



THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club
June 2006*

**Shashi Kamath
and his partner
Marie Murphy
won the Calcutta
Tournament on
this ace at 35-35!**



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As June is now upon us I would normally have a good idea of which WCRC USTA Adult teams would be in the running for league playoffs, however with all of this season's rainouts many leagues are still tightly in contention. While it may be to early to say, it does look as if several WCRC teams may pull-off a playoff spot so look for the results in the next newsletter.



Shari Gonzalez
2006 WCRC President

With both **Ron Huxley's** Men's 3.0 and **Mary Waltz's** Women's 3.0 teams up 2-0 at the Sectionals tournament in Carmel Valley after the first 2 days of play the final playoffs day was a complete rainout leaving the titles still open for contention. USTA will allow the captains to schedule their matches off-site at a mutually agreed upon location prior to June 12th so good luck to both of those teams in their effort to get to the National Championships scheduled to be held in Tucson, AZ. Can't wait to hear about the results.

This year's Calcutta was a smashing success and great fun for everyone involved thanks in big part to tournament coordinators **Jennifer Scriabine** and **Nat Bitton**. As usual, Nat lent us his public speaking charm as our auctioneer at the Friday night party, which turned into quite the event with several teams going for high-ticket prices. Thanks to **Carmen Duarte** we were able to hold the party at the Sunset Park Homeowner's Association in Walnut Creek.

During the Saturday tournament there was some excellent tennis played and the food was outstanding as usual. **Shashi Kamath** and WCRC secretary **Marie Murphy** pulled off the win in the main draw by outlasting **Rosemary Brown** and **Steve King** in a final that came down to a tie for the last point. With the score sitting at 35-35, Shashi served a fireball serve that the opponents were unable to return to win this year's Calcutta. In the consolation round, **Liz Riddle** and **Steve Mehlman** were able to eke out the win over **Jesse Gonzalez** and WCRC league coordinator **Susie Dunlap** in a match not quite as close as the main draw final, but still an exciting and close match. I'd say that the WCRC board was aptly represented in this year's tournament finals! Congratulations to main draw owner **Robert Young** for taking this year's big pot. Finally, thanks to everyone involved in helping out at this year's tournament

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including: **Gabe Goldstein, Robert Young, Al Johns, Liz Riddle, Judy Stillman, Tammie Snyder and of course Nat Bitton and Jennifer Scriabine.**

A couple of events coming up in the months of June/ July that I wanted to make sure that I mentioned are the WCRC's Midsummer Night's Tournament and

Orindawood's annual Ace-It! Tournament that will benefit the Carol Ann Read Breast Health Center which provides services for breast cancer patients and their families. The Midsummer tournament will be held on July 29th in the evening at the Heather Farm Tennis Center and will be a fun mixed doubles event. A sign-up form is available in this newsletter. The Ace-It! tournament will be held at Orindawoods on June 24th and a downloadable registration form is available at www.wcrc.net. Thanks and hope to see you on the courts soon.

Shari

Farewell to Lee Draisin – you will be missed by all...

It is hard to believe and we are still stunned by the sad news – Lee Draisin, a local tennis professional, racket stringer, teacher and friend to many of us, passed away unexpectedly due to heart failure around 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 23 at the age of 59 years. A graduate of Springfield College, MA Lee played number 1 and was selected as an “outstanding Collegiate Athlete in America” in 1969 when Lee and his dad were ranked 20th nationally in Father/Son tennis. Lee played professional tennis during the Rod Laver era and moved to Martinez with his wife Kay in 1979. He was a popular tennis coach to many of us and became well known to the local tennis community as the premier “while you wait if necessary” tennis stringer. He kept thousands of clients’ tennis data meticulously in a handwritten cardfile and made sure that none of us missed a tennis date due to broken strings and helped many of us appreciate the importance of matching string selection and tension to playing ability and style. Like many professional athletes, Lee had to undergo shoulder and hip “repairs” during these past years, but otherwise stayed active playing tennis, golf, bicycling and speed walking – you name it. He was not only an avid sports fan but took great interest in world events, politics, music and arts and continually amazed us with his incredible knowledge in a number of subjects during many family Trivial Pursuit games. Lee was candid and quick-witted with a keen ability to assess situations and people. Despite his accomplishments, Lee remained unassuming always striving to give his best in his pursuit of excellence.



