O Women's 3.0		○ Men's 3.0		Round of 32: 9/27-10/3 (by arrangement)
O Women's 3.5		O Men's 3.5		Round of 16: 10/4-10/10 (by arrangement) Quarters: 10/11-10/22 (by arrangement)
O Women's 4.0	_	O Men's 4.0		Semi-finals: 10/23 (onsite)
O Women's 4.5/5		O Men's 4.5/5.0		Finals 10/24 (onsite)
`		O Men's 50+ (3.0-5.0)		A minimum of 4 players are required to generate a draw.
50+ Division is 1 flight with ALL levels (3.0 - 5.0)			Match Min.:	6 matches
I am a: O WCRC O Non-Me	ember (\$3	Register	Checks to:	Walnut Creek Racquet Club (<u>NOT</u> WCRC) c/o Cameron Coltharp 336 Blue Ridge Drive Martinez, CA 94553
•	Member (Or Online:	wcrc.net/login
O Non-Me	ember (\$3		Questions:	camcoltharp@gmail.com 510-717-2107

Register on line at www.wcrc.net/login and save \$5.00

CALENDER OF EVENTS





July 5	USTA 40+ Team Season Opens
July 16	USTA 18+ Team Season Closes
July 16	USTA 65+ Team Season Closes
July 19	USTA Mixed 18+ Season Opens
July 22-25	USTA 18+ Team Playoffs
July 26-30	USTA 65+ Team Playoffs
Jul 30-Aug 1	USTA 18+ Team Sectionals



Aug 1	WCRC Fall Mixed League Opens
Aug 7	WCRC Mid-Summer Tournament
Aug 9	USTA 70+ Team Registration Opens
Aug 9	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Registration Opens
Aug 9	USTA Combo Team Registration Opens
Aug 10-12	USTA 65+ Team Sectionals
Aug 22	USTA 40+ Team Season Closes
Aug 23	USTA 70+ Team Registration Closes
Aug 23	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Registration Closes

WCRC LEAGUES

Winter Doubles March 22 - July 30

Summer Singles April 17 - September 12

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel January 1 - June 7, 2021



Income		ľ	··		
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League Dues	0.00
Summer Singles League	1,837.31
WING singles	507.40
Winter Doubles League	2,042.79
Total League Dues	\$4,387.50
Membership Dues	1,453.57
Total Income	\$5,841.07
GROSS PROFIT	\$5,841.07
Expenses	
League Expenses	0.00
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$667.64
Total Winter Doubles Expenses	\$538.73
Total League Expenses	\$1,206.37
Office Supplies	13.64
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$63.41
Rental Deposit	500.00
Taxes	25.00
Website	449.85
Domain Name	199.95
Total Website	\$649.80
Total Expenses	\$2,458.22
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$3,382.85
NET INCOME	\$3,382.85
Balance through June 7, 2021	\$53,609.07

Summer Singles League - Standings

Mens			Women's		
3.0 Matthew Derby	3	L 0	Karlene Steelman	4	0
3.5 Chris Maginn	6	1	Mirali Perkins	2	1
Steve Lehmer	7	0	No matches played yet		
Jeff Magidson	4	0	No matches played yet		

Winter Doubles League - Standings

Mens			Wollars		
3.5	$\nabla \nabla \nabla$	L	3.0	W	
Micahel/Zakari	4	1	Weiss/Sanchez	4	1
Wilderic // Zarkari	·	•	3.5		
4.0			Sienkiewicz/Nasstrom	3	1
	0	0	4.0		
Bains Xue	3	0	Spanos/Westergard	2	0
4.5			4.5/5.0		
Lyhne/Teixeira	2	0	No matches played		
Lehmer/Lehmer	2	0			