



# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club*

*April 2007*

**Jan Perez and  
Cathy "Sam" Uanecek  
celebrate after  
winning a long  
three setter in the  
first round of Senior  
playoffs. Mary Waltz  
3.0 SW team are  
heading to Districts  
in Fresno in April.**



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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This April marks a very special milestone for the Walnut Creek Racquet Club. I'm sure that most if not all of you have enjoyed use of the lights at the Heather Farm Tennis Facility while playing during the evening. I know that one of my favorite times to play tennis are on those great evenings where the temperature is usually between 70 and 80, the bugs are circling around your head while you play and there is almost always a wait for the courts (it pretty much turns into social hour on these nights!). If you've played on one of these nights, or any other night for that matter you've probably noticed that the Heather Farm facility has hands down the best lights of any public courts in the area, and I think they actually beat out most private courts in the area as well. What many of you may not know is that it took quite a bit of work to get these lights installed.



**Shari Gonzalez**  
2006 WCRC President

Thirteen years ago former WCRC President **Al Forrester** took on the project of getting the new light project completed. Four years later, and after many city planning meetings, board meetings, park and recreation meetings and countless other meetings, Al, along with the help of many past WCRC board members succeeded in having the lights that we all now use installed at the HF tennis courts. This upcoming November will mark the anniversary of that event; November 13, 1997 to be exact and this April the WCRC will present the final payment for those lights to the city of Walnut Creek. The final check will be presented at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting in downtown Walnut Creek. Speaking for all of the nighttime tennis players at the WCRC I'd like to extend a big thanks to Al Forrester and all of the WCRC members that were involved throughout the lifespan of this project.

In social tennis news, this year's annual Mardi Gras tournament was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. While it was a few days after the actual event, people didn't seem to mind. We had a great turnout for the event and **Nat Bitton** and **Adam Borovkoff** did an excellent job of mixing and matching the teams together for a fun team tennis mixer. Players enjoyed munching on Jambalaya (prepared by **Tammy Chan**) and other goodies throughout the tournament. Thanks guys for running a great tournament as usual!

Speaking of social tennis, WCRC's most popular social tennis event is coming up next month. That's right, on May 12, players of all levels and types of play will congregate at Heather Farms for the annual



## President's Report

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Calcutta to try and actually win some \$\$ playing their favorite sport. Spots are filling up fast and entries will close on May 7<sup>th</sup> so get your entry in today!

Also coming up next month is WCRC's Winter Doubles league tournament (May 4-6<sup>th</sup>). If you're playing in the league keep in mind that you must complete 6 regular season matches to compete in the tournament so get busy scheduling if you are not there yet. If you can't play in the tournament make sure to drop by sometime over the weekend to enjoy the BBQ and pick up your league gift.

Finally, the USTA WCRC Senior league results are in. Congratulations to the following teams and USTA captains for coming out on top in their league and good luck at the District playoffs that will be held in Fresno over the weekend of April 20-22<sup>nd</sup>.

Women's 3.0: **Mary Waltz**

Men's 3.0: **Robert Brockman**

Women's 3.5: **Janet Couchot**

Men's 4.0: **Jim Farber**

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](mailto:tammie@gte.net).

Deadline for the May issue is Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



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# Mardi Gras Tournament Highlights



*Tournament Chairman Nat Bitton looks over the food while George Hernandez watches.*

*2007 Mardis Gras Winners (l-r): Linda Stern, Judy Griffith, Stuart Wahlstrom, Balbir Louis, Gabe Goldstein, Ranan Sagy and Kathleen "Pru" Pruden.*



## Winter Doubles League - Current Leaders

### Men's

<b>3.0</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
Fiske/Kennealy	4	0
<b>3.5</b>		
Carroll/Wolf	7	2
Shaffer/Cardozo	7	2
<b>4.0</b>		
Hellmann/Ashe	7	2
<b>4.5</b>		
Attiyeh/Wu	4	0

### Women's

<b>3.0</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
Bhatnagar/Kline	8	0
<b>3.5</b>		
Kline/Carlton	7	1
Beltran/Franey	7	1
<b>4.0</b>		
Williams/DeSchane	7	0
<b>4.5/5.0</b>		
Hennessy/Robbins	6	1

# Calcutta Party & Tournament: May 11-12th



Here's your chance to enter the most popular tournament that the WCRC offers each year - the 2007 Calcutta. Enter early, since the event is limited to the first 64 women and 64 men who register. The format is Mixed Doubles, but you enter individually. You will be paired with a partner by blind draw prior to the tournament and the resultant team given a handicap according to their combined playing abilities. At the Friday night party, you meet your partner and teams are auctioned off to the highest bidder - either individuals or syndicate. Start times will also be announced on Friday night.

