



# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club*

**March 2009**

**Tony Tse stays focused  
on the ball ready to hit a  
backhand slice to his 6.0  
mixed opponent.**

**Photo by: Robert Young**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Tammie Snyder  
2009 WCRC President

I know everyone keeps telling me we need the rain, but I need my tennis. I'm going stir crazy watching the rain drops fall upon the tennis courts! Ugh!!!!

Between the rain drops players have figured out ways to get in Winter Doubles matches. Remember you will need to complete four matches to qualify for the end of season tournament scheduled for April 24-26th.

Congratulations to all of the senior teams that are heading off to playoffs. **Gerry Brown's** 3.5 Senior Men, **Bob Walgren's** 4.0 Senior Men, **Mary Waltz's** 3.0 Senior Women, and **Rosemary Brown's** 3.5 Senior Women's teams. Good luck in playoffs and beyond.

The next upcoming season is Adult League and Super Senior. The WCRC has 18 Adult teams registered and 3 Super Senior 65 teams! Not including the additional 8 mixed teams currently playing! We have a lot of dedicated tennis players at WCRC!

In March we will be updating our annual directory. Take this time to log on and make sure all of your information is correct. It takes two seconds and will make editing the directory much easier.

We also are hoping to launch our new and upgraded website in March. **Shari Gonzalez** has been spending all of her waking hours trying to make it perfect! It will be a nice upgrade that has been needed for a long time!

Circle your calendars our **Calcutta Party and Tournament** is scheduled for **May 15-16th** and is always a fun tournament that sells out quickly. Sign up today. Details can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

See you all on the courts...

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# Sectionals – Walnut Creek Style...



(l-r) 6.5 Combo Women's team and supporters: Justin Snyder, Nancy Foster, Tammie Snyder (co-captain), Lindsey Snyder, Araceli Ashe, Myrl Kan (captain), Cherie Charbonneau, Marylyn Bustos, Nancy Chan, Leonard Young and Gerry Gallegos. (not pictured: Jennifer Caruso)

Last month, Myrl Kan and Tammie Snyder's 6.5 Ladies Combo Team headed to Gold River Racquet Club for the Norcal Sectionals. They qualified by winning the Districts with (3)2-1 matches. It doesn't get much closer than that. On Friday, Millenium Vacaville, the #1 rated team in NorCal was the 1st match. As in Districts, all 3rd sets are decided by a 10 point super tiebreaker.

Vacaville barely pulled off the win with all 3 super tiebreakers going their way. Saturday followed with Silver Creek, the #2 team in NorCal. It was a hard fought match but the wrong Creek team won with 2 super tiebreakers. Sunday's opponent was Courtside Racquet Club. We took Courtside 2-1 to finish 3rd place in Norcal. One of the USTA officials told our team that 3rd out of 500 teams is not bad. If the 3 super tiebreakers had gone Walnut Creek's way, they would have won the Sectionals.

Our Ladies in Red & Black, played their hearts out throughout the weekend. From Araceli's overheads to Cheri's crosscourt returns to Tammie's serves to Myrl's angles to Marylyn's drops to Jennifer's down the lines to Nancy Chan's poaches and Nancy Foster's slice had all the teams respect the strength and depth that Walnut Creek had.

The Men's 6.5 Combo team came in third place at the sectional tournament at Gold River Tennis Club in Sacramento. We started play on the first day with a sweep of Vallejo winning 3-0, as Sterling Fairholm/ Tuan Nguyen won in a third set tiebreaker, Alan Rubino/ John Westphal won as their opponent had to retire due to an injury and Alan Chan/ Brian Costello won in a third set tiebreaker. The second day the same three doubles pairings were swept 0-3 by the eventual tournament winner (Sunnyvale). Two of the matches went to third set tiebreakers. Alan Chan/ Brian Costello had the fun of playing their grueling tiebreaker match on the stadium court. That put us at 3-3 and 2 games back of the leader entering after day two. We were tied with Hall Ranch and would play them going into the final day. Unfortunately the odds of winning the tournament at this stage were very much against us. On the final day we lost to Hall Ranch 1-2 as Siva Kolli/ John Westphal and Alan Rubino/ Brian Costello lost and Alan Chan/ Rafael Rovira won in a third set tiebreaker.

Over all this was a tremendous season for the team. One may feel disappointed at getting so close and not winning the championship. I agree but I take solace in being one of the best teams in our section, playing great tennis to get there and being good representatives of the WCRC.

