



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club
June 2009



**Maureen
Satcher
gears up
for her
backhand
drive.**

Photo by: Robert Young

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Tammie Snyder
2009 WCRC President

The **Calcutta Tournament** was a lot of fun with some very close matches. Thanks go out to all those who helped out. **Shari** and **Jesse Gonzalez**, **Al Johns**, **Nat Bittner**, **Veronica Roussel** and **Tammy Chan**. Check out tournament results and some photos on page 6.

Congratulations to **Mary Waltz's** 3.0 Senior Women teams, who swept 3-0 all three days at Sectionals at Club Sport Valley Vista **May 15-17**. They are now heading to Tuscon, Arizona...Good luck bring home the win!!!

Congratulations to **Alan Chan's** 8.0 mixed team who won at Districts **May 1-3** at Diamond Hills in Oakley. Unfortunatley they came up a bit short at Sectionals, but had a great season!

The Adult and Super Senior leagues have begun their season. Combo and Fifty Mixed leagues start their season in July. We have lots of players at WCRC and captains are always needed to lead more teams.

Our next event will be our **Mid-Summer Tournament** is scheduled for **August 1st**. If you are interested in partiapiating fill out the registration form found on page 3.

Summer Singles league is now underway. We have 176 men playing and 89 women participating this year. Next month we will put up the leader board.

On a sad note for me, I'm still in mourning over Rafael Nadal's lost at the French Open. You're still a super star to me Rafa...Vamos!

See you all on the courts...

Tammie





Mid-Summer Night Tennis

Date: Saturday, August 1st

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Heather Farms

Cost: \$12.00/person

Format: Team Tennis Doubles



Name: _____

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Email: _____

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Tennis News



Bob Harris's BVAL Win



Freedom High School Senior, and WCRC Members **Debbie and Gary Harris's** son **Bob Harris**, clinches the Bay Valley Athletic League (BVAL) Championship Title on April 28th, 2009. Over the 2 day end of season tournament, comprising of Varsity players from Freedom High, Heritage High, Liberty

High, Pittsburg High, Antioch High, and Deer Valley High, Bob, seeded number 2, won the championship in an incredibly competitive match against the #1 player from Antioch. Bob is the first male tennis player from Freedom High School to ever win the title, and will be going on to the North Coast Sectionals to represent the BVAL League on May 8th and 9th at Saint Mary's College in Moraga.

Congratulations Bob!

Chessa Mehlman's Receive Check for Special Olympics

Chessa and Steve Mehlman support Special Olympics tennis athletes. The WCRC donated \$500 to their worthy cause. **Pam Maloney** presented the check to Steve and Chessa.

For additional incentive and accuracy the put Sponge Bob up in the middle of the court. Anytime someone nailed him with a ball they got some candy. It was a fun way for them to end their season.



8.0 Mixed team wins Districts!

by Alan Chan

The Walnut Creek 8.0 mixed team "B" had an awesome win at the mixed district matches at Diamond Hills. This team was formed through a combination of **Pat & Darcy Beauchemin's** and **Dave Wu's** 8.0 mixed teams from 2008, plus a few great players from HF joined as well. When Nancy and I decided to form a team, we really didn't know what to expect. However, we always knew that we wanted a fun and competitive team. The criteria for each team member is that they must be nice and have a winning game. Well, we've accomplished just that! The season was really fun and exciting, and the post season matches are even better.



Pictured (from left to right, back then front): Brad Belton, Kimi Watada, Karin Deas, Sterling Fairholm, Darcy Beauchemin, Debashis "Panda", Jesse Gonzalez, Juan Cedeno, Alan Chan (Captain), Nancy Chan (Co-Captain) and Shari Gonzalez. Not pictured: Garvin Tom, Michelle McDonagh, David Wu and the rest of the team that was not at districts.



ACE IT!

On Saturday, June 27th, Orindawoods Tennis Club will host the seventh annual **Ace It!**, a full day of tennis-related activities to raise money in support of the Carol Ann Read Breast Health Center at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland. Over the past seven years, the local tennis community has raised almost one hundred thousand dollars for breast cancer at this annual event, which features tennis clinics by local pros in the morning, a gourmet lunch and raffle, and a tournament in the afternoon. Attendees can choose to come for the entire day, morning or afternoon (lunch included) or just lunch.

Seven years ago the Carol Ann Read Breast Health Center did not exist. A group of women tennis players in Contra Costa County became aware that many of their friends and acquaintances had experienced tremendous anxiety and inconvenience when faced with a possible diagnosis or course of treatment for breast cancer, not just because of the diagnosis but also because there was no local, centralized place in the East Bay for these services. Diagnosis could take weeks and treatment often required travel to San Francisco or the peninsula and could even mean quitting a job to accommodate appointment schedules.

Originally, **Ace It!** was intended to raise money for charities benefiting breast cancer patients. However, as soon as the **Ace It!** organizing group became aware of the Carol Ann Read Center plans, fund-raising focused on the local facility, which opened two years ago and was named one of the top ten such facilities in the nation in 2008. Last November **Ace**

It! was the honoree sponsored by Alta Bates Summit Foundation at the National Philanthropy Day award luncheon. Other sponsors at this prestigious event were Children's Hospital, AAA, Charles Schwab, United Way, Glide Foundation, KQED, and the YMCA.



