



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

March, 2008



6.5 Women's Combo Team

Front row: Ellen Leng, Sheila Klenow, Lisa Carlon, Julie Bruna, Donna Himenez, Barbara Britto-Tang, Hilde Chan and Jackie Phan.

Back row: Captain Carolyn Spady, Co-Captain Cass Flatley, and Beverly McHale.

Not pictured: Amy Buscaglia, Zoe Carpenter, Suzanne Chang, Susan Cosso, Jeanne Costello, Robin Doyle, Denise Frazier, Bonnie Kline, Sue Lyon, Renae McHale, Karen Nishikawa, Jan Williams, Debbie Wilson

Sectionals – Walnut Creek Style...

6.5 Men's Combo Team

Back row: Jon Lien, Frank Concepcion, Gerry Brown, Sterling Fariholm, Alan Chan, Richard Kennealy

Front row: Mitchell Rose, Co-Captain Max Sylver, Tom Roth, Captain Ron Huxley and Mark Jimenez.



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed out on an amazing party. The annual **Winter Party & Awards Banquet** took place on February 29th and there were lots of great food, entertainment and most of all costumes! Who knew our membership knew how to get so groovy?



Tammie Snyder
2008 WCRC President

Thanks to **Tammy Chan** and **Adam Borovkoff** for having a little bit too much fun putting together everything. Thanks to **Kathleen "Pru" Pruden** who helped Adam teach everyone the hustle! Also a huge thanks to **Nat and Bernadette Bitton** who once again wowed us with their amazing appetizers and fondue! Additional thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up. **Carolyn Spady, Shari & Jesse Gonzalez, Deanna Fong, Adam, Tammy, Pam Maloney, Susie Dunlap, Tammie, Justin and Lindsey Snyder**. Check out pages 6-9 to see lots of great photos.

Congratulations to both **Ron Huxley** and his 6.5 Combo Men's team as well as **Carolyn Spady** and her 6.5 Combo Women's team. Their players went up to Sacramento to represent Walnut Creek at Sectional Championships. With rain in the forecast, officials decided to hold all three matches on Friday playing 8 game pro sets with no ad. Needless to say it was anyone's game. Our teams came up just short but gave their opponents a good run for their money.

This season the WCRC has 18 USTA teams registered. There are 15 Adult teams and 3 Super Senior 65 teams. Also, all four of WCRC's registered 7.0 Mixed teams are heading to playoffs (**Gerry Brown, Terri Hernandez, Tammie Snyder and Dan Hoenecke**) as well as **Dave Wu's** 8.0 mixed team.

I spent a few nights down at the SAP Open and saw lots of Walnut Creek players out there taking in the action.

Mark your calendars as the winter doubles league has their end of season tournament scheduled for April 18-20. Also circle May 9-10th for our always popular Calcutta Party and Tournament. This event is always a quick sell out so look for on line registration as well as a registration in this issue on page 4.

See you on the courts...

Tammie



**New Member
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Calcutta Party & Tournament: May 9-10th

Here's your chance to enter the most popular tournament that the WCRC offers each year - the 2008 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 resulting 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 9th** and Saturday tournament **May 10th** in which you are guaranteed a minimum of two matches). Guests 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 aborovkoff@mac.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.

Sign up and bring home the money!!!!

Sign up on line at 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 Borovkoff at (925) 330-3154
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Sectionals...Walnut Creek Style

6.5 CW Sectionals Recap

In a bizarre Combo Sectional Playoff in Rancho Cordova, because of the weather, all teams were forced to play Pro Sets for the entire tournament, which was played in one day instead of three! Our Walnut Creek Women's Combo 6.5B team beat Ladera Oaks 2 - 1, and Mt Eden 3 -0 but lost to the Champions, Reno/Tahoe in a 7-5 tie breaker 1-2. Because everything was played the first day, Friday, it was very disappointing that several of our players, because of work, who were to be in the lineup Sat & Sun, were unable to get there until Friday evening, when the tournament was over.

A big congratulations to our entire team who came through the season and playoffs with a 20 win and 2 loss record!

Players on the team were: **Barbara Britto-Tang, Hilde Chan, Ellen Leng, Jackie Phan, Julie Bruna, Suzanne Chang, Denise Frazier, Sue Lyon, Amy Buscaglia, Susan Cosso, Donna Himenez, Beverly McHale, Jan Williams, Lisa Carlon, Jeanne Costello, Sheila Klenow, Renae McHale, Debbie Wilson, Zoe Carpenter, Robin Doyle, Bonnie Kline, Karen Nishikawa, Co Captain Cass Flatley** and **Captain Carolyn Spady**

Coaching Position

If anyone knows of anyone who would be interested in being a JV for Head Royce School in Oakland. They need a coach for 2 days a week at the High School.

Please contact: Tom Welsh Athletic Director at twelsh@headroyce.org or by phone at 510-531-1300. Head Royce School, 4315 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, CA 94602.

6.5 CM Sectionals Recap

This season was a great run for the Walnut Creek Men's Combo 6.5 team. We had a great season. The roster was a challenge as the Combo format is becoming more popular. With the roster approaching over 25 eager players we had our challenge to keep the fires going.

