



THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club
January 2006*



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Get Ready to Gamble...
Annual Awards Banquet & Casino Night
Friday, January 20th • 6:30 -10:30 pm
Shadelands Art Center
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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Gabe Goldstein
2005 WCRC President

Well..... the new year has come and gone..... And suddenly it is 2006, and we are deep?? into the 21st Century.

Looking around for things to tell you So here goes

It must be in the water, or, all that tennis that must cause these things!! Anyway, congratulations to **Tiffany and Pete Fong**, and **Heidi and Brad Belton** on the new additions to their families and for adding future stars for WCRC!!

Congratulations to **Jessie Gonzalez** and **Gerry Brown** on leading their 7.5 mens combo team to Fresno.

Good luck, much success and lots of fun!

I know that several other Combo teams came close to making it ... next time they will get there to!!

I am pleased to inform you that **Tammie Snyder** will be adding the portfolio of Vice President for 2006 to her already important Newsletter responsibilities. Thank you Tammie and welcome!!

Last but not least, CASINO NIGHT will be on January 20th GET THERE a great evening is being planned..... DON'T MISS IT!!

Well time to sign off on my final newsletter as a president... it's been a lot of fun for me. It has giving me much pleasure to give something back to this great club and to this great bunch of people.

Au Revoir and cheers.

See y'all on the courts.....Soon

Gabe Goldstein



From the Pro . . .

As with everything, being “good” at tennis is a relative thing. So, as the new U.S.T.A. computer ratings become available, team captains and players will be buzzing over who’s been moved up or down. What does it mean?

Everyone wants to get to Nationals. Well, maybe not everyone, but most everyone! Your team may win at 6.0, but if you move up to 9.0 you’ll get badly beaten. Similarly, while you may be a good 4.0 player here at the club, if you start playing against Sectionally ranked 4.0’s, you’d be lucky to be thought a 3.5. The point I’m trying to make is, you can’t win unless you’re playing against competition at or below your own level. If you play over your level, well, you’ll be over your level. The match will be a one-sided affair, and you’ll be on the losing end. So, don’t form a

team or play at a higher level unless you’re able to win at the current level.

The reverse of the above holds true as well; if you are moved down from the level at which you currently play, don’t play “up” thinking things will change. The only thing that will change is that even better players will beat you faster. Play at your level--play where you can swim. You want to be the shark eating not the fish being eaten! Why take the punishment? Get to the level where your skills are more equal to the competition. Improve your game there.

Sports are supposed to be fun and entertaining, so how about making 2006 the most fun year ever by just accepting your level of tennis and taking it in stride. Just because you’ve played at certain level or on a certain team for years doesn’t mean you have to or are going to, stay there. Just play your level, go slow, and improve your skills. Happy New Year.

By-the-way, what level is the Belton baby? Congrats!!!

Coach Mac



Tennis News



'06 Winter Doubles Kicking Off

by Pam Maloney

Despite the unbelievably rainy weather we’ve been having, our Winter Doubles League is kicking off this month. As usual, the response has been terrific and we expect all participants to have a great time over the next couple of months. We have almost 200 teams registered with the women’s side representing just slightly more than half the players. As a reminder to those of you playing this fun, but competitive League, our tournament is scheduled for April 8-10 so mark you calendar! Please refer to the web site for additional information relating to the League.



Harry B. Hutton: August 7, 1924 - December 15, 2005

Harry Hutton passed away in Alamo after a short illness. Harry was a member of Walnut Creek Racquet Club, Walnut Creek Tennis Center at Heather Farms, and the USTA. He was active for many years in league activities and played, captained, and coached local teams at several levels. Harry was a retired real estate broker, an attorney at law, and a retired Captain from the U. S. Navy, where he had been a naval aviator operating from carriers. Harry had 32 years service in the military. Harry is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Rajja, two daughters and families, including 4 grandchildren, and a brother.





Tennis News



Three Babies and a Wedding...



Congratulations to **Pete and Tiffany Fong** with the birth of their daughter **Eden Lin** born December 14, weighing 8 lbs and was 19 inches long. Big brother Trevor loves kissing and smelling little Eden.

Joining Miss Eden is her future doubles partner **Bridget Xela Belton** born December 12 to **Brad and Heidi**. Bridget weighed in at 7 lbs and was also 19 inches long.

Three girls can never be too much. Daughter **Jordan** is the newest family member of **Melanie Pizzoli-Beardslee** and husband **Jason Beardslee**.

Big brother Trevor and Eden Lin Fong.