Cost is \$20 per person (covers the Friday night party **May 11th** and Saturday tournament **May 12th** in which you are guaranteed a minimum of two matches). Guest may attend the Friday night party at no charge.

**Entry deadline is April 30th.** This is a money tournament, so it is important that you list your current NTRP rating on the registration form below. If you don't have a rating, call us and we can help. If you have any questions or can assist the Tournament Committee with various aspects of this event, please contact **Adam Borovkoff** at 330-3154 or at [adamborovkoff@aol.com](mailto:adamborovkoff@aol.com). All tournament participants must be current WCRC members.



In the WCRC's long Calcutta history, there have been very few instances where the team with the most collective talent ends up winning the tournament.

*Last year's Calcutta winners:  
Shashi Kamath and  
Marie Murphy.*



*Last year's Calcutta consolation winners:  
Liz Riddle and  
Steve Melman.*

**Sign up on line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net)**

## Calcutta Tournament Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USTA Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in your party (including guests) \_\_\_\_\_

I can help score keep ☐

Please make checks payable to WCRC  
(\$20 per player) and send with entry form to:

Adam Borovkoff  
427 Dogwood Drive  
Walnut Creek CA 94598

Questions?  
Contact Adam at (925) 330-3154 or at  
[adamborovkoff@aol.com](mailto:adamborovkoff@aol.com)

**\$20 Per Player • Entry Deadline: April 30th**



# 2007 Men's and Women's Summer Singles Leagues **Registration Form**



Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size    ☐ M    ☐ L    ☐ XL    ☐ XXL

T-shirt Type    ☐ Regular    ☐ V-neck\*    ☐ Tank top\*

\*V-neck and tank top in women's style only

Current Rating:    ☐ 2.5                      ☐ 4.5  
                             ☐ 3.0                      ☐ 5.0  
                             ☐ 3.5                      ☐ 5.5  
                             ☐ 4.0

I would like to enter the following division:

- |                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 2.5     | <input type="radio"/> Men's 3.0     |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 3.0     | <input type="radio"/> Men's 3.5     |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 3.5     | <input type="radio"/> Men's 4.0     |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 4.0     | <input type="radio"/> Men's 4.5     |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 4.5-5.0 | <input type="radio"/> Men's 5.0-5.5 |

I am a:    ☐ WCRC Member (\$25)  
              ☐ Non-Member (\$35)

If you register on line:

- ☐ WCRC Member (\$20)  
☐ Non-Member (\$30)

Dates:            June 4th - September 24th

Entry Fee:        \$25 for WCRC Members  
                      \$35 for non-members

Format:           Men's Singles/Women's Singles

Divisions:        Men's 3.0 - 5.5  
                      Women's 2.5 - 5.0

Scheduling:      12 scheduled matches to be  
                          completed over 15 week season.  
                          Players are responsible for sched-  
                          uling their own matches. Players  
                          will be provided with a contact  
                          list of participants in their division.

Match Format:    Best two-out-of-three set format.  
                          12 point tiebreaker. Both players  
                          responsible for bringing new balls to  
                          match. Winner gets unopened can.

Match Site:       Any site mutually agreed upon

Scoring:           The winner is responsible for  
                          reporting the match score by logging  
                          on to [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net).

Standings:       Division standing will be updated on  
                          a real time basis as scores are posted

Tournament:     End-of-season tournament with draw  
                          determined by league standings.  
                          Oct. 5-7 & Oct. 13-15

Match Min.:      6 matches

Deadline:         May 14, 2007

Checks to:        WCRC  
                          2416 Encinal Drive  
                          Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Or Online:        [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net)

**Registration Deadline: May 14**  
**Register on line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net) and save \$5.00**



# Let— there be light

By Julie Clairmont  
Staff writer

Members of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club are feeling very pleased with themselves these days. After four years of perseverance, the club finally succeeded in getting new lighting installed on the 10 courts at Heather Farm Park.

"We've now got one of the best facilities around for nighttime tennis," boasted Al Forester, a past president of the 500-member racquet club.

