

# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club*

October, 2023



**Parag Bhatt  
gets down  
low to return  
a short mid-  
court volley**



*Dan Kaplan*  
PHOTOGRAPHY

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Happy October!

Hi folks! It seems like summer just blew by quick, and once I started getting used to the hot temps, it started cooling down again. I do feel that the early fall season brings out some of the best weather in the Bay Area, so let's enjoy it before it gets chilly.



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

The start of Autumn also brings us our WCRC [Summer Singles tournament](#), which is happening November 4th-5th. Good luck to all the players entering the tournament.

If you're more into doubles, though, our [Fall Mixed season](#) is also underway through January, so there's plenty of time to sign up and get your matches in.

On the USTA front, we're already a month into the [Combo and 55+ Mixed seasons](#). Also, USTA NorCal is hosting two Tri-Level tournaments this month, one at the 3.5/4.0/4.5 levels, and another at the 3.0/3.5/4.0 levels, which is new this year. Good luck to everyone this month.

The court resurfacing at Heather Farm looks to be on schedule with courts 4-7 nearing completion. Once they're done, courts 9-11 will be next and should be completed in November.

I would also like to thank our good friend and newsletter contributor, [Ian McLaughlin](#), who hosted our YOLO Celebration at Heather Farm recently. It was great fun to see everyone out there, as well as a good reminder of what's really important in life. It was great seeing you again, Ian.

See you on the courts!

*Garvin Tom*





# M EMBERSHIP

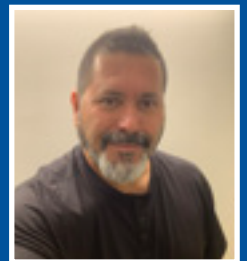
**Welcome to Our 40 New Members**  
**Current Membership: 1212**

Sathyanand Balan	Castro Valley	3.5	John Moore	San Ramon	2.5
Courtney Bellias	Lafayette	4.0	Siddharth Naik	Oakland	4.0
Samir Bhatnagar	Castro Valley	4.0	April Nguyen	Pleasant Hill	3.5
Stephen Buchholz	Pleasant Hill	4.0	Ashref Pattani	Dublin	3.5
Terry Church	Danville	3.0	Rachelle Peralta	Elk Grove	4.5
Kristin Cortez	Lafayette	4.0	Elani Phan	Milpitas	4.5
Peter Dave	Walnut Creek	3.0	Ali Platto	Lafayette	4.0
Valerie Epting	Walnut Creek	2.5	John Rhee	Orinda	3.5
Mendy Gonzales	Lafayette	3.5	Steve Shoaf	Danville	3.0
Nicole Goridkov	Berkeley	4.5	Shri Shrivasa	Walnut Creek	3.5
Barry Greenwald	Danville	3.0	Sharon Sintchak	Moraga	3.5
Bomy Hagopian	Moraga	4.5	Ashley Stirrup	Pleasanton	4.0
Brett Jaeger	Oakland	4.0	Noriko Swanson	Walnut Creek	4.5
Ronit Jorgensen	Lafayette	3.5	Pradeesh Velayuthan	Manteca	4.0
Mark Joseph	Walnut Creek	3.5	Sudhish Verma	Dublin	3.5
Manickaraja Kumarappan	Livermore	4.0	David Woods	Walnut Creek	N.A.
Caesar Ladion	Livermore	4.0			
Karina Ladion	Livermore	3.0			
Chaitanya Mamdur	San Ramon	3.5			
Praba Mathiyazhagan	Dublin	3.5			
Andrew Matthew	Concord	2.5			
Kamal Mistry	Walnut Creek	4.0			
Brant Moore	Danville	3.5			
Jennifer Moore	Lafayette	4.5			

## 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:**  
**Martin Sanchez**



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



# Member Spotlight

## Valuing The Important Things in Life: Lloyd Hohenstein

*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.*

When I interviewed WCRC member Lloyd Hohenstein for this spotlight article, he was on the lakeside deck at his family's house in Clear Lake enjoying a beautiful summer morning, and he gave me a video tour via Facetime of the gorgeous surroundings and his neighbors returning to shore on their jet skis following their ride on the glassy lake.

