



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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**Steve Lehmer
serves up an ace.**

Photo by Bob Satcher

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy spring!

Hello members! We are happy to see longer days and warmer weather! Another USTA season has wrapped up and now we begin the 18+ Adult and 55+ Adult league.

Congratulations to all the teams who made it to playoffs and good luck in your matches!

Save the date for our annual Calcutta tournament, coming up on Friday May 13th and Saturday May 14th. This year the Friday party/auction will be held at the Lakeside Room at Heather Farm Park as they just opened it up after COVID closures. We are excited to be back at this location and are looking forward to a fun night of food, drinks, and betting on all the fantastic teams! Remember you don't need to play in Calcutta in order to attend the party. When the reservation links are released you can just sign up for the party Friday night. We will continue to hold Calcutta each year in the month of May-we only held it in September of 2021 due to COVID.

We would also like to say goodbye to Laith Kadourhe, who will be moving to New Jersey in April. Thank you Laith for all of your support to the members of WCRC over the last 7 -1/2 years-we are really going to miss you!!

If you're still looking for some fun, social tennis. Check out our Summer Singles, Wing Singles and Winter Doubles Leagues. These are a great way to meet players at your level and have some competitive tennis as well. Check out the registration forms on pages 6-8. Save some money and sign up on line at www.wcrc.net!

See you on the courts!

Sally Krapf



Sally Krapf
2022 WCRC President

M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our 30 New Members
Current Membership: 1294

Jon Allen	Napa	4.0	Tomi Krmpotich	Walnut Creek	3.5
Lucas Askew	Walnut Creek	3.5	Tony LaFrance	Oakland	3.0
Rena Benz	Walnut Creek	3.5	Joan Leone	Danville	3.0
Robert Benz	Walnut Creek	4.0	David Loetz	San Ramon	3.0
Andrea Callaway	Alamo	4.0	Anne Neckar	Dublin	4.0
Matt Carrere	Oakland	4.0	Gian Petersen	Walnut Creek	N.A.
Shannon Carver	Danville	3.5	Deidre Rubich	Walnut Creek	4.0
Cecile Chenevey	Oakland	4.0	Ophir Samson	Lafayette	4.0
Susan Collins	Saint Helena	4.5	Sharon Sintchak	Moraga	3.5
Stephen Crump	Napa	3.5	Dennis Totah	Napa	3.5
Jessie Du	Concord	4.0	Christine Treveloni	Orinda	4.0
Linda Duchscherer	Castro Valley	3.0	Donna Vis	Discovery Bay	4.0
Jerry Gee	Pittsburg	3.5	Julie Wallunas	Diablo	4.0
Sandra Jones	Pleasanton	4.5	Chuck Wong	Danville	3.0
Gregory Keselman	Pleasant Hill	3.0	Alton Zheng	San Ramon	3.5



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

Mask 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 by non-vaccinated players when entering the pro shop and recommended for vaccinated players.

Ball Can Limit - Due to ball shortages from our suppliers the Pro Shop now has a 2 can limit on ball purchases. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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

Spring Session II 2022 Youth and Adult Class Registration

Spring session classes still OPEN for registration! Spring 2022 Flyers are posted on www.lifetimeactivities.com, for any further questions please feel free to call the office at 925-945-0105.

Registration for Youth and Adult Summer Camps and Classes Opens Soon! Summer Youth Camp Registration Opens Tuesday, 3/29 @ 10am Youth Summer Class Registration Opens Tuesday, 4/5 @ 10am Adult Summer Class Registration Opens Wednesday, 4/6 @ 10am. Further info can be found online!

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

Up For A Challenge:

Deanna Fong

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.

Deanna Fong has always been up for a challenge and enjoys figuring out a way to get things done, and she had to utilize every bit of that growth mindset as she embarked on her tennis career at Heather Farm. When Deanna first came to check out the club in 2002 after not playing much tennis for the previous twenty years and having never played in a USTA league before, she met a lot of the local players and asked them how she could join a team at Heather Farm. Because of her lack of USTA experience, she was first asked to hit on court 1 so that they could assign her a visual rating, but she still found it nearly impossible to find a team to join. So, she decided to take matters into her own hands and organize her own team, but was unsure how to recruit players since she didn't yet know anyone. To help her recruit other 3.0 women to join her team, Tammie Snyder offered to run an ad in the WCRC newsletter announcing a date and time for an "open tryout" at Heather Farm for any 3.0 women interested in joining the newly formed squad. Over a dozen people showed up and Deanna rostered them all. During the 2003 season, Deanna competed in a USTA league for the very first time while simultaneously captaining a team for the first time as well. With her second run at captaining, her team finished in 3rd place in the league and ended up in playoffs!



