

THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

April, 2023



**18+ 8.0 Mixed playoffs
Thomas Lyhne stretches
for a volley while
partner Zuhel Elhan
waits for her shot.**

Photo by Dan Kaplan

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy April!

Well, it doesn't seem like it with the crazy weather we've been having in the past few weeks, but Spring is finally here. And hopefully Mother Nature will take a look at the calendar herself and decide to give us more pleasant days ahead.



Garvin Tom
2023 WCRC President

The USTA Adult 40+ and Mixed 18+ seasons are finally coming to a close after what seemed like one of the longest seasons in recent memory. I try not to sound like a broken record, but I would like to once again thank our USTA captains and Lifetime staff for battling through rainouts and reschedules. Congratulations to all the teams heading to playoffs! I'm sure the upcoming Adult 18+ season will seem like a stroll in the park in comparison. Oh, I jinxed it already! LOL!

With the Spring season we have some great events coming up in the next month or so. First, we have our **Fall Mixed tournament** scheduled for **April 21-23**, so you still have a little time left to get in those last-minute matches to qualify or move up in the standings if you would like to. We're also in the middle of our Winter Doubles season. It's not too late to sign up for that, either, and maybe we can finally get some matches in with some drier weather ahead.

Our highly popular **Summer Singles League** will be opening May 1st, check out next month's newsletter for details.

And finally, we also have our annual **Calcutta** event about a month away with the party and auction scheduled for May 5 and the tournament on May 6, so mark your calendars. It's almost here, so you look out for details and registration info coming soon.

See you on the courts.

Garvin Tom

M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our **48** New Members
Current Membership: **1247**

Debbie Baker	Pleasant Hill	3.5	David Lu	Danville	4.5
George Braue	Orinda	3.5	Kerry Marx	Danville	3.5
Mark Cameron	Lafayette	3.5	Lisa McGuinness	Walnut Creek	4.0
Dean Christman	San Ramon	3.5	Veronika Mora-Mieszkowski	Walnut Creek	2.5
Rae Corr	Danville	4.0	William Ogden	Walnut Creek	3.0
Karen De Martini	San Ramon	4.0	Matt Panuwat	Walnut Creek	4.5
Dana Dominguez	Walnut Creek	3.5	Sameer Phatarpekar	San Ramon	4.0
Leslie Dumas	Orinda	3.0	Jill Reynolds	Brentwood	4.0
Ira Ehrlich	Dublin	3.5	Rachelle Ricketts	Danville	2.5
Nicole Field	Danville	3.0	Terry Romero	Burlingame	3.5
Ronnie Ghosh	San Ramon	3.0	Maria Rueda	Orinda	2.5
Maurine Hagan	Danville	3.0	Ben Shapiro	Alamo	4.5
Chris Haskell	Orinda	3.5	L. Katrine Shelton	Berkeley	3.0
Tristan Heinrich	Walnut Creek	5.0	Sterling Tai	Oakland	4.0
Nellie Hill	Vacaville	2.5	Carl Taibl	Danville	3.5
Binh Huynh	Walnut Creek	4.0	Danielle Theriault	Concord	4.0
Sahana Iyer	San Ramon	4.5	Jorge Torres	Lafayette	3.5
Alex Jarrett	Lafayette	3.0	Frank Walt	Vallejo	3.5
Laura Johnson	Alamo	3.5	Mike Welden	Walnut Creek	4.5
Kristine Kennedy	Danville	3.0	Timothy Wetzel	Walnut Creek	N.A.
Fernando Lema	Brentwood	3.0	Mary Wilder	Lafayette	4.0
Somi Lim	Walnut Creek	4.5	Susie Williamson	Danville	3.5
Paul Lizama	Oakland	4.0	Miwa Yoneyama	Walnut Creek	2.5
Tanya Lo	Moraga	4.0	Tae Yoon	Pleasanton	2.5



Membership questions contact:
Pam Maloney at 925-787-3970 or
email at: pam4tenis@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

Each month a random draw will
pick a WCRC member's name to
receive free WCRC membership
for a year!

This month's winner is:

Erin McCoin



Tennis News



Walnut Creek TC 40AW4.0D, captained by Sally McKay, finished #3 in their flight earning a spot in the first round of playoffs against #2 Round Hill. Team players: Arlene Acosta, Rachel Blatt, Melanie Campbell, Deanna Fong, Katie Gay, Jennie Kessinger, Stephanie Law, Allison Lovell, Laurie Lowery, Lisa McGuinness, Sally McKay, Rene Monday, Thuy Nguyen, Karen Nishikawa, Pam Palitz, Megan Patterson, Gail Pearson, Karen Pearson, Ali Platto, Becky Reiss, Nancy Selph, Romi Smith, Vanessa Sturla

Member Spotlight

Keep Priorities in Order:

Christian Joos

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.

