

# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club*

*January, 2023*



**Samantha Dullea runs  
down another forehand  
to help her win the  
4.0 Women's Summer  
Singles Championships!**

**Dullea...All Day**

*Photo by Rebecca Kay*

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Happy 2023!

It's crazy to believe that almost 3 years have passed since Covid shut down our lives!

If you're looking for some social tennis, the WCRC has 3 leagues running. The Fall Mixed Doubles, the WING Singles and opening on January 1st the Winter Doubles League. You can register for any of these leagues on line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net).

USTA is back running full steam and the upcoming seasons are already full of solid players. The WCRC has 3 daytime 40+ teams, 8 18+ teams, and 22 40+ teams! These seasons open January 2nd. If you're looking for a team, go to our home page and contact a captain directly. <https://www.ustanorcal.com/organization.asp?id=10864>

65+ which starts in February already has 3 teams rostered as well.

Congratulations to the following combo doubles teams heading to Sectionals January 13-15.

5.5CW - Cara Mia Barnacascel  
6.5CW - Cara Mia Barnacascel  
7.5CW - Tammie Snyder  
8.5CW - Myrl Kan  
8.5CM - Brian Italia  
9.5CW - Jill Van Slyke

I look forward to my new role as President and hope we can have a successful year together.

I wish you all a Happy New Year, and hope you can spend some time with your friends and family.

See you on the courts,

*Garvin Tom*



**Garvin Tom**  
**2023 WCRC President**





# M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our **13** New Members  
Current Membership: **1158**

Giridharan Anandan	San Ramon	4.0
James Baldetti	Walnut Creek	N.A.
Elena Balletti	Danville	3.0
Priscilla Behidj Zielenski	San Ramon	3.0
Rachel Blatt	Lafayette	4.0
Pritesh Dasgupta	Danville	3.5
Angie Esswein	Oakland	4.5
Lara Facticeau	Atherton	3.5
Tammy Fox	San Ramon	3.5
Liz Gallagher	Lafayette	3.0
Emily Garcia	Livermore	3.0
David Gutierrez	Tracy	4.0
Katie Hetrick	Benicia	4.5
Beth Hill	Brentwood	3.5
Hazel Indick	Pittsburg	3.5
Anup Katariya	San Ramon	3.5
Mei Lo	San Leandro	4.0
Allison Lovell	Orinda	4.0

Laurie Lowery	Orinda	4.0
Marilyn Morrell-Kristal	Pleasanton	4.5
Cathy Papahadjopoulos	Piedmont	3.5
Muthubatcha Purushothaman	Dublin	3.5
Arun Raghupathy	Pleasanton	3.5
Noa Ramo-Larios	Oakland	4.0
Brady Rogers	Danville	3.5
Nancy Shannon	Benicia	5.0
Vinayak Sheno	San Ramon	4.0
Claudia Suh	BENICIA	4.0
Megan Thomas	Danville	3.0
Jack Zhu	Dublin	4.0

## NEW MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

Each month Pam will be randomly picking a WCRC member's name to receive free WCRC membership for a year!

This month's winner is:  
**Alissa Welch**



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

**USTA 40+ and 18 Mixed Season Reminders** - If you are captaining a team for the upcoming 40+ and/or 18 Mixed USTA Season, we would like to remind you of the following:

- Please have your players come by the office before their scheduled match to pay their match fee and check in.
- Even if you have a plus pass with Lifetime Activities they still need to come by the main office and check in.
- Match fees are due BEFORE the start of a match. This includes matches scheduled at Rudge Park and Northgate High School.
- Captains are responsible for the payment of any player who doesn't pay their fee before the start of a match.
- If, for any reason, you need to reschedule a USTA match, please contact David directly at davidr@lifetimeactivities.com

**Warm up time before USTA Match** - Please note that per USTA match rules, you are guaranteed 5 minutes of warm up time before your match. This time is already built into your match reservation time. If you would like to warm up on the courts before your match, you may do so free of charge up to 15 minutes before your match starts, as long as there are open courts available. If you would like to have longer than 15 minutes for a warm up, then you will need to book a reservation or walk on court and the standard \$6 fee becomes applicable. If you have a Lifetime Activities pass, then you will still need to book a warm up court, but the charge is not applicable to you.