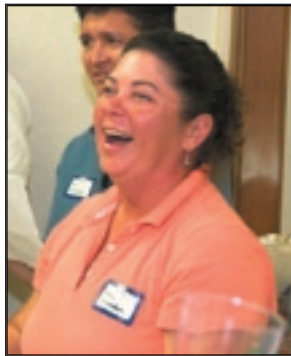
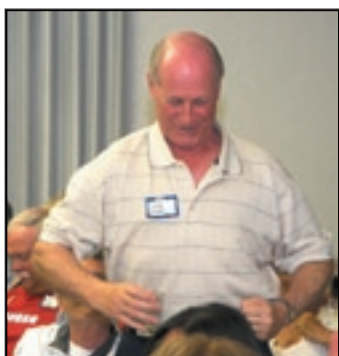
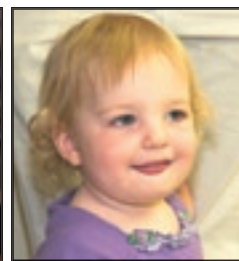
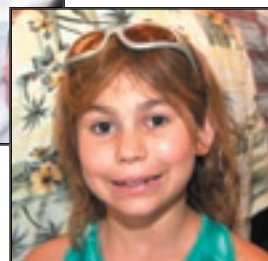
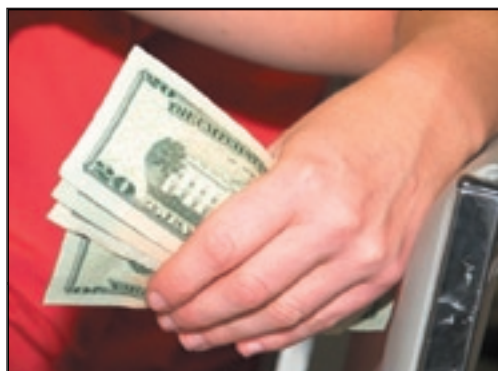
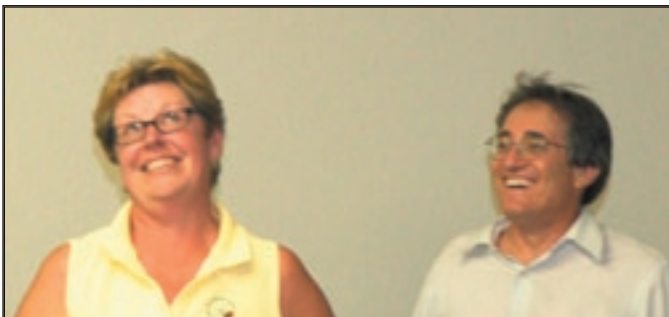
Lee was passionate about his wife Kay (they were married for 36 years), cats, the Boston Red Sox, politics, bulldogs, being on time, lobster, Martha's Vineyard, Coca-Cola, Broadway musicals, electronic gadgets, magic tricks, ethics, fair play, good sportsmanship, travel and exercising. Our family had the privilege to share his and Kay's friendship for over twenty years and there are no words to express our sorrow. And yet, it seems as if he wanted to leave behind yet another and maybe the most important of all lessons – to enjoy life to its fullest and to nurture our families and friendships as there may not be a tomorrow and we don't know how much time we have left! Farewell my friend – you will always remain with us – on and off the courts!

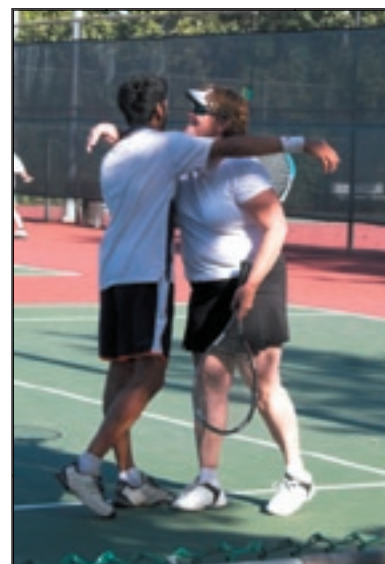
- Hilde and Francis Chan

I didn't know Lee very well beyond getting my racquet strung once every three months and taking a lesson from him over a year ago but it was always a fun trip to go visit him. He not only had a great collection of old tennis racquets hanging on the walls of his house. He was real student of the game of tennis - with attitude. He had strong opinions about sports and was one of those guys who had been around long enough to really back it up. You could hear it in his voice when he talked about what character Bobby Riggs was and the time Lee and his father got to play against him in a father/son doubles match. You could see it in his actions on the court when he swung his rope with a ball attached over his head to show students how to keep constant flow in their service motion. He was a natural teacher with a lot of experience and will be missed by tennis diletantes like me.

- Jay Evans

CALCUTTA!







Finalists: Rosemary Brown and Steve King (split \$175)



Winners: Shashi Kamath and Marie Murphy (split \$225)



Consolation finalists owner: Charles Kearney won \$175. Charles shown here with his daughter and Treasurer Gabe Goldstein.



Consolation finalists: Susie Dunlap and Jesse Gonzalez (split \$75)



Consolation winners: Liz Riddle and Steve Melhman. (Split \$150). Liz also won \$375 as owner of her own team.



