



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club
September 2006

Thanks for the memories...

"The scoreboard shows that I lost today, but what it doesn't show is what I found.

"Over the last 20 years I have found loyalty, you have pulled me through on court and also in life.

"I have found inspiration - you have willed me to succeed - and I have found generosity.

"I thank you and I will take you and the memory with me for the rest of my life."

Andre Agassi

Photo by Leonard Young



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The results from the Adult District Championships held in Napa over August 8-10th are in and the WCRC has 2 teams that will be representing the club at the Sectionals Championships in Carmel over the August 25-27th weekend. Congratulations to Cass Flatley's Women's 3.0 team and to Ron Huxley Men's 3.0 team for securing a Sectional's spot. The Men's 3.0 team cruised through the first 2 days of Districts only dropping a single line over both days. It came down to the final Sunday match as their opposing team (SF State) was also 2-0 for the first 2 days. Huxley's team was able to take the match in a 3-2 victory with 3 of the matches being decided in 3rd set tiebreakers. As always, some excitement on the final Sunday!



Shari Gonzalez
2006 WCRC President

Speaking of excitement, Cass Flatley's Women's 3.0 team had a little more of a roller coaster ride on their way to clinching the District Championships spot. The Women's team also won the first 2 days, sweeping the first day and winning a closely contested match the 2nd day. On Sunday, the Women were in the same position as the Men as they were playing a team that was also 2-0 for the first 2 days (Golden Gate Park). The WCRC team dropped the match in a 1-4 decision and were on their way to the parking lot when they were informed that a player on the Golden Gate team had been flagged with their 3rd strike and the Walnut Creek team had secured the District Championships through a win in the points column. While I know it was a bit anti-climactic to win that way, I want to say congratulations to the entire team for a great weekend of play. Actually congratulations to both teams, I'll be excited to hear about your results in Carmel!

In other Districts news, Mike Willis's Men's 4.5 team traveled to Broadstone Tennis Club in Folsom to compete for a spot at Sectionals. After cruising in the first day with a 4-1 win, the team lost 1-4 on the 2nd day to eventual champs Gold River RC and then lost 2-3 on the 3rd day to a tough team from Caughlin, Nevada. Brad Belton's Men's 4.0 team was also at the Napa location and after a close loss on day 1 and a strong win on day 2 the team was faced with playing a team (Orange Park) that was 10-0 for the first 2 days. In order to secure a win they would have to win all 5 lines. While they weren't able to quite pull that off, the WCRC team did hand the Orange Park team the only 2 losses for the weekend compliments of singles players Charles Kearny & Harry Dalsey. Great playing to both teams and all of the players that represented the WCRC over the Adult Districts weekends. Next up, Seniors, Mixed & Combo!

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President's Report

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In recreational tournament news, Tammie Snyder did a great job of pulling off the first ever Mid-Summer tournament on July 29th. I've received rave reviews about the tournament and it sounds as if people really enjoyed themselves. We'll try to make an effort to get more of these organized and we can always use people to help run them, so if you're interested in volunteering please let me know.

Finally, the Club Championships are coming up over the 2nd and 3rd weekends in September and while by the time that you get this newsletter it will be too late to sign-up, there will still be some good tennis to be watched. The first weekend will be Singles and Mixed Doubles and the second weekend will be Men's & Women's Doubles so try to come out and spectate if you can. Well, now that the President's message is done, I'm off to the US Open and look forward to regaling you all with tales from New York when I get back!

See you on the courts...

Shari

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.

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Mid-Summer Night Tennis

The turn out for our first Mid Summer Tennis Event ended up having more players than expected. **Shari Gonzalez** and **Tammie Snyder** tried their hands at running an event that had an additional 12 players show up that night!

The format was four rounds two rounds each of men's doubles and women's doubles followed by two rounds of mixed doubles. The food was catered by Mary's Pizza Shack and included cheesy garlic bread, their famous Mary's salad, spaghetti and lasagne. Plenty of wine and beer was flowing and everyone had a great time mingling and playing tennis.