It's not surprising to find Lloyd at Clear Lake, his family has long had a house there and it's frequently one of his calming getaways. Lloyd was in Clear Lake this time partly because they are remodeling their Walnut Creek home, one of the many home improvement projects he and wife Christine often have ongoing.

Also not surprising is Lloyd's and his family's love of the recreational opportunities available at the lake; Lloyd, Christine and daughters Nicole and Kayla have always been a physically active family, playing tennis together, as well as cycling and wake surfing / wake foiling.

Lloyd's parents emigrated to the United States from Germany in 1954 and eventually landed at their target destination of San Francisco. When Lloyd was a child his family spoke German as their primary language at home; if you ever need something translated now you know where to go. Eventually his family settled in San Mateo, which is where Lloyd grew up and was introduced to the game of

tennis at age nine by his father. Lloyd took readily to the game and could usually be found in the driveway hitting balls against the garage door, starting with the old Jack Kramer wooden rackets that everyone of a certain age remembers so well. As racquet technology advanced Lloyd kept playing and upgrading his equipment, and ended up playing tennis at Serra High School, which has a couple of other famous alums you might have heard of, Barry Bonds and Tom Brady. From there Lloyd played at the collegiate level at College of San Mateo.

After earning his degree from CSU Hayward (now CSU East Bay), Lloyd moved to the East Bay to work in IT for Chevron; he also did IT work for Charles Schwab and Kaiser before retiring in 2022. Christine was also employed at Chevron and she and Lloyd met through a Chevron/Kaiser tennis event





Lloyd kept playing tennis after college and started playing USTA leagues in the 1980's with the Big C Athletic Club. Because he had played at the collegiate level previously, USTA required him to play at a 5.0 level initially. Except for a stint in Houston on assignment for Chevron when he took up squash because of the extreme Texas weather, Lloyd has been pursuing the game of tennis ever since and played out of Valley Vista before migrating his game to Heather Farm in 2013. For the last decade he's been a steady presence at the club, which he feels is aligned with everything he and his family are trying to achieve in terms of pursuing a healthy lifestyle and creating a diverse, friendly community. Like so many of us, Lloyd appreciates the strong leaders at the club who organize and run teams and events, and the excellent staff that facilitates our play. Lloyd has been privileged to go to nationals a couple of times with WCRC teams, and as a cancer survivor himself, Lloyd knows that the strong friendships and the community spirit at WCRC extends well beyond the tennis court to supporting each member living their best life in all respects.



Lloyd and Christine met through a tennis event, and tennis remains central to their lives. Both still play often, and often together. Nicole, a physician at UCSF, now plays primarily with Lifetime in Golden Gate Park. Family events with Nicole, Kayla, and their significant others often include tennis, as well as the other physical activities that comprise a full, healthy life. As a WCRC member Lloyd Hohenstein is soaking it all in and savoring the experience of being part of a thriving tennis community at Heather Farm that shares the same values that he and his family choose to live by. ❖



**OPERATING HOURS AT WCTC**

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

**COURT RESURFACING UPDATE**

- Courts 4 – 7 are nearing the finish line and should be completed within the next couple of weeks!
- After Courts 4 – 7 are finished, the resurfacing will move to Courts 8 – 11.
- Classes will move once construction begins on Courts 8 – 11.
- There will still be courts available for walk-on and reservation.

We want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we know that the resurfacing has meant less court availability.

**CLUBHOUSE HOURS DURING RESURFACING**

The Heather Farm Clubhouse will remain open during our court resurfacing and will keep our regular hours. (Monday – Friday 8:00am – 10:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 8:00am – 8:00pm). We will still be offering our regular services including restringing, pro shop purchases, and bathroom accessibility.