Bridget Xela Belton

Additional congratulations to newlyweds **Debashis and Ranu Panda** who were married December 14th in a traditional ceremony in their native India.

We would like to welcome Ranu to WCRC and hope to see her out on the courts soon.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Our 2 New Members
Current Membership: 843

Michael Pecar	Orinda
	Rating: 3.0
David Smith	Martinez
	Rating: 3.5



Membership questions contact:
Marty Tedlock at 925-256-9313
or email at: marty.tedlock@jmmdhs.com

Annual Awards Banquet & Casino Night

When: Friday, January 20th • 6:30 -10:30

Where: Shadelands Art Center (111 N. Wiget, WC)

Cost: \$30 (includes chips) Additional chips will be available

Sponsorships & Prizes Needed

Once again, we are offering sponsorships for the 2006 Annual Award Banquet (and Casino night!). Sponsorship donations which will benefit a local needy high school tennis program. In appreciation of your sponsorship you will receive the following recognition:

Signage at the party during the event. (Attendance is estimated at over 100).

Marketing materials can be made available during the event at the special "sponsors" table.

A thank you in the Court Reporter prior to and following Casino Night.

If you are interested in sponsoring a gaming table please contact **Jennifer Scriabine** at 457-5794 or by email at scriabine@astound.net.

We are also looking for prizes for the raffle. For prize donations please contact **Tammy Chan** at 324-0524.

Casino Night RSVP

Or sign up on line at www.wcrc.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

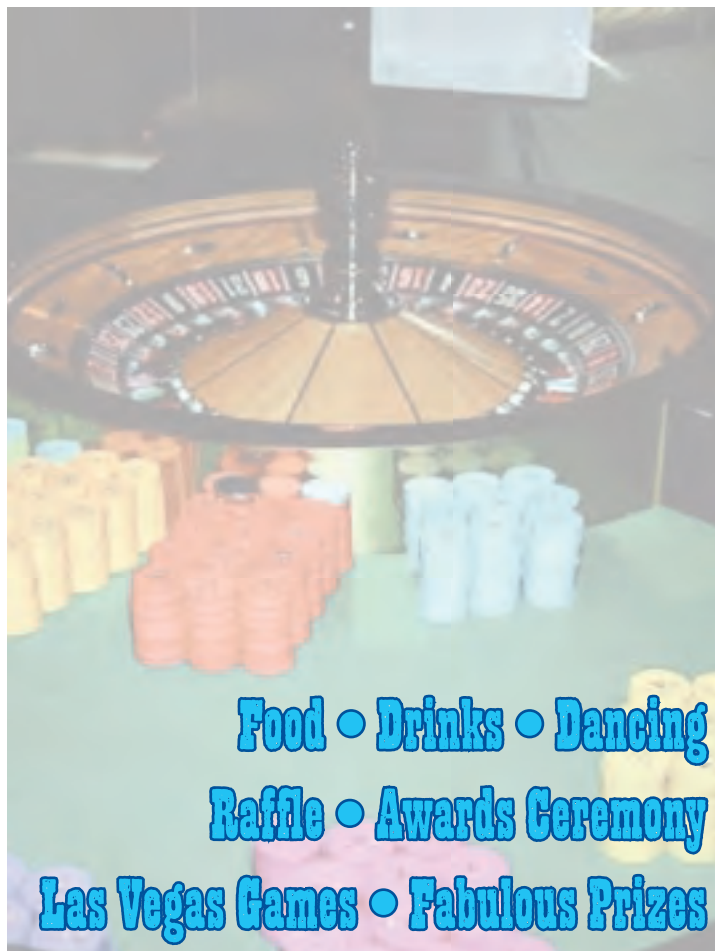
No. of reservations: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send check to:

WCRC c/o Jennifer Scriabine
2416 Encinal Drive • Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Questions? Call Jennifer at 457-5794
or email her at: wcrc@astound.net





Walnut Creek Racquet Club



Annual Fundraising Drive

The Walnut Creek Racquet Club, a local non-profit organization, is holding its annual Awards Banquet and Fundraising event this January. Every year the WCRC hosts an annual banquet and donates a portion of proceeds to a local youth tennis program. I am contacting you on behalf of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club fund raising team to request your support in the form of a tax-deductible donation.

For those of you who are not familiar with our organization, the Walnut Creek Racquet Club (WCRC) was founded in 1969 as a public courts tennis club and is sponsored by the City of Walnut Creek. WCRC is one of the largest and most active public court tennis clubs in Northern California. The club's purpose is to promote the game of tennis in Walnut Creek by providing a wide variety of tennis activities including league play, tournaments, clinics and special events. WCRC is open to both residents of Walnut Creek as well as non-residents as per its charter. Club membership, numbering over 800 tennis enthusiasts, is comprised of players of all ages and skill - all sharing a passion for the game.

