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Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

January 2009

## Let's Party

## Polynesian Paradise Party

Friday, February 27th

7:00 - 10:30 pm

Dust off those flowered shirts and spray on some sunless tanner. Gather some flowers and a grass skirt and join us for the annual WCRC Winter Party. You will even learn to hula!



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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Tammie Snyder  
2009 WCRC President

Good news and bad news, obviously everyone was expecting to see a new face (myself included). I have been in constant contact with Adam and as it turns out he is going through a lot of changes right now one of the major ones is that he will be moving out of the area in the next few weeks. We agreed that it would be easier

for me to stay on as President rather than have him take office for one month and then be left without a President. So, until I can replace Adam I will be acting President for WCRC. I want to thank the entire 2008 WCRC board for their hard work and dedication to our club. It takes a special person to donate time and energy to making our club a success.

Thanks first to Adam Borovkoff who stood by me and worked with me throughout 2008. His presence is certainly going to be missed not only on the board but on the courts. He is a great person and I am proud to call him a good friend. Deanna Fong has moved from Secretary to Non-USTA Leagues (mainly summer Singles). She is replacing Jennifer Scriabine who has been on the board for as long as I can remember. Jennifer has always been there to work the tournaments and lend a hand whenever possible. I'm sure she will be still working behind the scenes and helping Deanna transition to her new position on the board. Myrl Kan is also leaving the board after adding some very exciting enhancements to the courts (you'll see all the results from her hard work come this spring). I promise it will really spruce up the place and add a much needed luxury to Heather Farms!

I'd also like to introduce some new members of the 2009 board. Incoming member Maria Chiang has stepped in as Vice President this year, Nancy Foster taking on the Secretary position, and Nancy LeSage is taking over for Myrl's position as new Member Liaison. We are still looking for a new Treasurer so if you are interested please contact any of the board members.

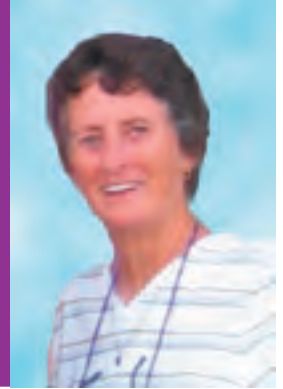
Don't forget the **WCRC Mixed League Tournament** is scheduled for **January 9th-11th** at Heather Farm.

Congratulations to **Brian Costello** and **Myrl Kan** whose combo teams both won at Districts and are heading to Sectionals at the end of the month!

Happy New Year to all...

*Tammie*

# Carolyn Spady - USTA Captain of the Year!



There are a few people at our Club that almost everyone knows. They stand out because of their outgoing personality, their volunteer efforts and their willingness to help anyone at any time. Carolyn Spady fits all these characteristics and now even NorCal USTA recognizes what a champion she is for this game we all love.

The Captain of the Year Award is given to one captain in each of NorCal's local areas and nominations come from captains, co-captains and NorCal's local area coordinators. Carolyn's history of working with teams goes back almost to the time she began playing tennis. And, no, she didn't start as a young person but came to the game later in life like many of us. In fact, Carolyn admits that she....."didn't even like it but one day I discovered that there was also a mental and knowledge side to the game....not just banging the ball off the back screen."

Carolyn joined WCRC in 1997 and the next year she became Captain of her first 3.5 team. Since then she has captained every, yes every single year. Sometimes she has multiple teams going at the same time. All in all, over the last 10 years Carolyn has captained some 23 different teams. But Carolyn isn't just putting players on the court and hoping for the best. She is a coach, mentor and staunch supporter of her team. The results speak for themselves as her teams frequently end up in local league play and then move on to NorCal District and Sectional play. She's clearly doing something right!

When asked about her team name, the "Loyal Ones" Carolyn tells us that it came about because...."most of us stuck together through the lean losing years as well as the winning years and are still friends off the court as well as on the court! Some players have passed away, marriages have taken place, babies born, and at the same time we all helped nurse our teammates through devastating injuries and other personal crises. And, when players moved up a level or moved on to other teams, we still have those friendships."

WCRC is proud to have a club member like Carolyn. This recognition is richly deserved. Carolyn will be honored at NorCal USTA's award banquet on January 24, 6PM at the San Ramon Marriott. Several of us from the Club will be going to this fun event so please join us to celebrate. If you want to sit with some Club members, contact Pam Maloney(pam4tennis@hotmail.com). For reservations, contact NorCal at 510-748-7373 x2919. ■

**Join the USTA in honoring Carolyn Spady as well as the WCRC (CTA of the Year) at the awards banquet January 24, 6 pm at the San Ramon Marriott. If you want to sit with club members contact Pam Maloney at [pam4tennis@hotmail.com](mailto:pam4tennis@hotmail.com).**

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# Districts Update



## 6.5 Combo Men

*by Brian Costello*

Our 6.5 team won their bracket and are heading to the sectionals in Sacramento. I'm not sure if we won the #1 seed this weekend or just our bracket. It wasn't clear to me when I left. The ladies at the scorers table weren't sure but said we can find out when the scores are posted later this week. I suppose it really doesn't matter.