**WINTER 2024 Youth & Adult Class Schedule Coming Soon!**

Our Tennis & Pickleball Class Schedule will be released between 10/2-10/6! Youth Registration will open on 10/17 @10am. Adult Registration will open on 10/18 @10am. Please visit our website for more information, and contact Jeff Forbes (Director of Instruction) at [jefff@lifetimeactivities.com](mailto:jefff@lifetimeactivities.com) for questions.

**THERE IS STILL SPACE IN OUR YOUTH AND ADULT TAP PROGRAM!**

Lifetime Activities is launching a new “year-long” program called T.A.P. (Tennis Acceleration Program). Registration is now open and details about the program are included below. You can also email the Director of Instruction at [jefff@lifetimeactivities.com](mailto:jefff@lifetimeactivities.com) with any questions that you may have.

Dates: 8/30/23 – 5/29/24 (39 weeks)

Cost: fee will be prorated (based on start date)

Day: Wednesdays

Time & Level

Youth: Beginning-Adv Beginning 3:30-4:50pm, Intermediate-Advanced 5:00-6:20pm

Adult: Beginning-Adv Beginning 6:30-7:50pm, Intermediate-Advanced 8:00-9:20pm

Class Features

Class Instruction from Head Pro Kevin Hoang

Smaller Class size (5 players per court)

Ball Machine practice will be featured in class

20% discount on all pro-shop equipment purchases through the duration of class

Register online or in person!

**Visit us online at [www.lifetimeactivities.com](http://www.lifetimeactivities.com) or stop by the the office at 1751 Heather Drive.  
Please call with any questions at 925-945-0105.**





# Tennis News



The Walnut Creek Racquet Club lost a long time member September 25th. **Cass Flatley** had a long battle with dementia and is now at peace. We wish those who had the opportunity to play with and for her as well as her long time friend Carolyn Spady loving thoughts while they deal with their loss. Cass captained/co-captained 23 teams for USTA and went post season regularly. Rest in peace Cass!



# 2023 WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net))

MALE PLAYER

FEMALE PLAYER

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): Fill out a new form for additional levels.**

☐ Mixed 6.0

☐ Mixed 7.0

☐ Mixed 8.0

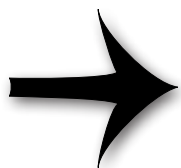
☐ Mixed 9.0

If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **December 1, 2023** with a check for registration fees (payable to Walnut Creek Racquet Club **NOT** WCRC) mail to: WCRC, P.O. Box 4574, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

**Questions?**

**Call Lynne Weinshelbaum at 925.285.9503  
or via e-mail [lweinshelbaum@yahoo.com](mailto:lweinshelbaum@yahoo.com)**

**Find detailed Information on next page...**



**League Information:** Players may enter the WCRC Mixed Doubles League in more than one division (i.e, 6.0 and 7.0), as long as he/she is not playing below 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.



# 2023 WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League

## Registration Form (Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net))

Don't forget that the league registration fee includes unlimited regular season doubles matches, a league gift and may include an end of the season tournament dependent upon weather and court scheduling.

**LEAGUE COMMISSIONER** Lynne Weinshelbaum: 925.285.9503

**DATES** August 1, 2023 – January 26, 2024

**ENTRY FEES**

WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$40 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$50 per team)
Non WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$60 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$70 per team)

**FORMAT** Mixed Doubles  
(players grouped by combined NTRP level; ie. 7.0 can be a 4.0 man/woman and a 3.0 woman/man or two 3.5 players)

**NTRP LEVELS** Mixed 6.0–9.0\*

**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 two-out-of-three set format.  
A super tiebreaker can be played if all players agree, otherwise full third.  
Both teams responsible for bringing balls to match; winning team gets the unopened can.  
Matches should be played according to the "Rules of Tennis."

**TOURNAMENT** End of season tournament with draw determined by league standings to be held over the weekend of Feb 2–4, 2024 dependent upon court scheduling and weather. To qualify for the tournament, teams must have completed and reported at least 2 matches during the regular league season. Depending on the number of entrants tournament play may include Friday night play. In addition, draws with large numbers of players may be required to play matches prior to the tournament weekend. Seeding for the tournament will be based on regular season standings of the top 4 teams in each division. The more matches you and your partner play, the higher your ranking will be. A minimum of 4 teams are required to generate a draw.