**Walk-On Court Process** - Walk on courts are first come first serve only. In order to obtain a walk on court, you must come to the front desk with at least 1 other person that you will be playing with before you will be granted a court. Your reservation time will start at the time that you are granted the court, i.e. walk on court reservation time slots may be booked outside of the reservable court time slots. Please note that you are only allowed to book 1 court under your name per day. If you have already booked a reservable court under your name, then you will not be able to book a walk on court under your name during that same day. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions about the walk-on court process, you can email the General Manager at davidr@lifetimeactivities.com.

# Member Spotlight

## A Teacher First, and Also a Student: **Kelly Sanchez**

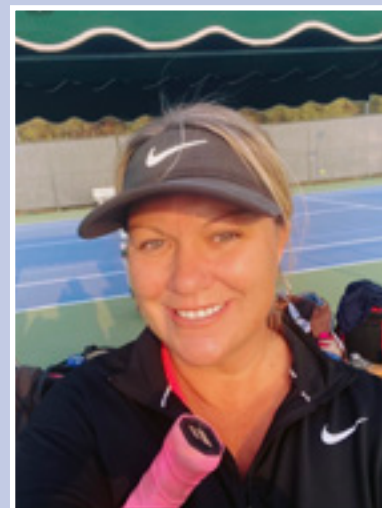
*Interview and article by Ian McLaughlin*

*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.*

**W**CRC member Kelly Sanchez has always been passionate about teaching and after earning a degree in Special Education from Sonoma State University, the Petaluma native stayed local and taught and managed cases in the Special Education department at her alma mater Petaluma High School, where she also coached tennis. Kelly still serves the community with Mt. Diablo Unified School District as a home and hospital instructor working with students who are unable to attend school in person.

Kelly grew up in Petaluma playing competitive softball year round and received her first tennis racquet as a gift from her mother (a tennis player herself) at age ten, took some lessons, and ended up playing the sport at Petaluma High in addition to competing in her main sport, softball.

After growing up and working in Sonoma County, Kelly and husband Tony moved to the East Bay in 2016, as Tony hails from San Ramon. Kelly was a new mother at the time and started playing tennis at Oakhurst, where she met her first "tennis family" that helped her establish her deep roots in the community. As she played more often she migrated her game to Heather Farm with its broad swath of players and activities. At Heather Farm Kelly has been playing USTA league tennis and captaining teams since 2019, and like many WCRC members she developed strong friendships and moved up the USTA rankings chart with many of the same women who were her teammates and close friends.



In fact, she was just bumped up to 3.5 when the latest rankings were posted! As a lifelong competitive athlete and student of the game Kelly feels that she has a strong serve and aggressive overall game but is still working on her complete game (as is everyone else). She especially loves the team camaraderie of USTA tennis and as captain she has adopted a holistic approach and tries to support every aspect of the members of her teams, both on and off the court.



Aside from tennis and teaching, Kelly is busy raising her two kids Ryan (age 6) and Katie (5), and maintains a veritable zoo of animals at her home in the unincorporated area of the county, keeping two dogs, two cats, and five chickens. She also coaches her kids' little league teams, and captains a bocce ball team. Kelly is clearly spinning a lot of plates at any one time and is very active in the community.



But one of Kelly's primary passions remains tennis, and especially tennis with her WCRC friends. Like so many club members, Kelly loves the "electric atmosphere" of playoff matches at Heather Farm, along with the free-flowing post match wine. (odd how so many of these spotlight interviews circle back to the wine!)

