

## Walnut Creek Pickleball March 2018 Newsletter

Here we are in March and it seems more like December with all the rain storms coming in the past few weeks and the very cold temperatures. Lots of pickleball play inside at Tice Gym and the ARK in Alamo. The Ultimate Fieldhouse has added some days of pickleball back into the schedule. We were gone so long they put basketball back in!!

Remember, if you are playing outside at Rudgear, there are push brooms and a roller to take care of all those puddles after the storms.

### Welcome New Members!!

So many new members! Please welcome....Eric Benson, Randy Branaugh, Amanda Cross, Cedric DeVries, Hector Escobar, Jesse Gonzales, Beth Hester, Mary Reed Johnson, Joe Marzonk, Shannon McFarlin, Donna Meyer, Marilyn Morrish, Sandy Pearson, Jennifer Perkins, Diane Radin, William Samuels, Beverly and Walter Schlehber, Greg & Lorraine Souder, Tim Tamura, Terry Tringali, Carolyn Wei, David Yabusaki, and Dutch Zuurmond.

Hope to see you all on the courts, soon, inside or out!!

### Membership Renewals

The membership renewal drive is almost over. Of course, anyone can join at anytime of the year, but those joining early, will be listed in the printed 2018 Member Directory. We are so thankful to **Rossmoor Realty** for continuing to do this service to our club! Many thanks!! We should have these available in May.

### Tice Valley Gym

The parking is finally all open at Tice Gym! It took longer than expected but was worth the wait. They made great improvements.

### Last Board Meeting

The February Board meeting was held at Danielle Lucking's home. Thank you Danielle and Hormoz for the salad and pizza. The board made some adjustments to the elected officers. **Jan Cariker** had to resign, finding that work was taking too much of her time. We hope to see her back on the courts soon. **Bill Marsh** was appointed to take over the Secretary/Treasurer position. We are thankful to have Bill join the board! **Danielle Lucking** will now be the Social Director and **Tosh Kuritsubo** will become our Venue Maintenance.

**Kris Hunter** stays as President and Membership, **Hormoz Baba** is Vice President and **Tricia Murray** is our Venue Director. The non board positions are **Thom Macpherson** as Venue Manager and **Pasco Varnica** as our Web Master.

Thank you all, for your time and efforts!

### **Sign up for "Crazy 8's" Evening Play**

It is almost that time of year again! **Eric Tate** is going to run the fun evening play, **CRAZY 8"S** at Rudgear Park starting on Tuesday, April 17th or Thursday, April 19th.

Let him know which evening you wish to play. Everyone meets and play starts at 6 PM both evenings. You can contact him at [Eric@DiabloPickleball.com](mailto:Eric@DiabloPickleball.com) to sign up. Both evenings filled up last year!

### **More Paddles to the Desert**

Thank you **Cece Kohl** for your paddle donation! We sent more paddles down to Bob and Joyce Jensen's Mecca school. Thank you **Duff and Claire Danilovich** for delivering them!

### **Donations to WCPC**

We have the best members! Already this year we have received an anonymous donation of \$3000 to help pay for new dedicated courts at Rudgear, if they can be completed in 2018.

Two weeks ago, our member, **Sylvia Sum** gave us a donation, \$150 for new courts! A very generous gift! Thank you Sylvia, you are the best!

Also, **Pastor Rob Baker**, offered to put a windscreen on the North end of the courts, which could cost as much as \$1500. What a heavenly idea!! Wind screens! We have never had any!! Praise the lord for Pastor Rob and his **Oasis Christian Fellowship Church!!**

Then, we received another anonymous donor that offered \$1000!! Wow! Seems like the pot of gold at the end of that rainbow!! Thank you all!

The Board will be going to City Council meetings to keep the City aware of these offers, as well as the offer to pay for new dedicated courts, which has already been expressed in February. We will ask for permission to get the wind screen installed. We will continue to push Kevin Sufine, Director of Arts and Recreation, to get us on the next PROS agenda, as the City Council asked, so he can get the proposal back to the City Council ASAP!

We already have a bid in hand and are ready to roll when we get the final ok from the City! The work needs to be done during the warmest summer days to have the resurfacing be successful.

### **Recent Injury at Rudgear**

When **Nan Arkwright** was injured at Rudgear recently, it got me thinking about information we have for each member. I think we need to have everyone's emergency contact information, available, in case someone could not speak. We don't always know which bag someone brought either. We will start collecting that information as you play at Rudgear and have it on hand on the Notice Board on the door inside the shed.

Everyone should know that **Thom Macpherson**, a retired doctor helps us keep First Aid supplies in the shed, including Ice Packs, bandages, tape, band-aids and antiseptic towelettes. The supplies are on the top shelf on the left.

We all hope Nan is feeling better and recovering!!

### **Play on March 9th**

Everyone that came to play on Friday, March 9th, got a treat! **Teresa Wenzel** brought the prettiest Red Velvet Cupcakes with Cream Cheese frosting!! They were perfectly bite sized ! There were none left for her to take home!! Thanks so much Teresa!!

### **Sarah Ansbury Clinics**

A great big THANK YOU to **Pat Chung!** Pat had to reorganize these clinics several times because of the rain. **Sarah Ansbury and Lynh**, her coach offered to stay and do the clinics on our only sunny day, Sunday, March 23 at Willow Pass Park. The taught from 7 AM until after 7 PM! Thank you Sarah and Lynh!! I think these clinics were great! Everyone got new information about playing the game at the 5.0 level, including the how to and why you do it this way. I wrote down my notes afterwards and have plenty to work on! We had originally hoped to hold these clinics at Rudgear Park, but Lifetime Activities said, No! They gave no reason. The City of Walnut Creek lost out too, on people that came from out of town, paying for lodging and dining while they attended the clinics. Sarah teaches all over the country, she had never run into this situation, anywhere. She seldom gets to our area. It was a special day for all of our members!! That is what a real certified IPTPA instructor looks like!

We have three teaching professionals, that are members, in our club, **Jordan Briones**, was the first to be certified, in Northern California, **Patricia Strazzi**, **Nicole Havlichek** and our very own Drills, Skills and Thrills man, **Rusty Lent**. All have gone through the rigorous testing and are certified by the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association. Maybe someday we can actually take lessons from them locally. **Jordan and Nicole** have been producing all the wonderful instructional videos, we post on our Facebook Page. We also have a link to their website, **Primetimepickleball.com**, on our website. Thank you! We love the videos!!

### **Website**

Pasco has done a great job with the website. He now has links to all the places we play, so that you can look up the current schedule at each venue. They are listed under "Places We Play". I just learned recently that I need to update my browser on my iPad, because I have been having trouble viewing certain pages on the website. Maybe you have had similar issues, we need to UPDATE!!

### **Pickleball 101**

The Board wants to offer a day for our new members to come and learn some basics about the game. Once the weather is better, we will hold a day of drills to improve your play and learn more about Pickleball. We will send out the information soon.

### **USAPA**

This is an organization you should join. They send out an online magazine, six times a year, with so much information about paddles, balls, tournaments and rule changes. They have a great website too. If you are traveling, you can find places to play pickleball across the US.

### **SSIPPA**

This is a new organization, formed this last year, Super Senior International Pickleball Association. Check out their website. They have their own tournament schedule now. This organization is specifically for seniors over 60. [www.ssipa-pb.org](http://www.ssipa-pb.org)

### **Membership Meeting in May**

We will let you know the date soon.