Like many of us, WCRC member Christian Joos honed his tennis game using a wooden racquet. As a child in San Jose, Christian spent summers riding his bike to the local swim/racquet club and playing there on the competitive ladder right around the time graphite racquets came out and provided a distinct competitive advantage over wood.

Christian's European blood runs deep as his mother's side of the family is 100% Norwegian while his father's family (and hence his family name) is Swiss.

After his childhood in San Jose Christian ended up working in the financial services sector, and spent some time working with Cantor Fitzgerald when that firm occupied the top two floors of the World Trade Center in New York before the towers were felled in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Although he was working in the Japan office at the time of the attacks, several of Christian's colleagues and friends were in New York.

Like so many Bay Area natives, Christian eventually found his way back home and while living in Alamo he began playing tennis and golf at Stonebrae Country Club in Hayward and found

his way to Heather Farm specifically for the Calcutta tournament because he had played a Calcutta previously at Tahoe Donner tennis club and enjoyed the format. He joined WCRC's signature Calcutta tournament one year and Christian and his randomly assigned partner ended up reaching the finals, where they played before a large home court crowd. Christian and his partner ended up winning the tournament, Christian loved the electric atmosphere at the club, which he likens more to a country club than a public facility.

Years later Christian is still working in the financial services industry and still playing tennis regularly at Heather Farm, both USTA league and events like summer singles (which reminds him of the tennis ladder he competed in while growing up, (minus the wooden racquets).

Christian lives in San Ramon now but spends about half his time in Tahoe, and besides tennis he loves playing golf and skiing. And when he's at Heather Farm, Christian is often accompanied by the light in his life, his nine year old son P.J. P.J. is an intellectually engaged young person and will often



do his homework while dad works on his tennis game. But Christian creates valuable family time out of these opportunities and usually takes long breaks from practice to help PJ with his homework or just to hang with his son, because they're only young once and Christian knows where he wants family to fit in his list of competing priorities. Right at the top of the list. ❖





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**

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



WCRC Men's & Women's 2023 Winter Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at 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.

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

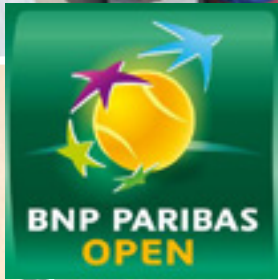
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What's Happening at the Courts?

OPERATING HOURS AT WCTC

Monday – Friday: 8am-10:00pm • Saturday & Sunday: 8am-8pm

Monthly Pass Holder Special!

APRIL: Pass Holder Spin the Wheel – Win a prize from our Pro Shop!

For the month of April, all Court Usage Pass Holders are invited to take advantage of our “spin the wheel” promotion: **Spin our prize wheel, located in our pro shop, and have the opportunity to win a prize!** One spin per visit, limit one prize per passholder. Court Usage Pass must be valid at the time of visit. Promotion ends April 30th.

NOT A PASSHOLDER? SIGN UP TODAY! Benefits include: unlimited open play usage, waived or reduced advanced reservation / match fees, exclusive access to Pass Holder specials, and quick & convenient check-in! Contact the office for rates and additional information.

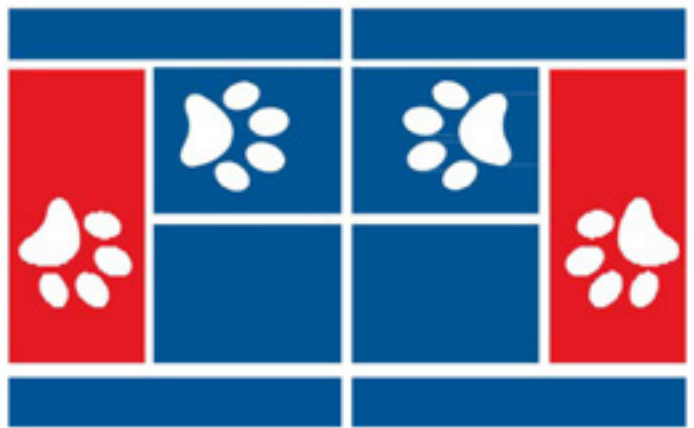
Price Change coming 4/1/23. - On April 1st, Lifetime Activities will be raising prices on our court fees, match fees, and court passes. Please visit our main office to see the complete breakdown of price changes. If you have any questions/concerns please contact David Resnick-Dunn (General Manager) at davidr@lifetimeactivities.com.

SUMMER 2023 ADULT & YOUTH CLASS SCHEDULE - Our Summer 2023 Class Schedules for Adults & Youth will be released on 3/28. Please visit our website for more information, and contact Jeff Forbes (Director of Instruction) at jefff@lifetimeactivities.com for questions.

Youth Summer Camps - Registration for Summer Camps is ongoing. Please visit our website for more information and to register.

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.

SERVICE CHAMPIONS DOUBLES CLASSIC



The 13th Annual Service Champions
Doubles Classic & Pickleball Championships



May 27th, 28th, and 29th
Memorial Day Weekend 2023



Please join us to play the Tri Valley's premiere tennis event. This is an all doubles event for players of all ability levels to benefit Valley Humane Society and other local no-kill animal welfare organizations.