I am asking you to help us out this year by purchasing a tax-deductible sponsorship for our annual Awards Banquet and Fundraising event. We work very hard to provide a significant contribution to a local youth tennis program each year and I hope we can count on you to purchase one of our sponsorship packages. However, please note that any donation amount is always welcomed.

If you require additional information about the Walnut Creek Racquet, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You may also visit www.wcrc.net online or contact us via email at wcrc@astound.net.

The Walnut Creek Racquet Club annual Awards Banquet is January 20th, 2006, so if it is at all possible, please return the donation by January 10th. Thank you for your consideration.

We are asking that all contributions be sent by January 10th to the following address:

WCRC / Jennifer Scriabine
2416 Encinal Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94597
Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Gabe Goldstein

Gabe Goldstein
President, Walnut Creek Racquet Club

Sponsor Benefits	Title Sponsor	Plus Sponsor	Standard Sponsor
	\$1,500	\$500	\$250
1/2 page ad in our monthly newsletter (3 months)	✓		
Signage (banner) at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center (Heather Farm Park)	✓		
Complimentary tickets to the Banquet	4	2	2
Web link – logo	✓	✓	
Distribution of Sponsor Materials at Banquet	✓	✓	
Mention in all press releases	✓	✓	
Logo on promotional materials	✓	✓	✓
Signage (banner) at the annual Awards Banquet and Fundraiser	✓	✓	✓



Walnut Creek Racquet Club

Sponsorship Form



Sponsor Information (please print or type)

Company Name _____

Billing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone (home) _____

Telephone (business) _____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Sponsorship Information

Sponsorship Level:

- ☐ Title Sponsor - \$1,500 (first come basis)
- ☐ Plus Sponsor - \$500
- ☐ Standard Sponsor - \$250

Credit card type _____

Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____

Authorized signature _____

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

☐ I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

**Please make checks payable to WCRC.
Send payment, with completed sponsorship form to:**

**WCRC c/o Jennifer Scriabine
2416 Encinal Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94597**

Showing the WCRC colors....



This month's entry has **Jay Hoyer**, **Meredith Young** and **Robert Young** proudly displaying a collection of past WCRC shirts from the top of Yosemite's Half Dome. Not pictured is **Karyn Hoyer**, who decided half way up the steepest part of the climb she wasn't comfortable at the thought of coming down anything steeper, so she headed for some flatter land to wait for our return.

If you've never made the trip, this should be on your short list of things to do "before" you retire. Here are some statistics to explain why.

1. 17 miles round trip.
2. 4,800 feet elevation gain.
3. 8,842 feet above sea level.

We started our little hike just as dawn gave us enough light to see the trailhead. In order for us to get to the trailhead by dawn, we needed a wake-up call at our hotel room in Oakhurst, just outside the park entrance, at 4:00 am. Everyone says it should only take 10-12 hours for the round trip, but we managed to extend that time by two hours. Needless to say, the last two hours of our return trip was done by flashlight, and feel.

The hike definitely tested not only our endurance, but the level of vertigo we could handle as well. If heights leave you a little unsteady, this trip may not be the best thing to do on a weekend. During the 8-mile trek back to the car parked at the valley floor it was decided we could use the memory of this trip to carry us through any third set we should ever encounter.



WANTED

If you are looking to advertise, submit an article or photograph for an upcoming newsletter, please contact Tammie Snyder at 925-957-0604 or email her at tammie@gte.net.

Deadline for the February issue is
Wednesday, January 25th.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of November 30, 2005



Income

Awards Banquet	4,760.00
Club Championships	980.00
Winter Doubles League '05	4,700.00
Winter Doubles League '06	1,312.00
Interest	23.34
Advertising Income	805.00
Membership Dues	14,358.00
Board Dinner	25.00
Summer Singles League	8,330.00
Calcutta Tournament	3,170.00
Valentines Tournament	140.00

Total Income **\$ 38,603.34**

Expenses

Paypal Fees	378.43
Club Championships '05	1,683.55
Award Banquet '06	300.00
Court Rental - CCTA	120.00
Nationals - 6.0 Seniors	500.00
Winter Doubles League	4,003.70
Awards Banquet '05	4,625.69
Awards Banquet '06	300.00
Club Championships '04	294.19
Turkey Tournament	8.66
Winter Doubles '04	104.50
Donations	662.43
Bank Service Charge	5.00
Dues & Subscriptions	25.00
Light Fund Payment	3,000.00
Membership Brochures	345.72
Member Directory	1,434.85
Newsletter	5,042.29
Non-Profit Fees	-10.03
Postage	1,315.44
Post Office Box Rental	58.00
Supplies	1,484.51
Website	884.95
Summer Singles	3,698.33
Commission	104.85
Calcutta Tournament	3,538.21
Valentines Tournament	158.03

