



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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**Byron Bardy goes for
an overhead smash
while Athena Lofquist
looks on.**

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year!

The rains have come and put an end to our 2021 tennis season.

USTA is opening up 40+ adult as well as 18+ mixed. The season opens on January 3rd and we have 32 teams out of Heather Farm.



Sally Krapf
2022 WCRC President

We have three WCRC Leagues happening right now, **Fall Mixed Doubles**, **WING Singles** and the newly opened **Winter Doubles**. Check out the registration information forms found on pages 8 & 9. You can sign up for all of our leagues at www.wcrc.net.

Congratulations to **Glenn McBee** and his 55+ 7.0 mixed team who went to playoffs and **Tammie Snyder's** 55+ 8.0 mixed team who went to Sectionals and won the whole event. (See pages 6-7 for highlights).

Check out the **Racquet Wars** on page 10.

This year's **Summer Singles** winners on the back cover.

I wish you a joyous holiday season and see you on the courts next year!

Sally Krapf



M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our 16 New Members Current Membership: 1296

Melanie Campbell	Lafayette	3.5	Quincey Lowery	Dublin	3.0
Jill Carlstrom	Alamo	3.5	Samantha Ng	Danville	3.0
Michelle Cooke	Danville	3.0	Molly Raja	Pleasant Hill	3.0
Laura Dommes	Alamo	3.0	Daniel Satake	American Canyon	3.5
Erika Garell	Orinda	4.0	Christa Schenk	Alamo	3.5
Matt Goldberg	Walnut Creek	3.5	Mary Soe	Orinda	2.5
Susie Hansen	Alamo	3.0	Mitko Vidanovski	Walnut Creek	3.5
Ronit Jorgensen	Lafayette	3.5	Honglei Zhang	Walnut Creek	2.0



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

Masks Rules at the Courts - Masks are recommended to be worn by all patrons when outdoors and social distancing cannot be maintained.

Masks are required to be worn over the nose and mouth by everyone when entering the Pro Shop!

Rain - Friendly reminder, in case of inclement weather to call the office at (925)945-0105 to check on court conditions before your reservation to ensure that the courts are playable.

Round Robin - Come check out our Round Robin on Thursday mornings from 9-11am! Get a chance to meet some new players and play with our Director Jeff Forbes. Cost \$16.00 for a non-pass holder and \$8.00 for a current court pass holder. You must pay to get your name on the list but feel free to call our office if you have any questions!

NOW HIRING - Walnut Creek Tennis Center is now hiring for coaching and office staff positions. If you or someone you know is interested, please feel free to email the General Manager at Laithk@lifetimeactivities.com.

Northgate High School - Courts will be closed during the weekdays for the Winter, but will still be open on weekends starting at 8am. For further information please email Laithk@lifetimeactivities.com.

Winter 2022 Youth and Adult Class Registration - Winter session classes are open NOW! Winter 2022 Flyers is be posted on www.Lifetimeactivities.com, for any further questions please feel free to call the office.

**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.**

Interview and article by Ian McLaughlin

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.

Gerry Brown is undoubtedly the longest tenured member of the Heather Farm tennis community, having played at the club since the mid 1970's. During that span of five decades Gerry has played on and captained numerous teams, and impacted countless local players through both his passion for the game and his passion for teaching and helping others reach their fullest potential.



Gerry no longer plays as often as he used to due to a variety of balky joints that have been stressed from a lifetime of playing different sports, but he still plays as often as possible and currently captains a team in the "SMILE" (Senior Mens Interclub League.) He also loves to watch tennis and analyze players' strokes.



Gerry was raised by his mother in Louisville, Kentucky, after his father, a tailgunner on a B24 bomber, was killed in action over Europe during World War II. His family did not have a lot, and Gerry used "green stamps" to get his first tennis racquet so that he could hit with his buddies at the local park, where they spent a lot of their time playing all sports and swimming. All of the public courts in Louisville at the time were clay courts, so Gerry's game was born on a clay court.

Gerry went on to play football and his intermediate Catholic school football team once won the Louisville city championship in front of over 7,000 fans in a game known in Louisville simply as the "Toy Bowl." After a high school football career as an end and a corner, Gerry attended St. Louis University. He eventually earned his Masters and P.h.D. degrees and began teaching and coaching high school football, while also engaged in various other entrepreneurial pursuits, including being one of the founders of a racially



integrated football series in Kentucky they named "The Midnighters," which has existed from 1965 to the present day.

When his management skills caught the eye of the University of California Gerry, was offered a position to become executive director of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) in Berkeley. He accepted and moved with his wife and two young children out to the west coast, where he eventually settled in Walnut Creek. While working at ASUC, Gerry found





that it carried great weight professionally to have the same name as then-California governor Jerry Brown.