We won 2-1 over all. Winning both matches on Saturday (2-1 Copper River, 3-0 Brookside) and losing Sunday (2-1). The picture below is of the participating players at Districts weekend.



*From Left to Right (back row) Mike Jetland, Siva Kolli, Tuan Nguyen, Sterling Fairholm, John Westphal, Left to Right (front row) Alan Chan (co-captain) Brian Costello (captain) and Alan Rubino.*

Players not pictured are **Mark Bryant, Art Dao, Darrel Fiske, Darrick Hickman, Stuart Levitas, Max Sylver, John Marr, Bill Newton, Rafael Rovira, Bob Satcher, Tony Tse, Ed Ungerleider and David Wax.**

*From left to right Marylyn Bustos, Araceli Ramirez-Ashe, Tammie Snyder (co-captain), Cherie Charvonneau, Myrl Kan (captain), Judy Kody, Nancy Chan, Jennifer Caruso and Nancy Foster.*

Players not pictured are **Lisa Bowers, Corrine Campbell, Maria Chiang, Mary Jane Kiefer, Nancy Le Sage, Linda Louie, Kathleen Pru, Chris Rascle, Lisa Warren, Medora Willis and Pip Wright.**

## 6.5 Combo Women

### Creek is going to the River!

*by Leonard Young*

What a weekend at Districts for Myrl Kan & Tammie Snyder's 6.5 Ladies Combo team had in Fresno. This was their post season reward for winning the Diablo North flight this season. The weather was a blustery 50 degrees throughout the 3 day event.

Facing the East Bay, Sacramento, and San Francisco teams was quite a task for our gals. Knowing that 2 of the teams had loaded their lineups with self rated 4.0/2.5 combinations would make us the longshots.

Friday, against Davies Stadium (East Bay) We came out ahead winning 2-1. We decided that giving our opponents different lineups each day would keep the playing field even. It worked. Saturday, against Johnson Ranch, (Sacramento), #4 in NorCal, was hungry for us after their 1st round sweep. We denied them with another 2-1 victory. Sunday was crunch time. If we lost to San Francisco, Johnson Ranch would have won our flight with less sets lost. Time to shuffle the cards one more time. We ended up winning the third day as well 2-1! Winning all 3 rounds put us in the winner circle at Districts.

Next stop is NorCal Sectionals at Gold River Racquet Club in Sacramento. Many thanks to all the players, friends, spouses, and relatives who lifted our spirits along the journey. Additional thanks to Coach Leonard Young, Coach Justin Snyder and D'assistant Tony Ashe. We hope to see you in Sacramento. Go Creek!







# Districts Update



## 7.5 Combo Men

*by Adam Borovkoff*

Well it was a tough weekend for us in Fresno! Fighting frigid temperatures and not seeing the sun the whole time our team has a lot to be proud of at Districts. We started strong defeating Rolling Hills 3-0 on Friday. Then lost a painfully close match against Gilroy on Saturday 1-2. But our hopes were still high going into final battle against San Mateo on Sunday. San Mateo had not lost a set up until meeting Walnut Creek. San Mateo was full of sand baggers making each of their lines solid 8.5 combos against our guys.

Most of their matches had been under 30 minutes long total. Nobody had pushed them. But Walnut Creek pushed back. We ended up losing a close 1-2 match against them but everyone played exceptionally well and all of our players rose to the challenge and put the fear of the Creek into San Mateo's heart.



## Tennis News



### Play Tennis

Are you new to the game of tennis or new to the area? Would you like to meet other players of your caliber in either a social or a competitive setting? If so, please join us on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for an informational meeting regarding USTA and WCRC Leagues.



USTA Leagues offer men and women competitive, fun team match play in the country's largest recreational tennis League. There are many exciting formats, which include Men's, Women's, Combo, Seniors, Mixed, Flex and Tri-Level Leagues.

If you are interested in attending this meeting or would like additional information, please contact: Misty Bruns at [misty.bruns@yahoo.com](mailto:misty.bruns@yahoo.com) or by phone at 925-360-8812 or Tammie Snyder at [tammie@gte.net](mailto:tammie@gte.net) or 925-957-0604.

**Date:** January 29, 2009  
**Location:** Sports Basement  
**Address:** 1881 Ygnacio Valley Rd.  
 (across the street from Heather Farm)  
**Time:** 6:30 pm

*Everyone attending will get 15% off any purchase at Sports Basement. Food, drinks, beer and wine will be provided. There will also be fun games to win gift certificates.*

*Family and Friend are welcome to shop during our meeting.*

### Captain's Meeting

Thanks to Bret Jones, our USTA Coordinator who held a very successful and organized Captain's meeting designating court usage for the mixed teams out of Heather Farms this season.



