



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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**Michael
DeLange
clears the
ground to
hit his big
lefty serve.**



Photo by: Robert Young

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Tammie Snyder
2009 WCRC President

Looks like the good weather is here to stay (for awhile at least). I know a lot of WCRC members were spotted down at Indian Wells. If anyone wants to submit photos send them to me and I'll put together a collage of the photos I received in the next newsletter. Vamos Nadal!

The **Winter Doubles Tournament** is coming up and is scheduled for **April 24-26th**. This also coincides with mixed playoffs round 2 as well as adult league will also be up and running so be sure to check your calendars before you register for the event. Remember you will need to complete four matches to qualify for the end of season tournament.

Congratulations to **Bob Walgren's** 4.0 Senior Men and **Mary Waltz's** 3.0 Senior Women teams, who are both heading off to Sectionals in Sacramento April 17-19th.

With the mixed league winding down we have quite a few teams vying for playoffs. 6.0 mixed: **Robert Young**. 7.0 mixed: **Gerry Brown, Terri Hernandez, Tammie Snyder**. 8.0 mixed: **Alan Chan, Karl Brown**. Good luck everyone on your quest for playoffs.

The Adult and Super Senior leagues are just around the corner and open on **April 7th**. The captain's had their meeting for court assignments so all the adult teams should have their home matches on their team websites.

The new website has been launched! Many thanks go out to **Shari Gonzalez** who spent so much time getting us into the 21st century!

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...

From the Pro...

Questions and Answers



QUESTION: I have been playing tennis for nearly three years now. I play a lot and am improving fast. I love the sport, and I love competing, but I'm really struggling with my serve, and it is really holding me back.

I have never had a good serve. I know how to serve the correct way and can copy all the movements without a ball, but as soon as I toss the ball up, my serve gets messed up again. I have videotaped my serve, tried to get help from a pro, but I am stuck. I practice my serve nearly every day, but nothing ever changes. It is my one main weakness, but I don't know how to get past this major roadblock. I would love any tips on how to serve the way I know how to.

ANSWER: No worries. Most players will admit that the toss tends to throw them off during the introduction of the serve. Here are my two favorite cures:

1. First warm-up your "hitting" arm by pitching tennis balls into the service box. Then I give my student a tennis ball for each hand. Have the student go through the service motion by tossing one ball, then pitch with the other.
2. This one is a more subtle transition. Have the student first hit overheads. Then have the student point to the ball with the toss hand before smashing it. Having the toss hand extend to the ball not only helps the service motion but improves the overhead, too!

If you have a question you would like to submit, please send them directly to Leonard Young at virtualpro@webtv.net.



Leonard Young is a long time WCRC member and a private teaching pro. He is currently the tennis specialist at Sports Chalet in Concord.



**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. 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:

Tammie Snyder
105 St. Malo Court
Martinez, CA 94553

Questions?

Contact Tammie Snyder at (925) 957-0604
or at tammie@gte.net

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Cayden Matthew Steele

We are proud to announce the arrival of Cayden Matthew Steele. He was born Thursday, February 19th at 9:47 am, weighing 7lbs 9oz, and 20 inches long – after being a week over due and getting induced. We came home from the hospital on Saturday evening and are trying to adjust to life as new par-

ents! Here is a picture of our little guy, hope you enjoy. Can't wait to get out on the courts with you all soon!!



Matthew, Tifanie, and Cayden

Liroa Malisha Bondon

(Pronounced LEE-O-RAH)

Born: March 19, 2009

Weight: 6 pounds, 8 ounces

Length: 19 1/2 inches

Liora means "light" or "God's gift of light to me".

Her middle name, Malisha, is derived from the names of her three grandmas.

John and Prachi Bondon



Ian Frederik George Turner

Just a quick note to say how GRATEFUL I am that my daughter is OK and so is Ian Frederik George Turner. Now that names a mouth full!



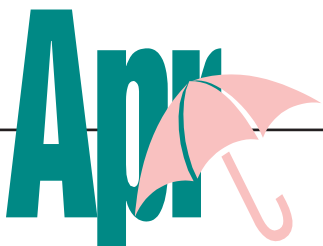
Ian was born about 2:30 March 13, 2009. Steve sent me a phone pic. He's so pretty!

I can't send that one to you without permission. Ian was 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20" long.

Poppy Max Sylver

If you are expecting or want to share baby news, please send your due date or birth announcement information to Tammie Snyder at tammie@gte.net **Next month deadline April 24th**

CALENDER OF EVENTS



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



June 7	USTA Combo Team Registration Closes
June 9	USTA Super Senior 60 Season Opens
June 14	USTA Fifty Mixed Team Registration Closes
June 29	USTA Super Senior 60 Season Opens

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hilde Chan

as of February 28, 2009



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit & Loss January through February 2009

	Jan - Feb 09
Income	
Winter Doubles 09	8,285.00
Interest Income	0.40
Advertising Income	400.00
Membership Dues	6,545.00
Board Dinner	182.00
Total Income	15,412.40
Expense	
Awards Dinner 2009	1,709.00
Mixed Doubles League '08/'09	2,399.91
Board Meeting Expense	227.70
Paypal Fees	393.48
Newsletters-Court Reporter	167.14
Postage	30.24
Supplies	173.16
Website	118.85
Board Dinner Expenses	906.92
Total Expense	6,126.40
Net Income	9,286.00

Balance February 28, 2009 **\$24,857.33**

Great bang for your buck!!!

For as little as \$40/month you can
reach over 800 readers!

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.

Deadline for the May issue is
Friday, April 24th.



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Chessa's Second Annual Fundraiser for Special Olympics!

When: Saturday, April 18 from 4-7 p.m.

Where: Sports Basement*

1881 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek, 94598

Donation: \$10 (if you pay by check, please make the check payable to Special Olympics.)

Dinner, snacks and sodas will be served while we watch the movie Juno.

Please feel free to bring your family and friends!

RSVP: Chessa 818-3442 or 943-6845 by April 13, 2009



* The Sports Basement is generously providing the venue and the food! Each guest will receive a coupon good for 10% off their next purchase at Sports Basement. An additional 10% of sales proceeds will be donated by Sports Basement to Special Olympics of Northern California.