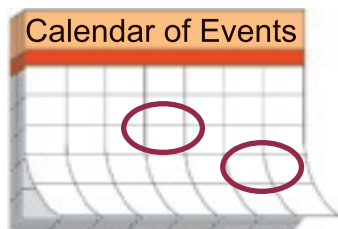
Winning team owner Robert Young who won \$825 after paying only \$70 for the team of Marie Murphy and Shashi Kamath!



Thanks to Gabe Goldstein, Robert Young Al Johns, Jennifer Scriabine, Liz Riddle, Nat Bitton, Shari Gonzalez, Judy Stillman and Tammie Snyder for keeping the tournament running smoothly.



Finalist team owners: Justin & Tammie Snyder, Dan Hoenecke, Marylyn Bustos, Shashi Kamath, Pru Pruden and Dave Engle. (split \$500)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



WCRC's Summer Singles League Opens

- 4** USTA Super Seniors 60 Team Registration Closed
- 5** WCRC's Summer Singles League Opens
- 3-4** 2005 USTA Mixed Doubles Sectionals
- 12** USTA Combo Doubles Team Registration Open



- 3** USTA Super Seniors 60 Season Opens
- 9** USTA Combo Doubles Team Registration Closed



- 4-6** USTA Adult Season Districts
- 7** USTA Combo Doubles Season Opens
- 11-13** USTA Adult Season Districts
- 25-27** USTA Adult Season Sectionals



2007 USTA Senior Team Registration Opens

- 8-10** WCRC Singles and Doubles Club Championship Tournament – Round I
- 15-17** WCRC Singles and Doubles Club Championship Tournament – Round II
- 11-13** USTA Super Senior 65 Sectionals



Sign up for WCRC's Nov. 18 Turkey Tournament

- 7-8** WCRC's Summer Singles League Tournament - Rd I
- 14-15** WCRC's Summer Singles League Tournament - Rd II
- 13-15** USTA 50 Mixed Sectionals

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of April 30, 2006



Income

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| Awards Banquet | 3,845.00 |
| MardiGras | 380.00 |
| Winter Doubles League '06 | 1,712.00 |
| Interest | 8.21 |
| Advertising Income | 980.00 |
| Membership Dues | 11,665.00 |
| Board Dinner | 182.00 |
| Summer Singles League | 440.00 |
| Calcutta Tournament | 760.00 |

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| Total Income | \$ 19,972.21 |
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Expenses

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| Mardi Gras Tournament | 324.16 |
| Winter Doubles | 2,614.13 |
| Award Banquet | 6,320.86 |
| Commission | 248.85 |
| Bank Service Charge | 12.00 |
| Light Fund | 3,000.00 |
| Newsletter - Court Reporter | 2,244.36 |
| Barbecue | 215.41 |
| Postage | 607.80 |
| Supplies | 790.49 |
| Website | 569.95 |
| Calcutta Tournament | 300.00 |

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| Total Expenses | \$ 17,248.01 |
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| Profit (Loss) | \$ 2,724.20 |
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| Balance April 30, 2006 | \$19,463.80 |
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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 July issue is
Friday, June 23rd.**



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Tennis News



Women's Spring, Senior Ball and Ball League

by Carolyn Spady

Finally, after many rainouts and scrambling for make up dates, the Women's Spring, Ball and Senior Ball leagues have been completed! None of our teams were able to bring home the gold in the win column, but all teams were outstanding in their effort and represented our WCRC with top sportsmanship, of which we are all proud.

A big thank you to all captains is in order as this was not an easy season for any of them, with all the re-scheduling and trying to field teams on previously unscheduled make up dates.

Remember, without these captains there would be no teams for you to join. A big thanks and hugs to **Janet Nielsen (Sr Ball B-1), Kathy Leahy (Spring A-2), Denise Frazier (Spring B-3), Judy Corless (Sr.Ball A-2), Elizabeth Baxter (Spring B-2), Joan Yao (Ball A-2), Dee Karwoski (Ball B-1), Barbara Ramey (Sr Ball C), Fran Bagnasco (Super Sr Ball), Rita Utz (Spring A-3), and Hazel Faries (Sr Ball A-2).**

Ladies Day-Time Competitive Tennis

by Pam Maloney

If you are available to play on week-day mornings, and are at least a 3.5 player, I need players for FALL Doubles League. We generally play 8 to 10 matches beginning in September. About half of the matches will be played at Heather Farm and the other half at other, local clubs. We play 5 lines of womens doubles so I need 10 players every week. If you are interested, contact me at pam4tennis@hotmail.com, or 939-1403. This is fun but competitive tennis.

New Members

by Pege Amann

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|--|-----|
| Frank Melon | Pleasant Hill | 760-902-2806 | bdccgm@aol.com | 4.0 |
| Lauren Weber | Walnut Creek | 925-946-9190 | tennismw@yahoo.com | 5.0 |