Six teams made up the event they included the following players:

Blue: **Dave Engle, Sandra Maker, Jim Brown, Mary Jo Potter**

Red: **Shashi Kamath, Dee Karwoski, Larry Cucci, Alice Wong**

Green: **Gerry Brown, Genny De Coste, Josua Li, Linda Wong**

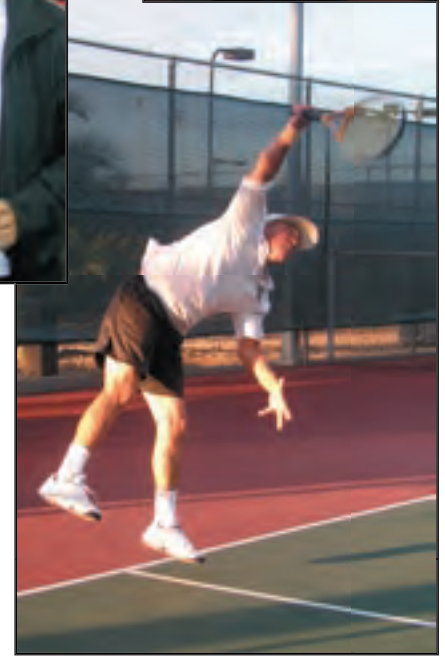
Yellow: **Ted Karwoski, Pauline Hanley, Nick Wong, Franette Armstrong**

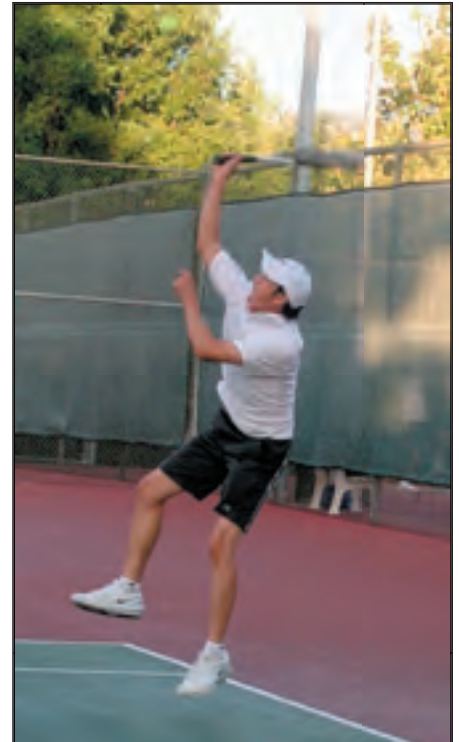
Purple: **Marie Murphy, Meridith Young, Don Maker, Justin Snyder**

Orange: **Robert Young, Russ Eddy, Carolyn Davis, Maria Chaing**

The Green team was the winning team with a total of 40 points. Each player was crowned King/Queen of the court!

Thanks go out to our alternates who came in to pitch hit for us: **Ginny Eddy, Phil Toy** and **Jesse Gonzalez**.





March 17-25, 2007

Business Leaders' Trip to China



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IMPORTANT TRIP INFORMATION

Securing or updating a passport is your responsibility. Passports must be valid through August, 2007. All travelers must have a valid Chinese visa. Citslinc will handle visa applications at a cost of \$65 per person (no later than 2/15/07).

Invaluable pre-tour briefings for all participants will be held 8/22/06, and 10/18/06 at 5:30pm at a location to be announced. Citslinc International, tour operators with twenty-eight years of experience in the China tour business, will answer all of your questions and familiarize you with the details of the trip.

