

2018 WCPC February Newsletter

Wow! Are you watching the Olympics? The youngest Snowboard medalists at 17 years of age, Half Pipe is 22 ft tall, last Olympics, 11 ft tall! They are flying this year! The couples skating is beautiful and amazing too. Love the Speed Skating! Luge? Crazy Fast! Have they always gone head first, Iron Man Style? Skeleton it is called. What has been your favorite?

Sarah Ansbury Clinic

Our members got the early sign up for this Special Clinic! It is being held at Concord's Willow Pass Park as we could not get an OK from Lifetime Tennis. Most of the Clinics are filled but there are a few spots left. Contact **Pat Chung** at chung.pk1@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. The cost is \$75 per person for the two and a half hour clinic with 12 players per clinic. The dates in March are the 14th, Wednesday and 15th, Thursday. We are very lucky to have Sarah in our area. She is a top IPTPA Teaching Professional and consistently wins medals at the 5.0/Professional level at tournaments. The clinics will include proper technique and footwork, strategy and fitness tips. Her philosophy stems from her belief of the 3 B's, balance, breathe and believe.

Donation of Paddles to Mecca School

Bob and Joyce Jensen asked for paddles for the school. They are starting an after school Pickleball class for the children of these hard working families, all needing the school lunch program. They already teach social skills and etiquette classes. So many members donated paddles! Many thanks to all of you!! The club donated all the wood paddles from Tice Gym, **Pat Chung** donated two paddles, **Kris Hunter** donated two, **Duff Danilovich** donated two, **Steve Ritz** donated five paddles! Wow! **Stan Springle** donated two, **Bill DeBoisblanc** donated two also. **Cindy Galbraith** and **Bev Nikolai** donated two paddles. The club also donated children's athletic clothing. We also donated small bags for the kid's to keep the paddles in and balls. Bev and Cindy took all the donations and delivered them to the Jensen's last weekend when they played in the Palm Springs tournament. They said they had a nice visit with the Jensen's, who are now planning another wedding for their son Michael! By the way **Stan** helped with teaching the Pickleball Classes and "**YoYo**" **Bill** has already done two classes to help the kids master their own yoyo's! What great members we have!! We will find out if more paddles are needed.

Super Bowl Sunday

We had a great crowd show up to play, including four visitors from Chico. They all play pickle up there and love it. And we had four others visiting from Yosemite area. It was a lot of fun before the big game.

Interesting Numbers - Tennis vs. Pickleball

The **Walnut Creek Racquet (tennis) Club** had just less than 500 members in 2001. (Info. from a PROS meeting) In 2017 they now have 1250 members. **750 new**

members in 16 years. They have approximately 23 dedicated courts for tennis in WC, plus more courts at schools, housing associations, etc that are available.

The **Rossmoor Pickleball Club and Walnut Creek Pickleball Club** started with 20 members in 2009 (thank you **Bill Dougherty** for starting all this fun!). We split into the two club a few years ago with around 70 members in each club.

In 2017, Rossmoor had 350 members and the WCPC ended the year with 371 members, for a total of **721 members in just 8 years!!** We have 7 dedicated courts between the two clubs.

Aren't these numbers interesting? I think Pickleball is taking over and we are growing at twice the rate of tennis!

Donations

Rusty Lent donated money from his clinics last year to our new courts. **John Swindell** donated money for the new courts also! Thank you both for thoughtfulness. **Karen Siefert** donated money for balls and a pledge to help with the new courts! Thank you Karen!

Linda Bower and **Rossmoor Pickleball Club** donated a huge box of balls for Tice Gym players, Jugs balls! And we received four portable nets, also, which **Bill Dougherty (the founder of our two clubs)** will be taking to use in Tahoe City, where he is working to get more courts! Thank you Rossmoor and Linda!!

Many Injured or Recovering

Seems like it is always something! I saw **Addie and Gray Mattox** and he is recovering from knee surgery most recently. He had back surgery last year. It was nice to see them both and catch. **Vicki Morse** has had a knee injury. She pops in to say hello and watch a bit. **Rusty Lent** has had a shoulder injury but is still able to teach at ARK on Thursdays for his one hour clinics. **Tom Lathrop** has been fighting tennis elbow. Ouch! I remember that from years ago! **Rob Baker** was back today after a long bout with the flu. Didn't hurt his game at all! Such an amazing player! **Bill Matherly** had a good week of flu also! Glad you are back! **Len Saputo** was MIA for a couple of months but I saw him out, last week, one afternoon with Ed Baxter. He looked great! I heard through the grapevine that **Manny Bustos** has had to have a surgery redone and was still recuperating in Arizona! **Thom Macpherson** and **Stacy Spell** are taking care of their injuries in Hawaii. That's the right idea of PT!! **Pat Chung** is doing PT for her back as is **Kris Hunter** for her hip. **Jon Rego** our Table Tennis pro is getting through planter faciatis and we hope he is back soon. **Chris Lachmann** came by to watch the other day. He broke his toe with a fully loaded green bin! Watch out for those! **Milo Harris** has an ankle injury and is taking care of that. **Dan Young** had a shoulder injury and then he and **Julia** got a good case of the flu. They will be back soon! **Mike Luevano** who is living in Arizona now, has a strain in his right bicep but was recovering.

