



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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Euna Roh was all smiles at the annual Alzheimer's Longest Day Tournament

Longest Day Issue

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy 4th of July!

This year is flying! Do you have any fun vacations planned this summer? I just came back from Florida and it was hot & humid, but I enjoyed a lot of beach time-and you can swim in the ocean there since it's so warm!

I'd like to congratulate all of the teams who have made it to post season! Best of luck to all of you!



Sally Krapf
2022 WCRC President

55+ captains/teams

Alan Roth - 55+ 6.0M (sectionals)
Dan Katzman - 55+ 6.0M (playoffs)
Patrick Forden - 55+ 7.0M (playoffs)
Lloyd Hohenstein - 55+ 8.0M (sectionals)
Dan Slaven - 55+ 8.0 M (playoffs)
Maureen Satcher - 55+ 7.0W (playoffs)
Miwon Vella - 55+ 7.0W (playoffs)
Myrl Kan - 55+ 8.0W (sectionals)

18+ captains/teams

Alan Roth - 18+ 3.5M (playoffs)
Michael Rubiano - 18+ 3.5M (playoffs)
Patrick Forden - 18+ 3.5M (playoffs)
Steve Lehmer - 18+ 4.0M (playoffs)
Kevin Kyono - 18+ 4.0M (playoffs)
Jeff Wong - 18+ 4.5M (playoffs)
Cara Mia Barnacascel - 18+ 2.5W (playoffs)
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Kelly Sanchez - 18+ 2.5W (playoffs)
Tammie Snyder - 18+ 3.5W (playoffs)
Lisa Italia - 18+ 3.5W (playoffs)
Tammie Snyder - 18+ 4.0W (playoffs)

Last month the annual **Longest Rally for Alzheimer's** event was held at the courts and they raised \$12,000 for the Alzheimer's Association! Special thanks to **Doug Fish, Euna Roh, Glenn McBee and Kevin Kyono** for hosting this meaningful event each year. See highlights on page 6.

WCRC will hold the annual **Mid-Summer Social on August 13th** from 3-8pm. This is a fun event where we have teams compete in mens, womens, and mixed doubles. Of course we will have an abundance of great food and drinks! Tammie will be sending out the registration email on July 18, we hope to see you there!

See you on the courts!

Sally Krapf

M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our 18 New Members
Current Membership: 1279

Cindy Abel	Moraga	4.5	Anderson Ip	Walnut Creek	N.A.
Alex Aguilar	Concord	4.0	Vikram Kadi	Concord	4.0
Terry Chen	Albany	4.5	Raj Khanna	Concord	4.5
Mike Coke	Danville	3.5	Taylor Long	San Ramon	4.0
Shirley Coke	Danville	3.5	Abid Majid	Danville	3.5
Emily Connors	Martinez	3.5	Cathy Schechter	Alamo	4.0
Jyoti Dave	Concord	N.A.	Andrey Volynets	Walnut Creek	4.0
Andrew Fisher	Lafayette	3.5	Clark Walmer	Brentwood	4.0
Alexandra Gunnell	Alameda	4.5	Doug Yick	Martinez	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

4th of July hours: 8am - 3pm

4th OF JULY SALE! - Lifetime Activities will be having a 4th of July sale at our Pro Shop! July 2nd – July 4th, all pro shop equipment will be 20% off. Offer excludes balls, string/string labor, ball machine, passes, rentals, classes, snacks/drinks.

Ball Can Limit - Individuals and Groups may now purchase up to 4 cans of tennis balls.

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

Youth Camp and Class Fall Session I & II 2022 registration opens July 12th @10:00am! Adult Class Fall Session I & II 2022 registration opens July 13th @10:00am!

- Further info can be found online! www.Lifetimeactivities.com, for any further questions please feel free to call the office at 925-945-0105.

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Member Spotlight

Our Diversity Makes Us Stronger. **Sanjay Backliwal**

Interview and article by Ian McLaughlin

As an effort to get to know our membership the Board has decided to have a 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 commentary.

For WCRC member Sanjay Backliwal ("SB" for short), the tennis community has helped him establish deep roots here in his adopted homeland.

A native of New Delhi, India, Sanjay made the bold move to emigrate to the United States around 2001 to operate his diamond and semi-precious jewelry business from here and cut down on his extensive business travel. (Sanjay's gems and jewelry are available through a struggling small startup company you might have heard of called "Amazon." - I hope that company can find a way to survive.) Sanjay's family followed his move to America a few years later and they eventually settled in the East Bay.

Since moving to the East Bay, SB has played tennis at various clubs, including Harbor Bay in Alameda and Clubsport San Ramon, home of the famously long staircase. Eventually he became friends with well-known WCRC members Debashis Panda and Michael Quintana, and also met Tammie Snyder, who he calls "definitely the most organized person" he's ever met. Through these

relationships SB migrated his tennis game to Heather Farm a little over a decade ago. He now plays as often as possible, several days a week.