\* Teams with ratings more than 1 full step apart (i.e. 3.0 & 5.0 to make up an 8.0 team) are not eligible to play the end of season tournament.

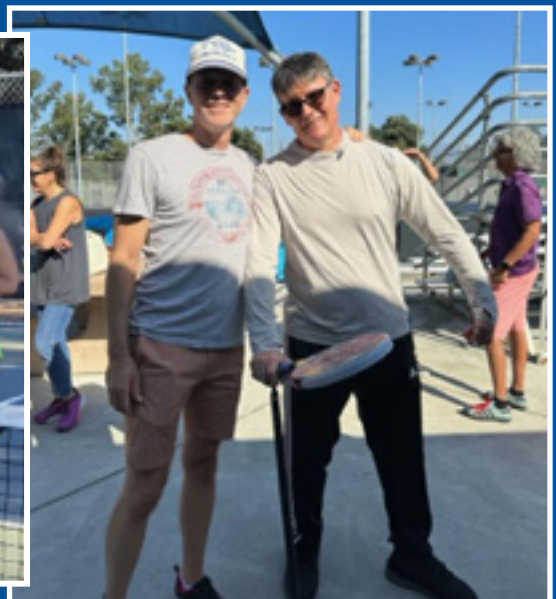
The Walnut Creek Tennis Center hosted a unique community event in September to help celebrate life on the 7th anniversary of WCRC member Ian McLaughlin's massively life-changing strokes in 2016. The "YOLO" (you only live once) party on 9/23 brought together a broad swath of the WCRC community, and even included some pickleball with his former USTA team captains for Ian, who has been working for seven years to relearn how to walk and to perform basic motor functions. "This event was not only a blast for me personally just to get out on the court with good friends again after seven years, it's yet another example of how our tennis community supports one another. Every club member I have ever interviewed for a spotlight article has noted how much they value this community spirit, and when I was felled by my strokes the tennis community was right there to support my family, and has remained unwavering in their support even though I can no longer play", said Ian. "I'd like to thank Lifetime Activities and WCRC for hosting the celebration, and the unofficial mayor of Heather Farm, Tammie Snyder, for helping to plan the party."



The YOLO7 party was a joyous celebration of our vibrant tennis family and a poignant reminder that none of us has to face life's inevitable challenges alone, and not to take your time on court for granted because tomorrow it could be gone. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event to support a stricken teammate and friend.











# Tennis News



## 40+ 6.0 Mixed Team Sweeps their way into Sectionals!

by Cara Mia Barnacascel

Our playoffs against Round Hill was filled with lots of by standers (probably didn't help that I posted on Facebook to come on down to cheer on my team). All three lines were close and we felt lucky to get past Round Hill.

D1 Sandra Harris and Patrick Wong defeated Dan Alster and Simone Van der Waaert van Gu 7-5, 6-3

D2 Miwa Yoneyama and Robert Mimaki came back after losing the first set, defeating Kevin Katari and Tori DeCoite 3-6, 7-6, 1-0 (10-6)

D3 Mary Soe and Peter Houston had a knock down drag out against Jeff Nipp and Suzanne Peterson 6-3, 5-7, 1-0 (10-4). Not too shabby for a first date!



What an amazing night of tennis, such close matches against a strong team, but Deuces Wild swept and we're on to Sectionals! I want to honor all the hard work every single player did all season!

Thank you to everyone that came out to cheer for the team! It means so much to me and all the players to have such great support. I especially want to thank those that helped setup, cleanup, and load my car, that is such a relief for me when I cook to not have to do a lot of cleaning!

Thank you Brigitte for picking up a few bottles of wine and thank you Tammie for the awesome espresso martinis! I appreciate all of you!