To register for **Ace It!** on June 27th and continue the wonderful spirit of giving begun by our tennis community, log on to www.orindawoodstennis.com and click on **Ace It!** in the left hand column. Print, complete and mail the registration form with your check. Or look for **Ace It!** registration forms at your tennis club, community tennis facility or ask your USTA team captain for forms.



Calcutta Tournament Highlights

Well, it was not quite the hottest day of the year, but this year the WCRC's annual Calcutta tournament fell on the 2nd hottest day of the year to date with the off-court temperatures reaching into the mid-90's – yipes – that's a lot of tennis in some very hot conditions.

However, this didn't stop the most die-hard competitors from coming out and braving the conditions for a once in a year chance at winning some cold hard cash playing the sport we all love. This year's tournament was a great success, despite the heat, due in large part to our awesome volunteers who make the WCRC such a great club. In particular, big thanks to the following:

- **Nat Bitton:** for being our entertaining auctioneer as always
- **Nat Bitton & Al Johns:** for being our master BBQ'ers on Saturday – and you thought it was hot on the court!
- **Shari Gonzalez:** who always stayed positive and kept her head even when issues kept arising!
- **Tammie Snyder:** our human calculator – for organizing all of the funds and the pot and for running the tournament desk.
- **Tammy Chan:** for doing all of our Costco shopping.
- **Veronica Roussel:** for providing our PA system for Friday night's party.

As you can see, it takes an awful lot of work to run a tournament like this so thanks very much to the individuals above. Also, thank you to all the tournament participants who helped in cleaning up, setting up and putting away over the weekend – it makes things much easier to have so many people willing to pitch in!

The winning team this year landed right in the middle of the handicapping. **Ted Karwoski** and **Michelle McDonagh** (handicap 0) defeated **Debashis Panda** and **Hilde Chan** (handicap -4) in a thrilling final that went back and forth and was finally won 31-28 by Karwoski and McDonagh. In the process they won themselves \$450 and their owners, **Judy Stillman** and **Janet Wilson** \$660! Panda and Hilde brought home a total of \$350 and won \$400 for their owners **Pru and Company**.

In the consolation round, **Brad Belton** and **Shari Gonzalez** (handicap -14) squeaked out a comeback from a 24-point deficit to defeat **Chris Dundon** and **Janet Wilson** (handicap +10) with a final score of 31-28. Winners Belton & Gonzalez took home \$300 and since **Shari & Jesse Gonzalez** and **Judy Stillman** owned both consolation teams they took home an additional \$440 for the family pot. Chris & Janet won a total of \$150 for taking the finalist consolation spot.

Great tournament this year and hope to see everyone next year!

MAIN DRAW



CONSOLATION



Top left: Ted Karwoski and Michelle McDonagh with team owners Judy Stillman and Janet Wilson.

Bottom left: Debashis Panda and Hilde Chan with team owners Pru Pruden, Justin & Tammie Snyder, Jerry O'Neal, Violeta Franco, daughter Kiana, and Alan & Nancy Chan.

Above: Judy Stillman, Jesse & Shari Gonzalez, Brad Belton, Janet Wilson and Chris Dundon.



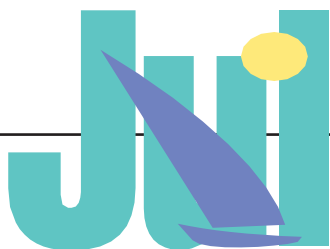


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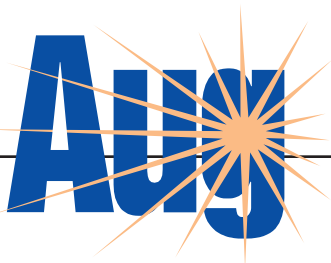
CALENDER OF EVENTS



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



July 6	USTA Combo Team Season Opens
July 12	USTA Adult League Season Closes
July 12	USTA Super Senior 65 Season Closes
July 13	USTA Fifty Mixed Season Opens
July 17-19	USTA Adult League Playoffs Round 1
July 20-22	USTA Super Senior 65 Playoffs Round 1
July 24-26	USTA Adult League Playoffs Round 2
July 27-29	USTA Super Senior 65 Playoffs Round 2



Aug. 1	Mid-Summer Madness Tournament
Aug. 7-9	USTA Adult League Districts
Aug. 14-16	USTA Adult League Districts
Aug. 28-31	USTA Adult League Sectionals

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hilde Chan

as of April 30, 2009



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit & Loss January through April 2009

	Jan - Apr 09
Income	
Winter Doubles 09	8,240.00
Interest Income	21.76
Advertising Income	540.00
Membership Dues	7,445.00
Board Dinner	182.00
Calcutta Tournament	0.21
Total Income	16,428.97
Expense	
Court Repairs & Equipment	1,500.00
Winter Doubles '09	1,303.92
Awards Dinner 2009	1,709.00
Mixed Doubles League '08/'09	2,399.91
Board Meeting Expense	275.18
Paypal Fees	393.48
Bank Service Charge	10.87
Newsletters-Court Reporter	312.13
Postage	122.06
Supplies	385.34
Website	1,607.73
Board Dinner Expenses	906.92
Total Expense	10,926.54
Net Income	5,502.43

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