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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February is here and that can only mean one thing – **Mardi Gras**! WCRC's annual Mardi Gras tournament will be held on Saturday, February 24th at 10am at the Heather Farm Tennis Center. If this year's event is anything like last year's (and I think it will be since our own **Nat Bitton** is stepping up to run it again this year) the red beans, rice, hurricanes and beads will all be in abundance along with the Creole music. The format will be the modified team tennis format that we've adopted for our last several social tournaments. Make sure that you use the form in this newsletter to sign-up – should be a blast!



Shari Gonzalez
2006 WCRC President

I have one new board announcement to make that did not make last month's newsletter. **Don Loeffler** will be re-joining the board (after a very short hiatus) as part of the WCRC Committee that will act as liaison to the City of Walnut Creek. He along with **Pam Maloney** will be spearheading the initiative to establish new courts at the Heather Farm Tennis Center. It will most likely be a long process and we may need to periodically call on the WCRC membership to show support at specific city functions so look for updates on that front. This committee will also be involved in following up with the city regarding court maintenance at all WCRC associated Walnut Creek Courts (Northgate, Rudgear, Larkey, etc.). I'm really excited that we have 2 individuals who are willing to commit the time and effort that's required of a committee like this, as after having briefly dabbled in it myself I'm much more aware of the dedication that is necessary.

In USTA news, Combo Districts were held over the weekend of January 12-14th at Decathlon Athletic Club in Santa Clara (Women) and Courtside Athletic Club in Los Gatos (Men) and while the WCRC will not be sending any teams to the Sectional playoffs to be held in Fresno in March, the teams all had some really great results and very exciting tennis. The weekend was bitter cold but it was great to see so many Walnut Creek faces out playing and cheerleading – we definitely had the largest support system out there as usual!

Finally, the WCRC will be involved this year in helping to raise awareness of the St. Mary's college tennis program, a Division I program right here in our own backyard! Men's coach and Program Director **Michael Wayman** recently paid the WCRC board a visit and after describing how much growth and improvement the program has undergone in recent years we were all eager to go watch a match. I hope to transfer that enthusiasm onto the WCRC membership so look for schedules and program details in this and future newsletters.

See you on the courts

Mardi Gras Tournament



Date: Saturday, February 24th

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Heather Farms

Cost: \$12.00/person

(includes: breakfast, lunch & beaucoup beverages, prizes for winning team)

Format: Team Tennis

(4 women, 4 men - different levels per team. Play mens, womens & mixed)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

USTA Rating: _____

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Tennis News



Walnut Creek Combo 6.5 Men Make it to Districts *by Ron Huxley*

This was an interesting season started the season off losing the first part of the season..second half of the season regrouped and won the last 7 matches.Won two playoff matches.



At districts we ran into some good competition.We had some great team efforts from **Frank Conception**, **Sterling Fairholm**, **Dan Hoenecke**. Our pairing of Frank and Sterling and Dan and Frank proved to be winning combination. On our last day we came up with a great team of **Marc Zimmank** and Sterling..they played center court..lost the first set 2-6,rallied the second set for a 6-2 win ..and then off into the third set 10 point tie breaker..we are down 3-7..our guys show some grit and we pull out a 10-8 win...GREAT TENNIS...Overall it was a wonderful weekend ..we won some and lost some..we did not attain the outcome we wanted.We did save the day winning the last day ..It was a a fun COMBO SEASON...thanks to all of the guys on the team for getting us there.....

6.5 Women Red and Black Attack Districts *by Leonard Young*

What an exciting weekend, albeit freezing cold weather! Players had parkas, mufflers, snow boots, ski wear, gloves, etc. Looked like we were at a ski resort rather than a tennis club!

We won 2 out of 3 matches. Unfortunately, not enough for us to advance to Sectionals.

It was quite a rollercoaster ride to say the least at

Districts. It must be because we were just down the road from Great America amusement park.

Day 1, **Darcy Beauchemin** and **Helen Cavin** jumped out of the blocks with a 6-1,6-0 blowout with SFTC. **MJ Kiefer** and **Maria Chaing** along with **Marylyn Bustos** and **Karin Poe** weren't so fortunate with hard fought battles that could have gone either way.

Day 2, having lost to SFTC, 1-2, we decided for the Red & Black to come back. It was difficult to watch our players due to the fact that all 3 lines were not together. Thanks to the help of **Justin Snyder** sharing coaching duties, we could make it work.

Charlotte Moon & Maria won their 1st set easily. Both Marylyn/Helen & **Tammie Snyder** /**Myrl Kan** lost their 1st sets. Both of our teams faced dangerous net players. Strategy switch to lobs & down the alleys. Tammie/Myrl won 6-2 in the 2nd. Looking over my shoulder I see Marylyn/Helen are down 0-4 after losing 2-6 in the 1st. We needed at least 2 lines to stay alive. All of a sudden, Marylyn and Helen win the NEXT 6 GAMES to win the 2nd. Supertie time. Marylyn and Helen fall behind 1-4. They get it to 10-10. Marylyn hits a drop, they hit it out. Helen rips a volley for a winner. Tammie & Myrl barely lost in the supertie while Charlotte & Maria win a supertie to seal a 2-1 win. The crowd and officials went nuts after Marylyn & Helen's match. The match ref said it was incredible.

Day 3 had us face Brookside, who was the only undefeated team. We needed to win today to stay in contention. Marylyn & Helen decided to finish their opponents quickly in 2 sets. Charlotte & Maria soon followed. Tammie & Myrl ran into Brookside's best team but went down fighting and only lost by a couple of breaks.

Beating the #1 team put 3 teams at 2-1. Unfortunately, we lost in the standings tiebreaker by 1 set. SFTC played Millenium for their last round and won 2 -3 setters. Had SFTC lost 1-2, we'd be Fresno bound.