Information and Dates to Remember:

- Pre-tour briefings 8/22/06 & 10/18/06
- Nonrefundable \$200 registration fee due by 11/15/06
- Remaining balance of tour fee due by 12/15/06
- Visa application and fee due by 2/15/07



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CODE OF ETHICS

by Gerry Brown

As most of you know, the USTA publishes a Code of Ethics designed to assist each of us in our efforts to compete and cheer in a fair and sportsman-like manner. The Walnut Creek Racquet club prides itself on always making every effort to ensure that our captains, players, and supporters conduct themselves in accordance with this code.

Although copies of the Code of Ethics are available from the USTA, for your convenience the WCRC is including a copy of the code in this newsletter. We think you will find it informative and helpful.

Participation on a WCRC team, either as a captain or as a player, is a privilege. So we ask that you join with us in encouraging everyone to represent the WCRC in the best possible light. The expectation of the WCRC is that each captain, player and supporter will conduct themselves in accordance with the USTA's Code of Ethics.

To this end, if issues should ever arise on the court, ask your captain to intercede and if necessary ask for a lines person to assist in managing the line calls.

Thank you for understanding and cooperating in helping make your club one that our opponents enjoy visiting and competing against.

The Honor Code of Ethics is prepared under the philosophy that “today's opponent is tomorrow's tennis friend.” To ensure that end, the code should be used as a guideline during league play.

1. Courtesy

The game of tennis depends upon courtesy and fairness.

Hosting teams should extend themselves to provide pleasant conditions for their guests. Water (or other beverages) should be place on each court, and rest room facilities must be provided. Above all, it is important to treat visiting teams like friends.

Guest teams should be courteous and friendly, supporting the host's efforts at providing a pleasant tennis atmosphere.

2. Friends, Coaches, Children, Parents

Friends, coaches, children, parent are not permitted on the court at any time.

Spectators or coaches may not volunteer advice on line calls, scoring, or the conduct of a match.

Coaching will be allowed only during the break between sets. Absolutely no coaching will be allowed during play.

3. Conduct of Players

The highest type of sportsmanship is expected from every player.

If you do not have an umpire, then you must call all balls as if you were a linesman, except that any doubt must be resolved in favor of your opponent.

It is your obligation to help your opponent make a call when your help is requested.

Do not enlist the aid of a spectator in making calls.

It is the server's responsibility to call the score before each point.

Calls of “out” or “let” must be made instantly. A delay in making the call implies that the ball was not seen clearly and is therefore “good”.

In doubles if one partner calls the ball “out” and the other partner calls it “good,” then the ball was not seen clearly and is therefore “good.”

When the first serve is obviously out, it is discourteous to return it across the net.

Never try to take advantage of an opponent by serving before he/she is ready. Your opponent may ask for a “let” if you quick-serve him/her. However, if he/she either hits the ball or tries to hit it, he/she cannot claim that he/she was not ready.

You must volunteer honestly against yourself such violation such as a double-bounce, ball touching your body or clothing, touching the net or reaching over the net.

In doubles, there should be no conversation during the course of play other than brief instructions to your partner, such as “mine,” “out,” “run,” or “bounce it.”

USTA regulations specifically prohibit the following:

Loud, abusive, or profane language, racquet throwing or slamming of balls.

Stalling. There will be no continuous strolling to the net to use towels or get a sip of water or to rest between points.

Making a comedy of the match, whether winning or losing.

Coaching or outside distractions such as inappropriate cheering or clapping.

Cheating. The Golden Rule of tennis is that every player calls balls on his/her side of the net as he/she would want them called on the other side.

Intentional waving of a racquet or arms, or making distracting noises.

Foot-faulting. A person who unknowingly foot-faults is taking advantage of his/her opponent. The person who knowingly foot-faults is cheating.



Tennis News



Dear WCRC Friends,

Greetings from Indianapolis, IN – approximately 2,250 miles east of the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. We continued to enjoy receiving the monthly Court Reporter newsletter and keeping up with the various activities and accomplishments of club members and teams.

Our family has settled into life in the Midwest in the 15 months since our move.