As chairman of the lighting committee, Forester was instrumental in seeing the project through to fruition.

"He really took the bull by the horns," said the club's current president, Chris Ramsower. "He really stuck with it."

Anyone who's driven past

Light, see page 7A



DEAN COPPOLA/Staff photo

Playing tennis at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center at Heather Farm Park is now a much "brighter" experience, thanks to the new lighting system.

## Light

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Heather Farm Park lately at night probably noticed the new illumination—contractors completed the \$86,000 project just last week. Three of the 10 courts, which were previously unlit, received modern new lighting systems, and the lighting on seven other courts was upgraded.

All in all, things are looking pretty bright.

It all started when club members began talking about asking the city to replace some lights on a few of the courts. They were unsuccessful in that attempt, but the seed was sown. After several false starts and a few delays, they eventually persuaded the city to match funding for the project.

Forester said they were able to raise the \$17,000 down payment

increase in the club's annual dues. The club and the city each committed to \$43,000, with the club repaying the balance of their portion in annual payments.

"It took so long to get this project done, but in a way it was a blessing," said Forester, "because we ended up being able raise money and get a lot more done than we originally planned."

The Walnut Creek Racquet Club is actually older than the courts the members play on, said Forester. The club was formed a year before Heather Farm Park and the courts were built. At that time, the only city-owned tennis courts were the two courts across the street from Walnut Creek City Hall.

"We actually have quite a few charter members still with the club," Forester said.

Although players weren't

exactly having trouble seeing the net or hitting each other in the head with the ball, Forester said things were getting pretty dim out there on the courts.

"A lot of us members are getting older and our eyes are getting bad," he kidded. "The lighting was definitely inadequate."

"What was strange is some of the poles didn't even have lights on them," said Jim Farber, director of tennis for the city.

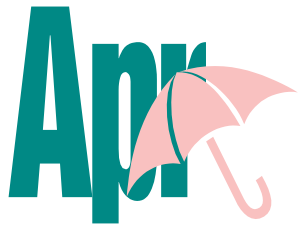
He said members are now raving about the improved visibility on the courts.

"It's a tremendous improvement," Farber said. "It's taken all the dark pots off the courts."

"One of the best things of all though is that we have three more courts we can play on at night. That's really helpful in the winter time, especially when it gets dark so early."



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 1** USTA Registration for Fifty Mixed closes
- 3** USTA 50 Mixed Team Registration Opens
- 10** USTA Super Senior Begins
- 20-22** USTA Senior District Championships, Fresno, CA
- 27-29** USTA Mixed District Championships, Palo Alto, CA (Stanford University)
- 29** WCRC Winter Doubles League Ends
- 30** USTA Fifty Mixed Begins
- USTA Reg for Super Senior 60 opens



- 4-6** WCRC Winter Doubles Tournament
- 11-12** WCRC Calcutta Party & Tournament
- 7** USTA Registration for 50 Mixed closes
- 18-20** USTA Senior Sectional Champs, Walnut Creek, CA (Clubsport Valley Vista)
- 22** A 50 Mixed Season Opens



- 2-3** USTA Mixed Sectional Championships, Alameda, CA (Harbor Bay)
- 3** USTA Reg. for Super Senior 60 closes
- 4** WCRC Summer Singles Leagues Begins
- 4-8** USTA Super Senior 65 Local League Playoffs - Round I
- 11** USTA Combo Doubles Reg Opens
- 11-15** USTA Super Senior 65 Local League Playoffs - Round II

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Gabe Goldstein**

Income Statement:  
as of February 28, 2007



### INCOME

Winter Doubles League '07	3,484.00
Awards Banquet '07	2,440.00
Mardi Gras Fees	120.00
Interest	3.64
Advertising	400.00
Membership Dues	6,840.00
Board Dinner	150.00

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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,437.64</b>
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### EXPENSES

Awards Banquet 2007	3653.78
Club Championships 2006	200.00
Mardi Gras	142.74
Nationals Stipend	500.00
Commission	265.42
Newsletter - Court Reporter	1,207.36
Postage	660.00
Post Office Box Rental	63.00
Supplies	385.77
Website	218.85
Board Dinner Expenses	665.07

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,961.99</b>
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<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 5,475.65</b>
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<b>Balance February 28, 2007</b>	<b>26,415.39</b>
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