Gerry, now retired, and his wife of 56 years, Rosemary, currently live just down the street from the courts at Heather Farm, so you'll often find Gerry at the club helping younger and beginner players with their games and encouraging them to challenge themselves and reach their full potential by thinking outside the box and looking at new and different ways to do things better.

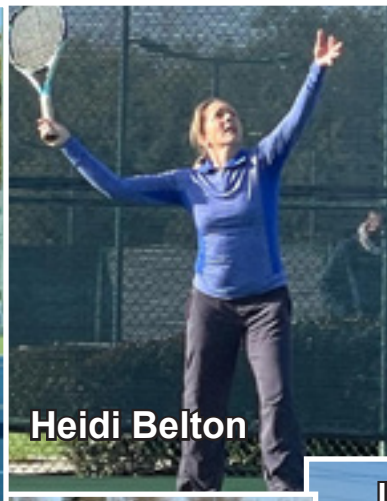
Drawing on a lifetime's worth of experience that brought him from a poor upbringing in Louisville to the beautiful city of Walnut Creek and the courts at Heather Farm, Gerry's advice to anyone who wants to take up the game or improve their game is simple: Take it slowly. Learn the different components of the game and put them together. Don't rush it. Sage advice indeed, which applies well beyond the tennis court as well as many of life's endeavors.



55+ 8.0 Mixed Team wins Sectionals



Steve Buchholz



Heidi Belton



Steve Lehmer & Raquel Atkin



Raquel, Tammie, Athena



Cam Lerner & Tammie Snyder



Lisa, Raquel, Steve L, Tammie, Heidi, Steve B, Sanjay, Pru



Ning Docena, Sanjay Backliwal, Lisa Italia, Pru Pruden, Justin Snyder, Tammie Snyder, Steve Lehmer, Cameron Lerner, Steve Buchholz, Bret Jones



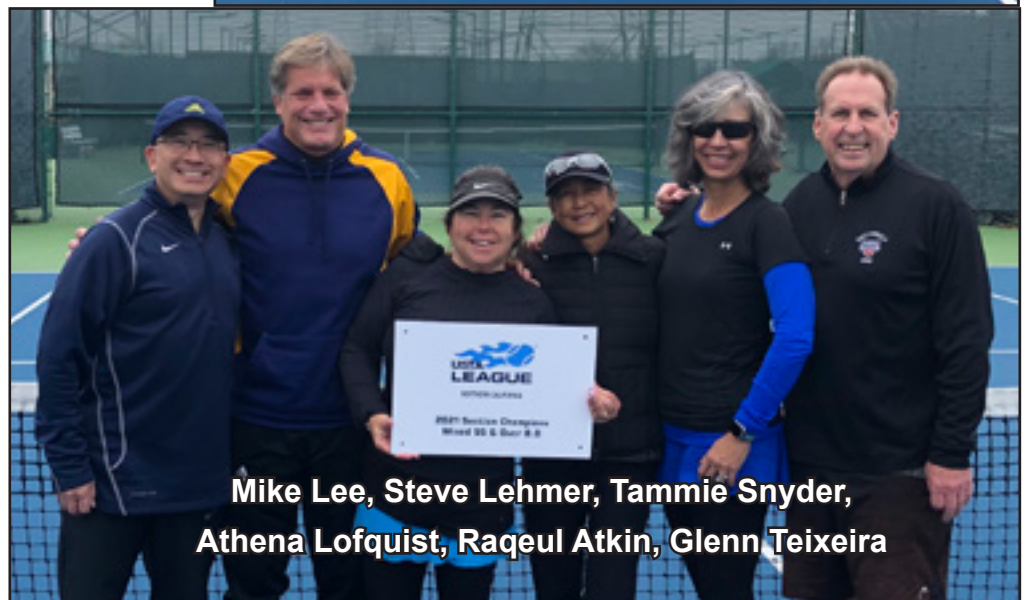
Captain Tammie Snyder holding the Sectionals Plaque

New 55+ player Tammie Snyder combined with Sanjay Backliwal to captain at 55+ 8.0 mixed team. With a total of 18 players available for Sectionals they played 17 different players at the event. Winning each day 2-1 and defeating the undefeated Johnson Ranch team early Saturday morning. The temperatures were frigid and barely reached into the 40's. With our third 2-1 win on Saturday afternoon we met up against the strong team of Pleasanton (Jedi Tennis). It was a close battle but once again we scraped out the win 2-1. Super fun season with an amazing group of players who all played their hearts out! Special shout out to Justin Snyder who came up to cheer on the players!