One year for the WCRC Club Championships she entered in singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Not only did she win all three events she had three different outfits to match with her partners!

A Bay Area native, Deanna started playing tennis at age 10 and went on to play at Castro Valley High School. After high school she focused on other pursuits before she started playing again. Some friends invited her



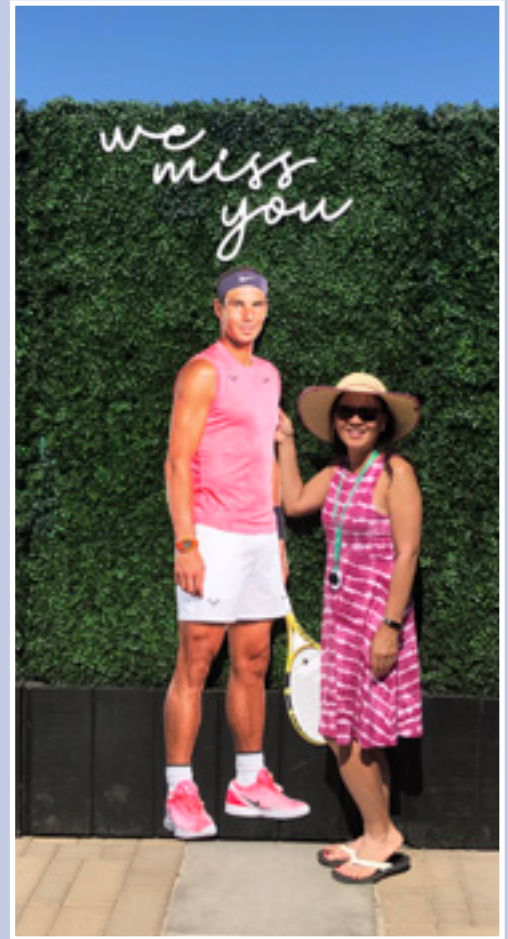
out to hit shortly before her initial venture out to Heather Farm.

They say that fortune favors the bold, and Deanna's bold step of starting her own team worked out in her favor. Two decades later she still counts several of the ladies from that first team as her closest friends, and some of those women moved up the USTA rankings step by step with Deanna, from their initial 3.0 team to 4.0, where Deanna currently plays, mainly in singles.

Over the course of the next two decades, Deanna has played on and captained several teams at Heather Farm, and coincidentally it was a tennis contact who helped Deanna land her current job as a business analyst with Kaiser Permanente, where she still works full time. One day, when Deanna was stopped at a stoplight in her car near the Walnut Creek Kaiser campus she saw someone she knew from Heather Farm crossing the crosswalk and wearing a Kaiser employee badge. She reached out to her new inside contact and landed a new job, and has been with Kaiser ever since. She's on the business side of the HMO, however, so don't ask her to diagnose your achy back or shoulder when you see her on the court.

Deanna's father and brother and sister all live in NorCal, but she said that she considers the Heather Farm community her second family, and she's glad she made the effort to start a USTA team when she first came to the club. Like any family, it can be work to develop and maintain relationships, but like every task she undertakes, Deanna was up for the challenge and is reaping the benefits through close

friendships and exciting tennis. You never know how one bold step can impact the rest of your life. ■





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)

Only
\$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



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)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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**





2022 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)

Register
on-line
save \$5

Dates: April 18th - September 11th
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: 9/2-9/3 (by arrangement)

Round of 32: 9/2-10/2 (by arrangement)

Round of 16: 10/3-10/9 (by arrangement)

Quarters: 10/10-10/11 (by arrangement)

Semi-Finals: 10/12 (onsite)

Finals: 10/25 (onsite)

A minimum of 4 players are required to generate a draw.

Match Min.: 6 matches

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Or Online: wcrc.net/login

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

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

The Longest Tennis Rally 2022

It's coming on a Saturday in June around the Summer Solstice, The Longest day is the day we fight! Another year of fun tennis to raise funds and awareness in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. We hope you will join us! Look for details on donating and signing up in future communications!

Committee members - Euna Roh, Kevin Kyono, Doug Fish and Glenn McBee





2022 Bay Area Senior Games



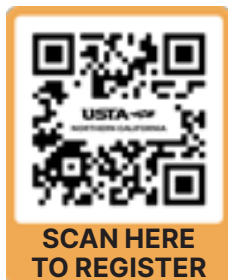
WHEN: April 29-30, 2022

WHERE: Palo Alto, CA

EVENTS: Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles

AGE DIVISIONS: 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85+

REGISTRATION FEE: \$65 singles, \$35 doubles per player



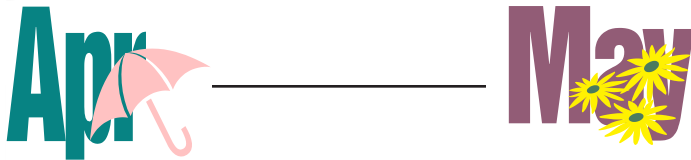
For more information, go to ustanorcal.info/srgames

The top finishers from each age group will advance to the 2023 National Senior Games in Pittsburgh, PA in Summer 2023.