Always a teacher at heart, Kelly believes there is something to be learned from every match and every opponent, win or lose, and her goal is to compete hard on the court, but to be the same person during her matches that she is off court, because off the court we're all part of the same community, so "we're all on the same team." A good lesson for all of us to remember as we compete on the tennis court and in life. And you should sit up straight and pay attention when Kelly Sanchez says that because teachers have access to the answer key. ♦





# Summer Singles Tournament

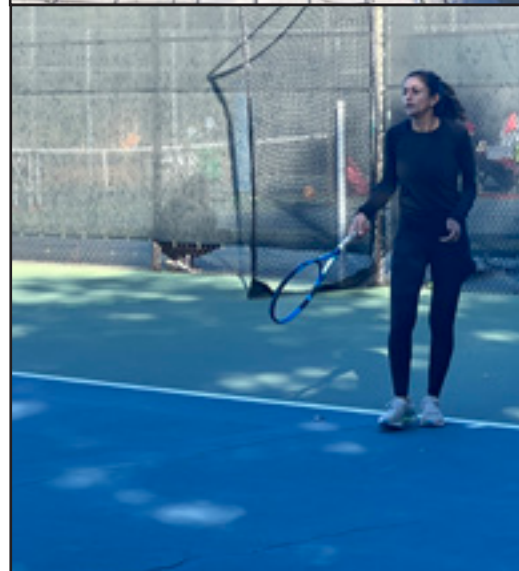
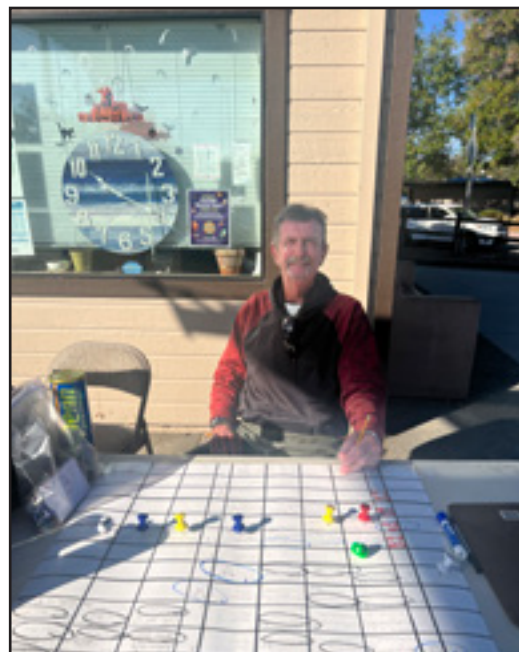
A big thank you to everyone that played in the Summer Singles league this season! I hope that you had an enjoyable and competitive season. The league champions and finalist for each division are listed on page 11 and I congratulate them on their great performances. The season may be over but the tennis doesn't have to stop! You can continue to utilize the league communication tools to communicate with the players to arrange recreational matches.

On a personal note, I have opted to retire from coordinating Summer Singles after more than a decade as the league coordinator. It has been my pleasure to have the opportunity to support this incredible league, club, and league participants. I will continue on the Board as the WING Singles coordinator and I hope that many of you will sign up to play. The league officially begins play October 31st and continues until April 16th. You can sign up at <https://wcrc.net/wcrc-leagues/join-league>. You need not worry about the Summer Singles league because I am certain that the new coordinator, Steve Lehmer, will exceed all our expectations.

Finally, I want to thank everyone on the Board for making the Walnut Creek Racquet Club the special place that it is and for helping me to make the Summer Singles league possible for all these years. Take care!



Cameron Coltharp  
Retired Summer Singles Coordinator







# Summer Singles Tournament











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# Summer Singles Results



## 3.0 Women's

Champion – Arwa Kaddoura (4)  
Finalist – Brigitte Shaw (2)



## 4.0 Women's

Champion - Samantha Dullea (1)  
Finalist – Heidi Belton (3)



## 3.0 Men's

Champion – Matthew Derby (2)  
Finalist – Artem Suprun (1)



## 3.5 Men's

Champion – Brian Hennessy (1)  
Finalist – Keane Tarrosa (3)



## 4.0 Men's

Champion – Alex Tayag (3)  
Finalist – Charan Sarjapur



## 4.5 Men's

Champion – Artem Melnik (1)  
Finalist – Dan Laforte (3)





## WCRC Men's & Women's 2023 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 January 1, 2023 - May 26, 2023.**

**The tournament is scheduled for June 9-11, 2023.**

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](mailto:gtom12@hotmail.com)**

**Find a partner  
League opens  
January 1st**





# WCRC Men's & Women's 2022 Winter Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net](http://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, P.O. Box 4574, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

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## 2022 Men's and Women's WI-NG (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 31st - April 16th

Entry Fee:        \$10 (per bracket)

Format:           Men's Singles/Women's Singles

Divisions:        Men 3.0 - 4.5+ & 50+ years of age  
                         Women 3.0 - 4.5+ & 50+ years of age

Scheduling:      This is an open schedule. Players  
                         schedule matches (date, time, and  
                         location) by mutual agreement.  
                         Players use the league website to  
                         communicate.