Thanks to our cheerleaders: Melissa, Chris and Marianne, Doug, Michelle G, Jisun, Maria, Tammie, Justin, Catherine, Kim, Rebecca, Sean, Brian, Brigitte, Audra, Thinh, Jimmy, and Patrick's wife Jules





# CALENDER OF EVENTS

# 2023

## Oct

## Dec

Oct 6-8	USTA 40+ Mixed Sectionals
Nov 3	USTA 70+ DT Season Closes USTA Combo DT Season Closes
Nov 4-5	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament
Nov 5	USTA 55+ Mixed Season Closes USTA Combo Season Closes
Nov 6	WING Singles League Opens
Nov 9-12	USTA 55+ Mixed Playoffs Round 1
Nov 13-17	USTA 70+ DT Playoffs Round 1 USTA Combo DT Playoffs Round 1
Nov 16-19	USTA Combo Playoffs Round 1 USTA 55+ Mixed Playoffs Round 2
Nov 27-Dec 1	USTA 70+ DT Playoffs Round 2 USTA Combo DT Playoffs Round 2
Nov 30-Dec 3	USTA Combo Playoffs Round 2 USTA 55+ Mixed Playoffs Round 3
Dec 4-8	USTA Combo DT Playoffs Round 3
Dec 7-10	USTA Combo Playoffs Round 3
Dec 8-10	USTA 55+ Mixed Sectionals

## WCRC LEAGUES

**Summer Singles Tournament - Nov. 4-5, 2023**

**WING Singles League Opens - Nov. 6, 2023**

**Fall Mixed League - Aug 1 - January 26, 2024**

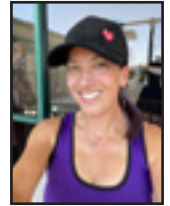
**Winter Doubles League Opens - December 18**

**Fall Mixed Tournament - Feb 2-4, 2024**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January - August, 2023



### Income

League Dues	
Fall Mixed Doubles League	86.12
Summer Singles League	4,142.86
WING singles	210.34
Winter Doubles League	1,174.39
Total League Dues	\$5,613.71
Membership Dues	17,496.90
Tournament Dues	
Calcutta Tournament	5,286.46
Calcutta Auction	960.00
Total Calcutta Tournament	\$6,246.46
Total Tournament Dues	\$6,246.46
Total Income	\$29,357.07
Gross Profit	\$29,357.07

### Expenses

Board Appreciation Dinner	793.67
Board Meeting	603.66
Captains Meetings	872.68
Contributions	695.94
Gifts	64.95
League Expenses	
Fall Mixed League Expenses	
Total Fall Mixed League Expenses	\$2,009.32
Summer Singles Expenses	
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$2,067.62
Total League Expenses	\$4,076.94
Nationals Fee	960.00
Nationals Stipend	1,000.00
Office Supplies	77.82
Printing and Reproduction	
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$319.60
Sectionals Fees	1,550.00
Software	320.00
Supplies	60.87
Tax Preparation	335.00
Taxes	25.00
Tournament Expenses	
Total Calcutta Expenses	\$11,644.75
Inch by Inch	500.00
Total Tournament Expenses	\$12,144.75
Website	881.68
Total Expenses	\$24,782.56
Net Operating Income	\$4,574.51
Net Income	\$4,574.51

**Balance through August, 2023**

**\$75,465.41**



# Tennis News



Long time Walnut Creek Racquet Club Member Cherie Charbonneau will be moving to San Luis Obispo next month and all of her tennis teammates and friends wanted to give her a proper goodbye.

We had a fun potluck with lots of delicious food. Tennis and great memories were shared as we sent Cherie off to her new adventures. Even long time tennis partner Rob Corder was there for the festivities. Cherie and Rob have played 49 matches together over 13 years!



Even though there were some tears as we will all miss Cherie so much. We wish her all the best in SLO where she will be close to her daughters and grandchildren.

We hope to see you again at sectionals Cherie! Much love from your WCRC family, friends, captains and teammates.