We were presented with the opportunity to represent our Club at Sectionals. The event took place up at Gold River RC during the week of Feb 1-3.

Mother Nature played a big role as rain was a factor for the intended weekend of play. As such the tournament directors of the USTA elected to play Pro sets (first to 8 games) and have us play our three days of matches into a one day shootout.

Aside from being shuffled from a variety of tennis clubs we experienced a lot of waiting time in between our sets. The mood was really somber with all of the distractions.

Our players measured up to the task delivering the best they could under the circumstances.

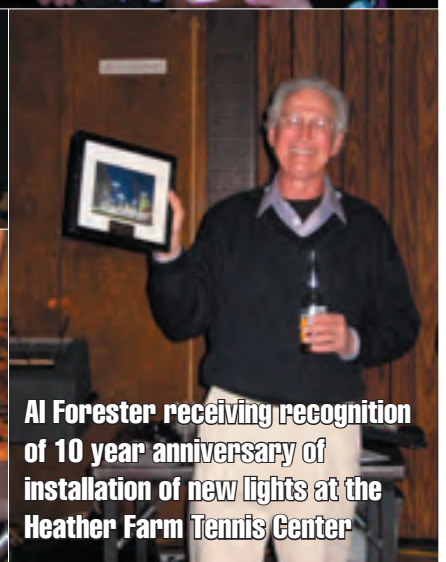
In all our players met the challenge and presented themselves well in spite of the fierce level of competition. Our valiant fighters: **Alan Chan, Sterling Fairholm, Mitch Rose, Gerry Brown, Tom Roth, Jon Lien, Frank Concepcion, Rich Kenneally, Mark Jimenez** and **Ron Huxley**. Thanks to **Dave Iversen** and **Max Sylver** for support/coaching/mentoring.

We had our share of loyal supporters **Rosemary Brown, Mrs Tom Roth, Mrs Rich Kenneally**..and least but not least THANKS to the entire TEAM for making this a memorable season!









WCRC pays tribute to Steven Anton Doss

Jan. 18, 1960 – Dec. 29, 2007



Steve Doss and his memory were recognized by over 35 Walnut Creek Racquet Club members. Many came out to reminisce about Steve, tell stories about how they met him or how he inevitably changed their lives by his friendship and personality. A candlelight memorial was in place while Rusty Lent, John Soto and Johnny Rivers played a few points in the Missing Man Formation even with heavy rains. Myrl Kan gave Steve's family a photo album of various photos of Steve and his friends at WCRC and they were deeply touched at the thoughtfulness. Thanks to everyone who came out to remember Steve. Myrl Kan, Leonard Young, Bob Graham, John Soto, Johnny Rivers, Walter and Beverly Schlehuder, Nat Bitton, Steve Lebaugh, Make Saputo, Jerry O'Neal, Violeta Franco, Tim Tamura, Gerry Brown, John

Carr, Tammie, Justin and Lindsey Snyder, Dave Sperry, Jim Farber, Rusty Lent, Rob Baker, Mark Litzau, Paul Lucido, Chris Prescott, Chris Bown, Larry Cowan, Dave Weingart, Steve Martinez, Dave Wu, Jim Bogios, Mike Druding and Rob Healy.



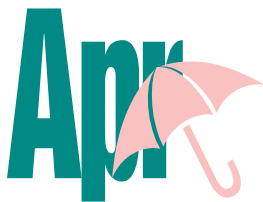
I would like to thank everyone who came out to the candlelight memorial for Steve. It was a wonderful evening and we all enjoyed it. Steve was a great person and we all miss him. I hope everyone had a good time and that Steve is watching from above. Love, Myrl Kan



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 7-9:** Mixed USTA - Playoffs Round I
14-16: Senior USTA - Playoffs Round II
17: Adult USTA Season Opens
24: Super Senior 65 USTA Season Opens
28-30: Mixed USTA - Playoffs Round II



- 7:** Fifty Mixed USTA - Team Reg. Opens
7: Super Sr. 60 USTA - Team Reg. Opens
11-13: Senior USTA - Districts
18-20: WCRC Winter Doubles Tournament
25-27: Mixed USTA - Districts
30: Fifty Mixed USTA - Team Reg. Closes



- 9-10:** Calcutta Party and Tournament
18: Fifty Mixed USTA - Team Reg. Opens
18: Combo Dubs USTA - Team Reg. Opens
16-18: Senior USTA - Sectionals
19: Fifty Mixed USTA Season Opens
22: Combo Dubs USTA - Team Reg. Closes



- 2:** Super Sr. 60 USTA - Season Opens
7-8: Mixed USTA - Sectionals

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lynne Weinshelbaum
as of January 31, 2008



INCOME

Winter Doubles League '08	8,771.00
Interest	1.20
Membership Dues	4,643.68

Total Income	\$13,415.88
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EXPENSES

Board Meeting Expense	217.81
Paypal Fees	397.77
Non-Profit Fees	20.00
Postage	500.00
Post Office Box Rental	70.00
Supplies	435.13
Website	268.85

Total Expenses	\$ 1,909.58
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Profit (Loss)	\$ 11,506.32
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Balance January 31, 2008	\$17,671.28
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