DIVISIONS: TENNIS

Men's 50	open
Men's Doubles Combination	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10 and open
Women's Divisions Combination	5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0+
Mixed Doubles Combination	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, and 10.0+

PICKLEBALL

Four Skills Groups:	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0+
Two Age Groups for Each Skill Group:	18-54 and 55+



Teams will be guaranteed two matches. You may play in two events.
One mixed and one men's or women's.

Entry Information: To sign up go online to: www.tennis4dogs.com or www.pickleball4dogs.com
Entry deadline is May 18th; If you would like to enter but do not have a partner, send an email to: rubytennis2@yahoo.com and we will find a partner for you.
Entry is \$150 per person (\$300 per team) until Friday May 1st. Register Early!
After 5/1/2023, entry fee will be \$175 per person / \$300 per team
Pickleball entry is \$100 per player and \$50 for second event

Draws and Scheduling:

The draws will be posted online on May 20th. We want everyone to play so we will be as flexible as possible with scheduling.
There will be food, wine, drinks, and swag bags with a custom 2023 tournament shirt.
The bulk of the play will be at Crow Canyon Country Club and Blackhawk.

Location:

Play will take place at both Crow Canyon and Blackhawk Country Clubs. Please check your draw to confirm which venue you will be playing at. At some point you will need to go to Crow Canyon to pick up swag and shirt.

Valley Humane Society:

Valley Humane Society creates a brighter future for cats and dogs by encouraging and strengthening the bond between people and pets. VHS rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champion's responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing actions with people in need of comfort, and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.
For information, please visit valleyhumane.org

Dress Policy:

Please no marking dark soled shoes.
Questions or for more information, please see our website:
www.tennis4dogs.com
or contact: tournament director Kevin Pope 925-922-0415
or email: rubytennis2@yahoo.com

Entry includes 2023 shirt, swag food and drinks



CALENDER OF EVENTS

2023

Apr ————— May

Apr 10	USTA 18+ Season Opens
	USTA 18+ DT Season Opens
Apr 10-14	USTA 40+ DT Playoffs Round 3
Apr 13	USTA 18+ Mixed Season Closes
Apr 13	WCRC Fall Mixed League Closes
Apr 13-16	USTA 40+ Playoffs Round 3
Apr 14	USTA 65+ DT Season Closes
Apr 16	WCRC WING Singles League Closes
Apr 21-23	WCRC Fall Mixed Tournament
Apr 24	USTA 40+ Mixed Team Registration Opens
Apr 24-28	USTA 65+ DT Playoffs Round 1
Apr 28-30	USTA 18+ Mixed Sectionals
May 1	USTA 65+ DT Playoffs Round 2
May 5	Calcutta Auction/Party
May 6	Calcutta Tournament
May 7	WCRC Winter Doubles League Closes
May 12-14	USTA 40+ Sectionals
	USTA 40+ DT Sectionals

WCRC LEAGUES

Fall Mixed League - Aug. 1 - April 13, 2023

WING Singles League - Oct. 31 - Apr. 16, 2023

Fall Mixed Tournament - April 21-23

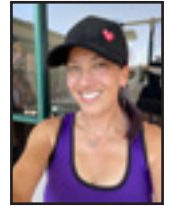
Winter Doubles League - Jan. 1 - May 26, 2023

Winter Doubles Tournament June 9 -11

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January - February, 2023



Income

Income	
Membership Dues	2,501.95
Total Income	\$2,501.95
Gross Profit	\$2,501.95

Expenses

Board Meeting	255.22
League Expenses	0.00
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$811.17
Total League Expenses	\$811.17
Office Supplies	22.11
Printing and Reproduction	0.00
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$45.23
Sectionals Fees	-210.00
Tournament Expenses	0.00
Total Calcutta Expenses	\$800.00
Total Tournament Expenses	\$800.00
Website	194.48
Total Expenses	\$1,918.21
Net Operating Income	\$583.74
Net Income	\$583.74

Balance through December, 2022	\$71,474.64
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Mixed Doubles League - Standings

6.0

Kayla Baier/Chris Alexander

W

3

L

0

7.0

Arwa Kaddoura/Steve Buchholz

6

1

8.0

Cristina Tudor / Tal Yahud

5

0

9.0

Stephanie Stieber/Steve Lehmer

5

2

WING Singles League - Standings

Men's

3.0

W

L

Dale Welsh

1

0

Richard Poolis

1

0

3.5

Michael Rogers

4

2

4.0

Jeffrey Smith

11

4

4.5+

Travis Yarlagadda

1

0

50+

Dana Dominguez

1

0

Women's

3.0

W

L

Arwa Kaddoura

2

0

Dana Andrew

2

0

3.5

Arwa Kaddoura

2

0

4.0

Daria Flippova

1

0

4.5+

No matches played yet

50+

No matches played yet