For more information, contact Cherryl Silva at 510-224-7304 or silva@norcal.usta.com

USTA  **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2022



Apr 4-8	USTA 40+ Daytime Playoffs Round 3
Apr 7-10	USTA 40+ Playoffs Round 3
Apr 8-10	USTA 65+ Sectionals
Apr 11	USTA 18+ Season Opens
	USTA 18+ Daytime Season Opens
Apr 15	WCRC WING Singles League Closes
Apr 15-17	USTA 18+ Mixed Sectionals
Apr 22-24	USTA 40+ Sectionals
	USTA 40+ Daytime Sectionals
Apr 25	USTA 40+ Mixed Registration Opens
May	WCRC Winter Doubles League Closes
May 13	Calcutta Party
May 14	Calcutta Tournament
May 20-22	WCRC Winter Doulbes Tournament
May 23	USTA 40+ Mixed Registration Closes
May 29	USTA 55+ Season Closes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel
January - February, 2022



Income

League Dues	0.00
Fall Mixed Doubles League	-4.13
WING singles	709.43
Winter Doubles League	973.32
Total League Dues	\$1,678.62
Membership Dues	6,614.57
Total Income	\$8,293.19
Gross Profit	\$8,293.19

Expenses

Board Meeting	179.29
League Expenses	0.00
Total Fall Mixed Expenses	\$552.05
Total Winter Doubles Expenses	1,041.94
Total League Expenses	\$1,593.99
Supplies	578.46
Total Calcutta Expenses	35.90
Total Tournament Expenses	\$35.90
Website	199.85
Total Expenses	\$2,587.49
Net Operating Income	\$5,705.70
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Balance through January, 2022	63,322.08

WCRC LEAGUES

WING Singles - Oct 25 - April 15, 2022

Winter Doubles League - Dec 15 - May, 2022

USTA Junior NJTL and D&I Camp

After a two-year hiatus, the NJTL and D&I camp are back! The only change is that we are now combining both camps into one camp that will take place from Monday, June 27th to July 1st at the University of California, Davis.

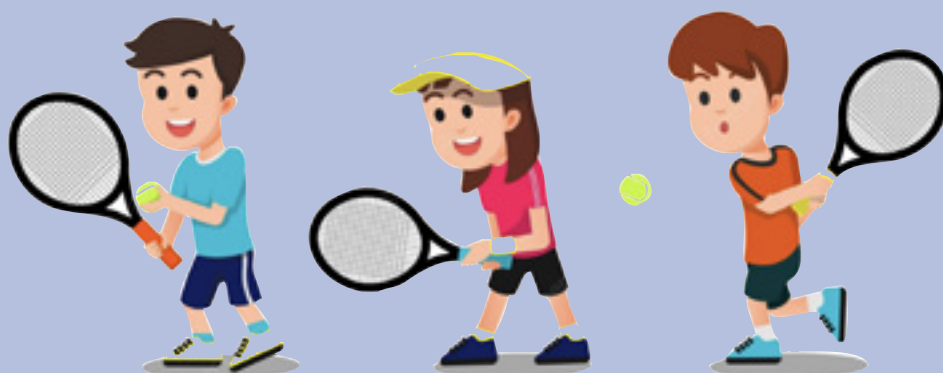
The application is now open and will close on Monday, April 25th

If you are unfamiliar with this camp, it is a no-cost camp for intermediate to advanced juniors ages 11 to 17 (18 if they are going into their senior year).

To apply for the camp, please go here: <https://form.jotform.com/220405612479049>

We highly suggest sharing the application with any junior players within your organization that you believe will benefit from this opportunity.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Troy Rondeau at rondeau@norcal.usta.com.



WING Singles League - Standings

Men's

3.0

Matthew Derby

W L

4 0

3.5

Vraj Mohan

9 4

4.0

Adam Chacksfield

9 2

4.5+

Jahan Vijeh

2 0

50+

John Zentner

2 0

Women's

3.0

Claire Jackson

W L

4 0

Kayla Hornbrook

4 0

3.5

Jess Zhang

2 0

4.0

No matches played yet

4.5+

Stacey Blackman

1 0

50+

No matches played yet