Total Expenses **\$ 33,766.30**

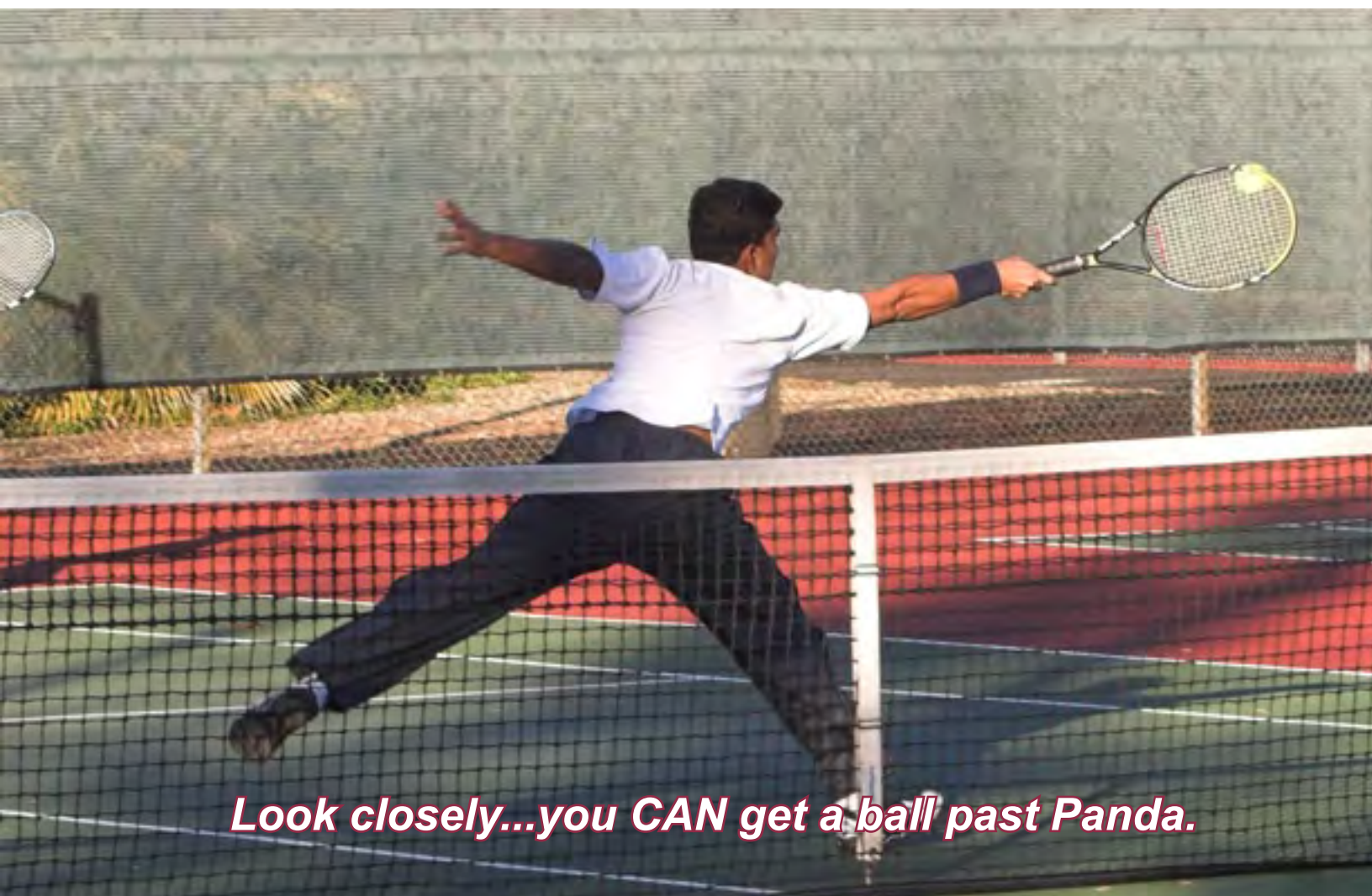
Profit (Loss) **\$ 4,837.04**

Balance November 30, 2005 **\$13,476.56**



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