Who's Back?

I saw **Nancy Smith** at Tice recently and she looked great! We've all really missed her and are happy she's back on the court! **Jim Heick** is finally back as of two weeks ago. He is finally over his "socks on wood stairway" incident. Glad you are back Jim! **Kevin Clark** and **Hilary Ward** are coming back on the courts and so is his dad **George!** **Laura Cahalan** was actually seen on outdoor courts at Rudgear! We like it!!

Missing These Members!

Many are asking me about **Tim Tamura**. We've been missing him at Rudgear. Everyone has been asking, where are **Bill and Joyce Johnson** too. **John and Mary Kelly**, where are you guys?? **Jan Cariker**, we miss you too! **Jan Gabe**, calling Jan Gabe? **Stewart and Karen Kupetz** you are missed too! **Cathi Lanci**, missing you. **Kevin Pyne**, you too! The weather has been so nice this winter, try to come and join us!

Pickleball in Piedmont

That has such a nice ring to it. **Tom Reicher** has been working hard to get Pickleball over there and is finally getting some demonstrations of the game set up in April 21st. Our club members, including **Rusty Lent** and others will be helping with a Demo day, taking portable nets and paddles over. We all hope this helps get courts there!

Pickleball Courts in Livermore

Kirby Wong, one of our new members, is helping steer **Livermore** to get dedicated courts too. He and **Bill Lide**, our local Pickleball Ambassador were discussing the finer points about construction the other day. Kirby is also an Engage Paddle rep, too.

Tice Gym

The parking situation improved recently when the women teaching the early Zumba and Jazzercise classes, retired. The class started early and the parking lot was filled by the time we Pickleball players arrived. Now the close in parking is back. Soon, the new parking lot, we have been waiting for, since December will be fully paved and open. This will definitely improve all the parking over there. Can't wait!

Primetime Pickleball

Two of our members, that are IPTPA certified Pickleball Professionals, **Jordan Briones** and **Nicole Havlichek** are putting out some great training videos! I have been trying to put them on our Facebook Page when I get them. You should follow them yourself on Facebook! Lots of drills to do and tips that can help all of us!

Don't Forget This Weekend

Sunday, Feb. 18th, Concord courts will be closed for their Winter Fling with Santa Rosa. Rudgear will probably be busy.

New Members

Lets see if I can come close! I hope I don't miss anyone! Welcome to all!!

Don Bernstein, Ninette Bittner, Dave Brown, Julie Chandler, Phillip Clark, Chris Conley, Amanda Cross, Rene Erdem, Bob Farvar, Joanne Furukawa, Cindy Galbrath, Bev Nicoli, Donna Gray, Debbie Jones, Bill Klein, Dan Kohlman, Ana Leskovar, Tami Maxwell, Marilyn Morrish, Ed O'brien, Jennifer Perkins, Tan Pham, Bruce & Trudy Presser, Pat and Karla Roth, Peter Saputo, Lisa Schrag, Diane & Phil Sherard, Patty Spinrod, Nicholas Sten, Robert and LeAnn Strong, Antoinette Valla, Billy and Eric Warm, Greg Warner, Carolyn Wei, Bob Whitman, Jack Wolf, Dave Wolder, Kirby Wong, David Yabusaki

USAPA

Don't forget to check this website out. This is your Pickleball Association. Join it! Their website has loads of information about rules changes, places to play, tournament info, etc. They send a e-magazine also, with the latest information.

Pickleballtournaments.com

Check out all the tournaments coming up or one's already played! Look for players you know and the results of tournaments. We keep track of our members and their tournament play on our website. Send us your results! We will also post pictures on our Facebook Page too!

Pickleball Central

If you shop here for paddles or balls or anything, WCPC members get a **5% discount**, Use it!

The code is CRRPC.

The weather is holding, sunny and bright! Let's play pickleball. **Don't forget to renew your membership by February 28th!!**