

THE COURT BROBINS Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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The President's Report

Well, most of you will be getting this newsletter well into December as I am way late writing this President's Report, guess it's just been a busy month – am sure that a lot of you can relate! First off, I need to issue another statement about needing board volunteers. We've had several people decide to move onto greener pastures this year so the following positions are still available for 2007. I've listed responsibilities next to them so that you have a better idea of



Shari Gonzalez 2006 WCRC President

what these would entail. If you have a few extra hours a month and would like to become part of the board please contact myself or any other board member.

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

SECRETARY

- · Attend & participate in monthly board meetings when available
- · Take monthly minutes at board meeting
- · Distribute monthly minutes

USTA LEAGUES CHAIR

- · Attend & participate in monthly board meetings when available
- · Liaison to USTA captains and Heather Farm Tennis Center
- Coordinate 3 annual captain's meetings (Adult, Mixed & Senior, & Combo)

TOURNAMENT CHAIR

- · Attend & participate in monthly board meetings when available
- Work with other tournament chair members to coordinate 4
 annual social tournaments and end of year Winter Party
- Tournaments include Mardi Gras, Calcutta, Mid-Summer Madness and Turkey tournament

Alright, enough business, on a more fun note, the WCRC's annual Winter Party & Awards Banquet will be held February 9th, 2007 at the Heather Farm Park Community Center. We'll be going back to a more traditional format this year and will be focusing on highlighting USTA teams and individuals who have excelled throughout the year, including our Club an Leagues Champions. It should be a really fun night and we have some special stuff planned so make sure that you mark your calendars and sign up using the application in this newsletter.

Speaking of individuals who have excelled in '06, I recently found out that one of WCRC's own has been out on the Open Circuit in the Womens 50 Doubles division racking up some hardware. I'm referring to **Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein** who partnered with San Diego's Robin Ogburn to compete in 4 National tournaments this year, winning 3 of them. The team's championships this year include: the WorkDog Tournament held Mission Hills, Fremont,



New Member Information Removed for Privacy





This year's annual Turkey Tournament (aka Gobbler Invitational) was held on November 18th and couldn't have been played on a more perfect fall Walnut Creek day. With 32 participants divided into teams of 4 (2 men and 2 women), tournament play was setup as a modified team tennis format with 2 matches for every round. Players were able to squeeze in 2 rounds of play before sitting down to a lunch of turkey sandwiches.





team won the title and took home a couple of ready to eat turkey dinners. Thanks again to **Karen Hirtzel** for coordinating and running the tournament.



After lunch, participants settled in to watch the finals which featured the family team of **Ted & Dee Karwoski** and **Mike & Jenna DeBoisblanc** vs. **Raanan Sagy, Pauline Hanley, Carol Kennedy & Gabe Golstein**. It was a tightly contested match





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WCRC Men's & Women's 2007 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?	TYES INO	🗆 YES 🗔 NO
Division	for which you are registering (please	e check one): NTRP (check one)
	 Men's 3.0 Men's 3.5 Men's 4.0 Men's 4.5 	 Women's 2.5 Women's 3.0 Women's 3.5 Women's 4.0
	□ Men's 5 0/5 5	□ 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):

* \$32 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members) • \$30 per team for on-line registration

* \$42 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member) • \$40 per team for on-line registration

* \$52 per team (both non WCRC members) • \$50 per team for on-line registration

On-Line Registration will remain open until <u>December 30th. 2006</u>. If you would like to register by mail, return this form by <u>December 20th, 2006</u> with a check for registration fees (payable to WCRC) to: WCRC, 1024 Julie Court, Concord, CA 94518.

Questions? Call Susie Dunlap at 925-228-1641 or via e-mail susied98@aol.com

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 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.

Once League play is complete and registration for the end-of-League Tournament begins, a player may enter the Tournament at more than one level. However, if scheduling problems arise the Tournament Director will require the player with a conflict to forfeit the division of his/her choice. No exceptions will be made for match rescheduling if this situation arises.

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National Championships Bound Walnut Creek Super Senior 60 (6.0) Tennis Team

Super Senior 60 Sectional play took place from November 17-19 at Carmel Valley Ranch. The weather the entire weekend was sunny with temperatures in the 80's. Play opened on Friday morning with matches against Napa Valley Tennis Club. Napa Valley was last years 2nd place finisher at Nationals losing to Puerto Rico. While Napa was only allowed 3 returning players they had done some good recruiting and proved to be very competitive. Napa's number one team beat our team of David Tong and Andrew Hall 7-6, 6-1. David and Andrew battled back from a big deficit in the first set to force the tie-break. Losing that first set after battling so hard was tough to take. David Sperry and Hank Holmes dropped the first set 6-2 to Bob Walsh (81) and Claire Palmer (75). These two crafty veterans looked to be in command and it looked bad for the team until David and Hank found their rhythm and wore down their older opponents winning the 2nd set 6-1 and the super tie breaker 10-6. The #1 and #2 matches had finished so all players moved to watch Dale Crabtree and Stan Orlik battle for the team win. Dale and Stan had won the first set 6-1 so things were looking good until they dropped the 2nd set in a

tie breaker and were behind 7-6 in the 3rd set Super Tie Breaker. This match was the key match of the weekend. Dale and Stan pulled the super tie breaker out 10-8 and there was a sigh of relief. Stan's cross court forehands and Dale's