Tennis News



7.5 CW Play Tough at Districts

by Lisa Leach

Walnut Creek's women's 7.5 combo team, captained by **Lisa Leach**, and co-captained by **Shari Gonzalez**, came in first place during the regular season and went on to play at Districts at the Decathlon Club in Santa Clara the weekend of January 5th, 6th, and 7th. They won both Friday and Saturday's matches, but needed to win on Sunday to make it to Sectionals in Fresno. Unfortunately, they lost on Sunday 1-2 in a close match against a team from the Peninsula area. Way to go ladies, and great effort! We are very proud of you!



René F. Giger

(April 26, 1922-Nov. 6, 2006)

René departed this life peacefully, at Kaiser, Walnut Creek surrounded by his daughters and Sherry after an extended illness at his home in Martinez. A private cremation was done on November 20, 2006 with a summer remembrance gathering being planned.



Men's 3.0 Singles Players Wanted

Brian Costello (WCRC's 3.0 Men's captain) is looking for a couple of singles players. If you are interested please contact Brian at brianpac@astound.net.

NorCal Notes...

by Cheryl Silva

2007 High School Tennis Coaches Workshop

Saturday, February 3, 2007

2007 USTA Community Tennis Development Workshop

USTA CTDW schedule for Feb 8-11, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel in Atlanta, GA

USTA Member Appreciation Day

February 12, 2007 -HP Pavilion, from 12:30-2 pm

2007 SAP Open

Feb. 12 - 18, 2007 HP Pavilion

Kid's Day at the SAP Open

February 16, 2007 HP Pavilion

Lakeridge Indoor Doubles Tournament

February 17 - 18, 2007

Lakeridge Indoor MX Dbs Tournament

February 24- 25, 2007

Cruise to Alaska

7 Night Alaska Cruise July 20th, 2007

Seattle to Seattle (Inside Passage)

Royal Caribbean Cruiseline, Vision of the Seas

Families, Couples and Singles are welcome!!

Cruise only prices are per person, double occupancy, including taxes

Balcony Jr. Suite: \$2296

Balcony Stateroom: \$2096

Outside Cabin: \$1336

Inside Cabin: \$1106

3rd and 4th passengers in the same cabin are \$800 each (estimated)

Insurance is available for \$50--\$109 per person

Trips before and after the Crusie are available:

Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver

Canadian Rockies and Whistler



Contact Mary Jane Kiefer for details and reservations:

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925-672-3576 (Home)



**New Member
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Outstanding Collegiate Tennis in your own backyard!



The Saint Mary's Tennis Program has been one of the best kept secrets in our community the past few years, but things are about to change. The Gaels have made huge strides the past two years to turn them into a top level NCAA Division I program nationally. This past year, the Women's team achieved the first national ranking in the history for the program and the Men's program is right on their heels. Reason for their successes are numerous, but it starts from the top, with the head coaches **Michael Wayman** and **Lisa Alipaz**.

This past year, Saint Mary's College allocated the funds to allow Wayman and Alipaz to offer the NCAA maximum number of scholarships to each of their programs. This change was significant, as it allowed the two coaches the ability to offer the same number of scholarships as national powers Stanford, Pepperdine and the like.

Not only have the coaches now had the opportunity to recruit top level players, but they have also stepped up their scheduling to compete against some of the best teams in the country. The schedules include excellent Division 1 Programs such as Pepperdine University, 2006 NCAA Champions, Stanford University, California- Berkeley and the University of Arizona to name a few. The standard of the programs has been steadily improving over the years and has been very competitive with their opponents. However, with support from Alumni and interested individuals we have been given the opportunity to move towards a different level.

Most recently, the Men's Program defeated the nationally ranked University of Arizona 4-1 on January 22nd, which was a first for the Gaels against a nationally ranked Program.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

All home matches at the Korth Tennis Complex
on the Saint Mary's College campus

MEN

January 28th – UC Davis @ 12:00 noon
February 11th – Loyola Marymount @ 11:00 a.m.
February 15th – University of Hawaii @ 3:00 p.m.

WOMEN

February 3rd – University of Pacific @ 1:00 p.m.
February 16th – Gonzaga University @ 3:00 p.m.
February 24th – UC Davis @ 2:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of December 31, 2006



Income

Awards Banquet 2006	4,595.00
Summer Madness Tournament	256.00
Winter Doubles League '07	4,781.00
Club Championships 2006	950.00
Mardi Gras	380.00
Winter Doubles League '06	1,712.00
Interest	26.74
Turkey Tournament	361.00
Advertising Income	1,770.00
Membership Dues	17,795.00
Board Dinner	182.00
Summer Singles League	8,471.00
Calcutta Tournament	4,035.00

Total Income **\$ 45,314.74**

Expenses

Mardi Gras Tournament	324.16
Winter Doubles 2006	4,634.14
Awards Banquest 2007	1,160.00
Club Championships 2006	993.90
Awards Banquet 2006	7,073.14
Summer Madness Tournament	140.03
Commission	860.68
Bank Service Charge	12.00
Light Fund	3,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	25.00
Newsletter - Court Reporter	6,605.74
Member Directory	1,760.36
Barbecue	215.41
Printing & Duplicating	250.10
Postage	2,035.40
Post Office Box Rental	62.00
Supplies	2,572.02
Website	1,680.15
Calcutta Tournament	3,742.26
Summer Singles League 2006	3,742.26
Friday Night Team Tennis	127.86
Turkey Tournament	488.01

Total Expenses **\$ 41,336.62**

Profit (Loss) **\$ 3,978.12**

Balance December 31, 2006 **20,717.74**



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