One of SB's most memorable highlights at the club was the year he made the finals of the popular Calcutta tournament, which he then won the following year with partner Nancy Chan. Calcutta draws such a large crowd that Sanjay met a broad swath of the club during his Calcutta run on the championship courts.

When he's not playing tennis or working Sanjay enjoys hanging out with his family, including his wife/mixed partner Ning Docena, who also plays at Heather Farm, and his son Shray, who has settled in the Sacramento area. Sanjay can also point you to the most authentic restaurants in the Bay Area, (and early inside access to this kind of coveted information is just another fringe benefit of being the WCRC member spotlight beat reporter.)



Like everyone who has been profiled in this spotlight series, SB stressed how much he loves his tennis family at WCRC, which has helped support him through life's inevitable challenges and difficult days.

Besides that, what makes WCRC so special and unique to Sanjay is its diversity, both the broad diversity of events and activities available here, but also the cultural and ethnic diversity of the club membership (although SB has not met another New Delhi native at WCRC yet.) As with America itself, the diversity of our tennis community makes us all much stronger. ♦



The Longest Tennis Rally 2022

This year was great fun and a BIG success!

The temperature was perfect, the food was great and the tennis was wonderful. What we did together was raise over \$12,000 for a great cause and have fun while doing so.

Thank you for participating in the tournament. Our 32 player spots filled up quickly, so next year you will want to sign up early! We had 4 winners in 2 flights, Miwon Vella and Eric Wall in one flight and Steph Stieber and Garvin Tom in the other flight.

Check out all the photos here: <https://wcrc.zenfolio.com/p829995084>

A special shout out to Lifetime Activities of Walnut Creek for providing the use of the courts at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center, we couldn't do this without you, Thank You!

Donations can still be made until the end of August at

<http://act.alz.org/goto/TheLongestTennisRally>

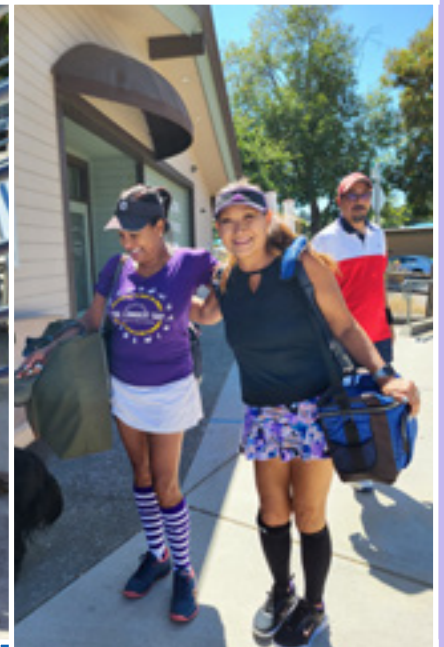
Thank you to all who donated, to those who came out and cheered and supported the event.

See you in 2023!

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

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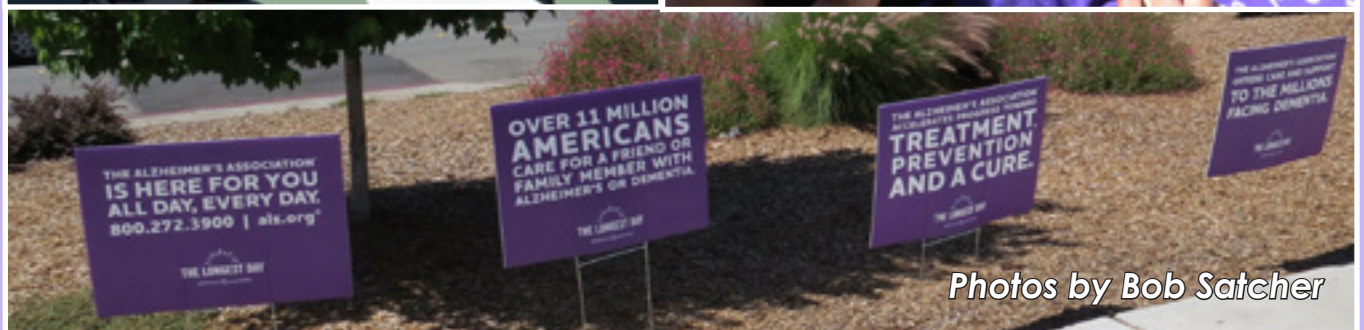




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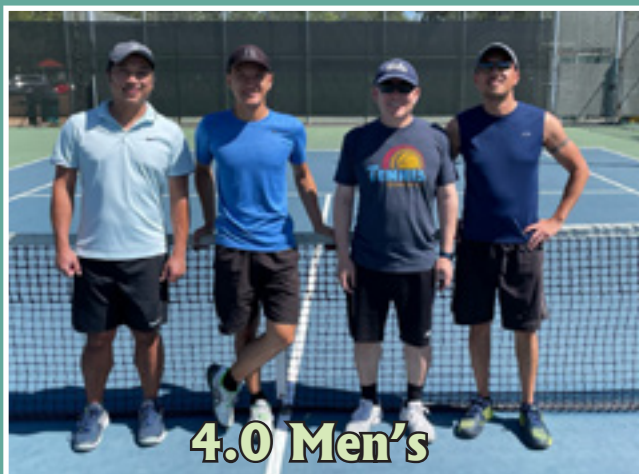