This was a great group of guys who put forth a true team effort to get to sectionals. Each member can feel a sense of accomplishment for their contribution to the teams success.



(l-r) 6.5 Combo Men's team: Tuan Nguyen, Alan Rubino, Sterling Fairholm, John Westphal, Alan Chan (co-captain), Brian Costello (captain) and Rafael Rovira (not pictured: Siva Kolli)



**New Member  
Information  
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# Calcutta Party & Tournament: May 15-16th

Here's your chance to enter the most popular tournament that the WCRC offers each year - the 2009 Calcutta. Enter early, since the event is limited to the first 32 women and 32 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 15th** and Saturday tournament **May 16th** in which you are guaranteed a minimum of two matches). Guests may attend the Friday night party at no charge.



**Entry deadline is May 5th.** 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 **Tammie Snyder** at 957-0604 or at [tammie@gte.net](mailto:tammie@gte.net). 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](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:

Tammie Snyder  
105 St. Malo Court  
Martinez, CA 94553

Questions?  
Contact Tammie Snyder at (925) 957-0604  
or at [tammie@gte.net](mailto:tammie@gte.net)

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# WCRC GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Following a long-standing tradition, the Walnut Creek Racquet Club Board decided at our February meeting that we will identify a local charitable organization for a contribution on behalf of our Club.

In keeping with prior contributions, we will attempt to locate a needy tennis-related organization.



Should you have a suggestion or idea, please contact Pam Maloney at [pam4tennis@hotmail.com](mailto:pam4tennis@hotmail.com) to discuss your thoughts.

The Board anticipates making the contribution within the next few months.

## 3.0 PLAYERS NEEDED!!!



### **MEN**

Michael Brennan is looking for 3.0 men for his adult team. If you are interested, please contact Michael at [mbgolf792002@yahoo.com](mailto:mbgolf792002@yahoo.com) or by phone at 541-760-7690.



### **LADIES**

Moe Satcher is looking for 3.0 ladies for her adult team. If you are interested, please contact Moe at [bsatcher@astound.net](mailto:bsatcher@astound.net).

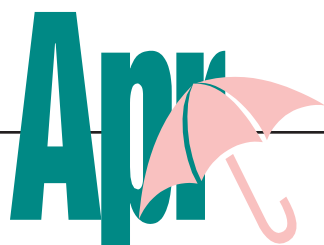




# CALENDER OF EVENTS



Mar. 6-8 USTA Senior Playoffs Round 2  
Mar. 8 USTA Adult Team Registration Closes  
Mar. 16 USTA Super Senior 65 Team Reg. Closes



Apr. 5 USTA Mixed Doubles Season Closes  
Apr. 6 USTA Adult League Season Opens  
Apr. 6 USTA Super Senior 65 Season Opens  
Apr. 17-19 USTA Mixed Doubles Playoffs Round 1  
Apr. 17-19 USTA Senior Districts  
Apr. 20 USTA Super Senior 60 Team Reg. Opens  
Apr. 24-26 USTA Mixed Doubles Playoffs Round 2  
Apr. 24-26 WCRC Winter Doubles Tournament



May 1-3 USTA Mixed Doubles Districts  
May 11 USTA Fifty Mixed Team Registration Opens  
May 11 USTA Combo Team Registration Opens  
May 15-16 Calcutta Party and Tournament  
May 15-17 USTA Senior Sectionals  
May 17 USTA Super Senior 60 Team Reg. Closes  
May 30-31 USTA Mixed Doubles Sectionals

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Lynne Weinshelbaum

as of January 31, 2009



### Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit & Loss January 2009

	Jan 09
<b>Income</b>	
Winter Doubles 09	7,400.00
Interest Income	0.19
Advertising Income	400.00
Membership Dues	5,765.00
Board Dinner	182.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,747.19</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Awards Dinner 2009	1,684.00
Mixed Doubles League '08/'09	2,132.67
Board Meeting Expense	41.71
Paypal Fees	393.48
Newsletters-Court Reporter	90.71
Postage	30.24
Supplies	173.16
Website	118.85
Board Dinner Expenses	906.92
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,571.74</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>8,175.45</b>

**Balance January 31, 2009 \$23,746.78**

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Deadline for the April issue is  
Friday, March 20th.



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Alan Chan and Brian Costello playing center court at sectionals.

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