Team: Susan Aneja, Raquel Atkin, Cynthia Attiyeh, Mike Attiyeh, Sanjay Backliwal (co-captain), Heidi Belton, Steve Buchholz, Cherie Charbonneau, Mark Chase, Mary Conversano, Ning Docena, Lisa Italia, Bret Jones, Cameron Larner, Mike Lee, Steve Lehmer, Paul Lizama, Athena Lofquist, Pru Pruden, Tammie Snyder (captain), Glenn Teixeira and Steve Wheeler.



Steve Lehmer, Mike Lee, Tammie Snyder, Athena Lofquist, Raquel Atkin, Glenn Teixeira



Mike Lee, Steve Lehmer, Tammie Snyder, Athena Lofquist, Raquel Atkin, Glenn Teixeira



Pleasanton vs Walnut Creek in the finals



WCRC Men's & Women's 2022 Winter Doubles League



Available Divisions

(you are eligible to play your level as well as one level above your current USTA rating)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 2.5/3.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.5/5.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.5/5.0 |

League Cost

- \$40 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members)
- \$50 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member)
- \$60 per team (both non-WCRC members)

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 December 27, 2021 - May 9, 2022.

The tournament is scheduled for May 20-22, 2022.

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.

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





2021 Men's and Women's WING (WInter Spring) Singles Leagues Registration Form

Only
\$10

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:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <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 (\$10)
 ☐ Non-Member (\$10)

Dates: October 25th - April 15th

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 4/16 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

Only
\$10

Racquet War in Palm Springs

By Pam Maloney

The name of this tournament doesn't set the stage for what a fun tournament it turned out to be. Unlike some of our matches, USTA and others, this was a gathering of people from all over the country who came to play good, competitive tennis while being NICE to each other. What a breath of fresh air and a reminder that we play this sport because we love it, not because there's something waiting for us when the match is over.

Racquet War is an organization that holds events all over the country for mixed and women's doubles teams. You can look them up on racquetwar.com

Locally, WCRC had a number of teams participating, along with teams from Diamond Hills and Pleasanton.



CALENDER OF EVENTS 2022

Jan

Jan 3	USTA 40+ Season Opens
	USTA 40+ Daytime Season Opens
	USTA 18+ Mixed Season Opens
	USTA 65+ Season Opens
Jan 7-9	USTA Tri-Level Tournament
Jan 22	WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Closes
Jan 24	USTA 18+ Registration Opens
	USTA 18+ Daytime Registration Opens
	USTA 55+ Registration Opens



WCRC LEAGUES

Fall Mixed Doubles Aug 1 - Jan 22, 2022
Fall Mixed Tournament Feb 4-6, 2022

WING Singles - Oct 25 - April 15, 2022

Winter Doubles League - Dec 15 - May, 2022

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel
January - October, 2021



Income

League Dues	0.00
Fall Mixed Doubles League	906.10
Summer Singles League	3,756.34
WING singles	507.40
Winter Doubles League	2,943.04

Total League Dues	\$8,112.88
Membership Dues	12,518.92
Tournament Dues	0.00
Total Calcutta Tournament	\$3,360.00
Mid-Summer Night Tournament	200.00

Total Tournament Dues	\$3,560.00
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Total Income	\$24,191.80
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GROSS PROFIT	\$24,191.80
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Expenses

Board Meeting	228.57
Captains Meetings	546.19
Equipment	42.39
League Expenses	0.00

Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$1,948.83
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Total Winter Doubles Expenses	\$887.03
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Total League Expenses	\$2,835.86
Nationals Stipend	500.00
Office Supplies	301.93
Postage and Delivery	54.75

Total Printing and Reproduction	\$307.28
Rental Deposit	-800.00
Rental Fees	800.00
Sectionals Fees	1,650.00
Taxes	25.00
Tournament Expenses	0.00

Total Calcutta Expenses	\$6,604.76
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Total Mid Summer Tournament Expenses	\$974.07
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Total Tournament Expenses	\$7,578.83
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Total Website	\$1,119.50
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Total Expenses	\$15,190.30
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Net Operating Income	\$9,001.50
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Balance through October, 2021	\$59,227.72
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Mixed Doubles League - Standings

6.0

Rebecca Kay/Brian Hennessy

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4

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7.0

Steph Stieber/Chris Alexander

4

0

8.0

Steph Stieber/Steve Lehmer

9

0

9.0

No matches played yet

2021 SUMMER SINGLE WINNERS

3.0 Women's

Champion – Karlene Steelman

Finalist – Rachel Shippee

3.5 Women's

Champion – Mitali Perkins

Finalist – Mary Bedegi

3.0 Men's

Champion – Matthew Derby

Finalist – Harrison Edwards

3.5 Men's

Champion – Carlos Madrigal

Finalist – Uday Mukherjee

4.0 Men's

Champion – Sam Chaccour

Finalist – Jerry O'neal

4.5 Men's

Champion – Peter Sullivan

Finalist – Ken Bakar