Match Format:    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 online at  
                         [www.wcrc.net](http://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 completed 4/17 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](http://wcrc.net/login)

Questions:        [camcoltharp@gmail.com](mailto:camcoltharp@gmail.com)  
                         510-717-2107

Only  
\$10



# CALENDER OF EVENTS

# 2023

## Jan

## Feb

Jan 1	WCRC Winter Doubles League Opens
Jan 2	USTA 40+ Season Opens
	USTA 40+ DT Season Opens
	USTA 18+ Mixed Season Opens
Jan 9	USTA 65+ DT Team Registration Closes
Jan 13-15	USTA 70+ Daytime Sectionals
	USTA Combo Doubles Day Sectionals
Jan 23	USTA 55+ Team Registration Opens
	USTA 18+ Team Registration Opens
	USTA 18+ DT Team Registratoin Opens
Jan 26	WCRC Fall Mixed League Closes
Feb 3-5	WCRC Fall Mixed Tournament
Feb 6	USTA 65+ DT Season Opens
Feb 21	USTA 55+ Team Registration Closes
	USTA 18+ Team Registration Closes

## WCRC LEAGUES

**Fall Mixed League - Aug. 1 - Jan. 26, 2023**

**WING Singles League - Oct. 31- Apr. 15, 2023**

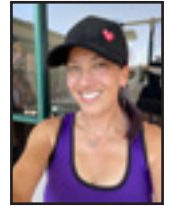
**Winter Doubles League - Jan. 1 - May 26, 2023**

**Fall Mixed Tournament - February 3-4, 2023**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January - November, 2022



### Income

Total League Dues	\$6,403.19
Membership Dues	20,653.84
Tournament Dues	
Total Calcutta Tournament	\$2,525.00
Mid-Summer Night Tournament	506.18
Total Tournament Dues	\$3,031.18
Total Income	\$30,088.21
Gross Profit	\$30,088.21

### Expenses

Board Meeting	870.39
Captains Meetings	340.30
Contributions	1,000.00
Gifts	159.11
League Expenses	
Total Fall Mixed League Expenses	\$2,170.78
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$496.00
Total Winter Doubles Expenses	\$3,249.83
Total League Expenses	\$5,916.61
Nationals Fee	780.00
Nationals Stipend	500.00
Office Supplies	253.61
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$452.02
Total Professional Fees	\$270.00
Rental Fees	-500.00
Sectionals Fees	2,040.00
Supplies	578.46
Taxes	25.00
Tournament Expenses	
Total Calcutta Expenses	\$10,346.16
Total Mid Summer Tournament Expenses	\$1,609.70
Total Tournament Expenses	\$11,955.86
Website	1,089.40
Total Expenses	\$25,730.76
Net Operating Income	\$4,357.45
Other Income	
Net Other Income	\$166.62
Net Income	\$4,524.07

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**Balance through October, 2022** **\$62,304.19**

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## Mixed Doubles League - Standings

**6.0**

Kayla Baier/Chris Alexander

**W**

3

**L**

0

**7.0**

Arwa Kaddoura/Steve Buchholz

5

0

**8.0**

Cristina Tudor / Tal Yahud

4

0

**9.0**

Steph Stieber / Ryan Lehmer

3

1

## WING Singles League - Standings

### Men's

**3.0**

**W**

**L**

Dale Welsh

1

0

Richard Poolis

1

0

**3.5**

Uday Mukherjee

1

0

Brian Hennessy

1

0

**4.0**

Jeffrey Smith

7

2

**4.5+**

Travis Yarlagadda

7

2

**50+**

Dana Dominguez

1

0

### Women's

**3.0**

**W**

2

**L**

0

Arwa Kaddoura

**3.5**

No matches played yet

**4.0**

No matches played yet

**4.5+**

No matches played yet

**50+**

No matches played yet