*Bret Jones  
helps 8.0  
mixed  
captain Peter  
Hellmann  
secure tennis  
courts.*



**Jolene & Arseen Soliman** welcomed daughter **Emma Sophia Soliman**.  
December 14, 2008  
6:46 am  
7 pounds, 15 ounces  
19 inches

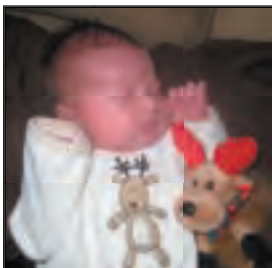
## Babies, Babies, Everywhere!

Congratulations to a number of WCRC members who have recently added to their families.



**Mahmood & Meagan Barakzai** introduced daughter **Neela Daisy Barakzai**.  
October 28, 2008  
5 pounds, 4 ounces  
17-3/4 inches

**Violeta Franco & Jerry O'Neal** welcomed daughter **Kiana Franco O'Neal**.  
November 24, 2008  
9:27 am  
7 pounds, 7 ounces  
19-1/2 inches



**Jon and Annie Lien** announce son **Anderson "Anders" David Lien**.  
December 1, 2008  
8:00 am  
7 pounds, 2 ounces  
20 inches

## And still to come....

**Shashi & Aparna Kamath** are due January 11th.

**Ranu & Debashis Panda** are due February 1st.

**Ian & Starr McLaughlin** are due in April 15th.

## How to make a tennis player...



# Mixed Doubles League - Standings

6.0	W	L
Jay Pineda & Diana Huynh	9	2
7.0		
Joel Schaffer & Sue Danner	8	0
8.0		
Dan Hoenecke & Ninette Bittner	6	0
Debashis Panda & Nancy Chan	6	0
9.0		
Brad Belton & Karin Deas	5	2
Pat & Darcy Beauchemin	5	2

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Our **10 New Members**  
Current Membership: **812**

John Boral	Walnut Creek	3.5
Richard Harrow	Emeryville	3.5
Miwa Hashimoto	San Ramon	3.0
Zeeshan Mokarim	Pleasant Hill	4.0
Rajiv Nayar	Danville	3.5
Corina Ninayahuar	Richmond	4.0
Richard Sipos	Alamo	4.0
Michael Storno	Richmond	4.0
Ron Tanaka	Lafayette	3.5
Buzz Zanassi	Richmond	3.5



Membership questions contact: **Pege Amann** at  
925-934-5128 or email at: [pegek@yahoo.com](mailto:pegek@yahoo.com)



# Polynesian Paradise Party

**When:** Friday, February 27, 2009  
**Time:** 7:00 - 10:30 pm  
**Where:** Heather Farms Community Center  
**Cost:** 1 Ticket \$ 25 • 2 Tickets \$ 45  
5 Tickets \$ 110 • 10 Tickets \$ 200 (get a team table & save)



Dust off those flowered shirts and spray on some sunless tanner. Gather some flowers and a grass skirt and join us for the annual WCRC Winter Party. This year's theme is Polynesian Paradise!

We will be offering great food, drinks, prizes for best dressed, and even learn the hula!

We also will be recognizing all of our fantastic players who have been at the top of their games in League play, summer singles, and winter doubles.

Save some moola and reserve an entire team table for a reduced price!

*Dress up and win a prize!*

*Learn the hula!*

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



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

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

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

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to WCRC and send to: Shari Gonzalez, 1024 Julie Court, Concord, CA 94518  
Questions? Contact Shari at 691-9196 or at [shari.gonzo@gmail.com](mailto:shari.gonzo@gmail.com). **Sign up on line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net)**



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Deadline for the February issue is Friday, January 23rd.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Lynne Weinshelbaum

as of November 30, 2008



### Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit & Loss

January through November 2008

	Jan - Nov 08
<b>Income</b>	
Mixed Doubles League '08	3,420.00
Awards Dinner 08	1,954.00
Winter Doubles 08 Income	8,841.00
Summer Madness Tournament	348.00
Interest Income	15.10
Advertising Income	1,040.00
Membership Dues	15,683.68
Board Dinner	233.00
Summer Singles League	6,330.00
Calcutta Tournament	3,445.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>41,309.78</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Awards Dinner 2009	300.00
Winter Doubles 08	5,261.74
Board Appreciation	483.55
Awards Banquet '08 Expenses	3,401.35
Club Championships 07 Expenses	475.38
Board Meeting Expense	357.54
Summer Madness Expenses	395.33
Paypal Fees	1,067.22
Dues & Subscriptions	100.00
Donations	75.78
Member Directory	2,145.52
Newsletters-Court Reporter	4,047.60
Non-Profit Fees	55.00
Postage	1,518.93
Post Office Box Rental	70.00
Supplies	1,503.99
Website	1,045.20
Board Dinner Expenses	878.27
Summer Singles League Expenses	4,445.06
Calcutta Tournament Expense	3,575.07
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>31,202.53</b>
<b>Balance November 30, 2008</b>	<b>\$17,800.53</b>

## WE NEED YOU!

2009 Treasurer Position Needed.

Contact any WCRC board member for more details!



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