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Winter Doubles Results



4.0 Men's

Agung Zakaria/Chris Lau defeated
Christopher Lee/Owen Tseng
6-4, 6-4



3.0 Women's

Brigitte Shaw/ Dana Andrew defeated
Samantha Ng/Jazy Zhang
6-2, 6-2



4.5 Men's

Glenn Teixeira/Thomas Lyhne defeated
Shuangxi Xu/Eudean Sun
6-4, 6-2



3.5 Women's

Cassie Kim/Tammie Snyder defeated
Pru Pruden/Jennifer Grant
6-2, 4-6, 6-0



4.0 Women's

Lena Larionova/Soyoung Kim defeated
Priyanka Holmes/Yana Bazulina
6-3, 6-2

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2022

Jul

Aug

Jul 4	USTA 70+ Day Registration Opens USTA 55+ Mixed Registration Opens USTA Combo Doubles Reg. Opens USTA Combo Doubles Day Reg. Opens
Jul 7-10	USTA 18+ Playoffs Round 1
Jul 11-15	USTA 18+ Daytime Playoffs Round 1
Jul 14-17	USTA 18+ Playoffs Round 2
Jul 18-22	USTA 18+ Daytime Playoffs Round 2
Jul 21-24	USTA 18+ Playoffs Round 3
Jul 25-29	USTA 18+ Daytime Playoffs Round 3
Jul 29-31	USTA 55+ Sectionals
Aug 1	USTA 70+ Daytime Registration Closes USTA 55+ Mixed Registration Closes USTA Combo Doubles Reg. Closes USTA Combo Doubles Day Reg. Closes
Aug 5-7	USTA 18+ Sectionals USTA 18+ Daytime Sectionals
Aug 13	WCRC Mid-Summer Tournament
Aug 28	USTA 40+ Mixed Season Closes
Aug 29	USTA 70+ Daytime Season Opens USTA 55+ Mixed Season Opens USTA Combo Doubles Season Opens USTA Combo Doubles Day Season Opens

WCRC LEAGUES

Summer Singles League - April 18 - Sept. 18
Summer Singles Tournament - October 29-30

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January - May, 2022



Income	
League Dues	1,396.87
Fall Mixed Doubles League	-4.13
Summer Singles League	18.91
WING singles	819.80
Winter Doubles League	1,460.20
Total League Dues	\$3,691.65
Membership Dues	14,545.37
Tournament Dues	0.00
Calcutta Tournament	180.00
Calcutta Auction	2,345.00
Total Calcutta Tournament	\$2,525.00
Total Tournament Dues	\$2,525.00
Total Income	\$20,762.02
Gross Profit	\$20,762.02
Expenses	
Board Meeting	425.14
Captains Meetings	243.88
Gifts	159.11
League Expenses	0.00
Total Fall Mixed League Expenses	\$2,170.78
Total Winter Doubles Expenses	\$1,174.94
Total League Expenses	\$3,345.72
Office Supplies	89.25
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$176.34
Sectionals Fees	660.00
Supplies	578.46
Taxes	25.00
Tournament Expenses	0.00
Total Calcutta Expenses	\$10,346.16
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Website	489.70
Total Expenses	\$16,538.76
Net Operating Income	\$4,223.26
Other Income	
Interest Income	166.62
Net Other Income	\$166.62
Net Income	\$4,389.88

Balance through May, 2022 62,170.00

Summer Singles League - Standings

Men's

3.0	W	L
Artem Suprun	4	1
3.5		
Fernando Saenz	5	1
Cy Lucas	5	1
4.0		
Andrw Solomon	9	2
4.5+		
Arsuron Papartassee	1	0
Amit Raghavan	1	0
50+		
Vraj Mohan	2	1

Women's

3.0	W	L
Michelle Holcenberg	1	0
Samantha Ng	1	0
3.5		
No matches played yet		
4.0		
Maria Boukhval	1	0
4.5+		
No matches played yet		
50+		
No matches played yet		



Walnut Creek 55+ 3.0M-A "Scrapers" met up against the WC-B team. After a hot day on the courts, the Scrapers won, sweeping all three lines in straight sets. Next stop Sectionals (July 29-31). Captain, Alan Roth

Shown: Dave Gwynn, Captain Alan, Chandra Mundra, Eric Wall, Scott Owers, Bill Pratt, Phill Johnson, Lou Mangasar, Bob Satcher, Bob Yee, Lou Castaneda left before pictures.

Not pictured: Mark Keeling, Tim Miller, Rich Overby, Rob Corder.

High School Tennis Coaches Needed

Ygnacio Valley HS
is looking for a men's and women's coach.
Please contact
Nicole Kipnis
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Nicwarm@gmail.com

San Ramon Valley HS
is looking for a JV coach
for both men's and women's teams.
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