Front row from left to right: Hank Holmes, Captain Jim Brown, Stan Orlik, and David Tong

Back row from left to right: Andrew Hall, Dale Crabtree, Richard Kennealy, Darrel Fiske, David Sperry

Not pictured: Tom Amann, Tom Roth, & Ed Ungerleider net play were key in that win. Saturday, Sunnyvale proved no match for the Walnut Creek team with rather easy wins at #1 (6-1, 6-1 by Darrel Fiske and Rich Kennealy), #2 (6-3, 6-2 by Hank Holmes and Andrew Hall) and #3 (6-3, 6-1 by Dale and Stan). That brought us to the crucial 3rd round against Cupertino. Cupertino had beaten Sunnyvale and Napa so they stood at 2-0. The winner was to advance to Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida. Walnut Creek pulled out all 3 matches, but not without some nervous moments. David Sperry and Hank Holmes played #1 and won 7-6, 6-4. for the first match completed. Now we needed 1 more team win. Darrel Fiske and Rich Kennealy playing #3 were next to finish and cheers went up when they won 6-2, 6-4. Andrew Hall and David Tong were aware that they did not need to win at #2, but didn't disappoint winning in a 3rd set Super Tie Breaker. Now it is on to Daytona Beach and Nationals which will be held from April 27-29, 2007. The team roster includes: Tom Amann, Jim Brown, Dale Crabtree, Russ Eddy, Darrel Fiske, Andrew Hall, Rich Kennealy, Hank Holmes, Tom Roth, Stan Orlik, David Sperry, David Tong, and Ed Ungerleider. Of these 13, 10 have seen their ratings moved to the 3.5 level. Only 3 players are allowed to return anyway. . . .



Renew Your Membership On-Line at: www.WCRC.net

Last month we launched our new on-line membership area and hope that you've been enjoying some of the new functionality. We now have on-line membership renewal available. Our method or receiving payments is currently PayPal, so you'll have to have an active PayPal account or open an account in order to renew on-line. There's no extra charge to renew your membership on-line.

We'll also be sending out renewal invoices in the mail as well, so if you'd like to renew by US postal services, that option will be available as well.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have a family membership and want to renew on-line, the family administrator must login and renew through their account. If you have a question about who the family administrator is or need to change the administrator please contact us at webmaster@wcrc.net.

To renew on-line use the following steps:

- ▶ Login to the membership system from www.wcrc.net
- Click on the Pay Membership Dues link under My Membership (see below)

My Membership (Shari Gonzalez)

Change Name & Address Info Change Username/Password Pay Membership Dues

▶ Select the invoice (see below) and click Continue

This feature of the Member's Area allows you to pay your membership dues through PayPal.

If you would like to renew your membership in Walnut Creek Racquet Club, Select an invoice if necessary and click on the Continue button below. Repeat this process as necessary if you have multiple unpaid invoices...

Invoice to Apply Payments to: \$25.00 - Due Date: 12-31-2006, Amt. Due: 25.00

Continue >>

- ✤ Click the Renew My Membership button
- ▹ Login to PayPal or create a new account
- ✤ Pay the membership fee
- Click Continue when finished
- You will be redirected back to the WCRC website and your payment will be processed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement: as of October 31, 2006

<u>Income</u>

Awards Banquet 2006 Summer Madness Tournament Club Championships 2006 Mardi Gras Winter Doubles League '06 Interest Advertising Income Membership Dues Board Dinner Summer Singles League Calcutta Tournament	$\begin{array}{r} 4,595.00\\ 256.00\\ 810.00\\ 380.00\\ 1,712.00\\ 23.86\\ 1,770.00\\ 14,520.00\\ 182.00\\ 8,471.00\\ 4,035.00\\ \end{array}$
Total Income	\$ 36,754.86 <u></u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Mardi Gras Tournament	324.16
Winter Doubles 2006	4,634.14
Club Championships 2006	993.90
Awards Banquet	7,073.14
Summer Madness Tournament	140.03
Commission	584.92
Bank Service Charge	12.00
Light Fund	3,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	25.00
Newsletter - Court Reporter	5,565.99
Member Directory	1,760.36
Barbecue	215.41
Printing & Duplicating	101.32
Postage	1,719.40
Supplies	2,229.75
Website	1,130.15
Calcutta Tournament	3,742.26
Summer Singles League 2006	2,089.83
Friday Night Team Tennis	127.86
Total Expenses	\$ 35,469.62
Profit (Loss)	\$ 1,285.24
Balance October 31, 2006	18,024.86



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