Just like most anywhere else, tennis has been a great way to make new contacts and friends. It is worth noting the playing indoors six months a year does take some getting used to – had to increase the monthly tennis budget! This confirms our long-

standing belief that the yearly passes at the WCTC are still the best deal around!

USTA league play is a bit different here as well. Lots more “sandbagging” where players are competing a half or full step below their current skill level. Of course, that may also have a lot to do with the number of teams – Kent played USTA this summer and there were only 7 teams at the 5.0 level...in the entire state!

We’ve seen a few WCRC members in our neck of the woods over the past year. Last Christmas, Kent was playing indoors at his club and heard a familiar voice behind him say “Hi, Kent.” It turned out to be David Wu, who grew up in this area and played high school tennis right down the street. Rick O’Brien visited this summer and he and Kent resuscitated their old doubles partnership against some local competition.

Still, we have not found anything similar to the WCRC and the Walnut Creek Tennis Center in Indiana (of course, I’m not sure we really expected to). On a related note, Kent is happy to spending his tennis time on the court actually playing and not organizing leagues and tournaments for a change!

We miss everyone and wish the club continued success.

Janet, Kent, Kyle & Jenna Lindeman

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(Future Session Dates TBD)

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Game

- Introductory Course
- For Beginners Only!
- 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Set

- Intermediate Course
- For players with some experience
- 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Match

- Advanced Course
- For players willing to work hard and be competitive!
- 3:00pm - 4:30

Name _____ Phone _____ Age _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____

Emergency Contact & Phone # _____ Relation _____

Parent's Name _____ Signature _____

Please select the desired course: ☐ Game ☐ Set ☐ Match

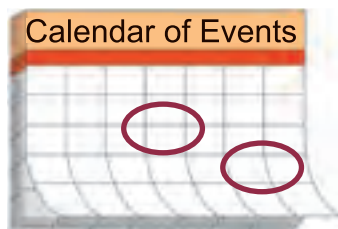
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Sept

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

Oct

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

Nov

Sign up for WCRC's Turkey Tournament

**Sign up for WCRC's Mixed Doubles Club
Championship Tournament in December**

- 18** WCRC's Turkey Tournament, Heather Farms
- 17-19** USTA Super Senior 60 Sectionals

Dec

Renew your WCRC dues for 2007.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of August 31, 2006



Income

Awards Banquet	4,595.00
MardiGras	380.00
Winter Doubles League '06	1,712.00
Interest	19.74
Advertising Income	1,670.00
Membership Dues	12,685.00
Board Dinner	182.00
Summer Singles League	8,471.00
Calcutta Tournament	4,035.00

Total Income **\$ 33,749.74**

Expenses

Mardi Gras Tournament	324.16
Winter Doubles	4,634.14
Awards Banquet	6,180.34
Commission	515.03
Bank Service Charge	12.00
Light Fund	3,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	25.00
Newsletter - Court Reporter	4,382.54
Member Directory	1,760.36
Barbecue	215.41
Printing & Duplicating	101.32
Postage	1,204.60
Supplies	2,123.66
Website	872.45
Calcutta Tournament	3,742.26

Total Expenses **\$ 29,221.13**

Profit (Loss) **\$ 4,528.61**

Balance August 31, 2006 **21,293.23**



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Adventure In Carmel: Aug. 25-27th *by Ron Huxley*

Well we had our Sectional playoffs in Carmel. We met up with some stiff competition..We did not come away with the position we had expected.

On the positive side we ended up the season 19-2..winning our Division, holding our own thru local playoff, managed to work our way thru Districts and coming up on the short end at Sectionals. We managed a hard 2-3 split against the eventual winner of the bracket.

For the season we ended up third in the Northern California section.

What a season it was-a complete TEAM effort; our support in Carmel was second to none-we had our support base.

The weekend was filled with many memories, solid tennis, and team spirit .We left Carmel with the notion that we will look back at this great season and cherish ALL OF THE moments that brought us to this level. IT WAS A VERY SPECIAL TIME.



WCRC Men's 3.0A Team