

## 2019 WCPC November Newsletter

November is 2019 Margarita Nationals! Indian Wells! November 2nd to Nov. 10th! Forty four pickleball courts and thousands of participants that qualified to play. It is being live streamed on YouTube and Facebook. You can watch the most amazing play! They have much better video coverage this year. More professional announcers too, that really play the game!

Many of our members are down there playing and competing for the gold, silver and bronze hardware! Good luck to all!

All year long, players travel to play different tournaments....many local tournaments with good competitive play, regional events that qualify players for Nationals. You can play one every weekend if you want. It is a great way to meet new players and challenge yourself to a new game. Check out [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com)

## USAPA

Isn't it time you joined this organization? This association is responsible for the sport we all love. You can look up all the latest rules or changes to the rules, changes to the courts, Find out what ratings are all about or you can find information to help you self rate your own play. Do you want to referee? Find out how. You also receive six on line Pickleball Magazines, every other month with all the info from the newest paddle makers and equipment providers. There are also discounts for hotels, rental cars, restaurants too. You can also check out Places to Play for when you travel and need pickleball courts. Twenty dollars goes a long way here too! Check it out [usapa.org](http://usapa.org)

## Save the Date

The annual **Christmas Party** will be held on **December 15th, Sunday, 5 PM to 9 PM** at the Diablo Room at Hillside, behind the lawn bowling courts at Rossmoor. Thank you **Linda Bower** for suggesting this facility!! And we were so lucky it was available! The address is 3400 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. We will have a pot luck and the club will provide the Honey Baked Ham. Put it on your calendar now! The invitation with all the details will be sent out soon, by our Secretary, **Cece Kohl**.

## Community Service Day 2019

We had so many volunteers again this year! Thank you all that gave a very hard day physically working on our local park. We have supported **Cindy Silva** and her ongoing yearly projects that do so much for the City of Walnut Creek. We cleared weeds and trimmed back the brush and plants growing through the fences of our courts. So much debris from the trees was removed, branches trimmed away. Keeping debris off the courts gives them a longer life and makes the game safer too. Thank you all!

Thank you to our board members that helped lead the project, **Hormoz Baba, Tosh Kuritsubo, Bill Marsh, and Cece Kohl** who helped check everyone in and get all the waivers signed and sent them off to help others.

Thank you to all these volunteers: **Steve Bagot, Dave Brown, Laura Cahalen, Gary Caires, Pat Chung, Duff Danilovich, Kimberly Everett and Gary Buffo, Jack Gayle, Barbara Greenwood, Sabrina Hansen and hubby Steve and their children Martina, Lia and Trevor, Dick Hildebrand, Bruno Jahn, Rajat Jain, Kristin Lanham, Sergio Lira, Rusty Lent, Budd Mackenzie, Carol Manuel** (who also helped **Hormoz** take bags of debris to Civic Park when the rest of us were too tired!), **Monita Pang, Carol Pillsbury, Karin Poe, Kevin Pyne, Len Saputo, Peter Saputo, Beverly Schlehuber and Walter** was there in spirit, **Melinda Shaver, Karen Siefert, Peter and Lisa Snowden, and Carl Taibl** What a great crew!

Some of these folks have been volunteering since we started participating when **Dick Hildebrand** was President of our club, back in 2015! He thought we should be helping the city and giving back to Cindy Silva's project. It was a great idea and helped our club build the nice facility we have at Rudgear Park. Thank you Dick for getting us on track! Some of you have volunteered year after year, real community servants. Thank you again for giving so much!

### **New Members**

We have more new members to welcome **Michael Cheng, Brenda Cooley, Patrick Lane, Al Mosser, Sharon Sanborn,, Carolyn Powell, Dianne Tinnis, and Aileen Zurawski**, We hope to see you on the courts soon!

### **Annual Membership Meeting**

Save this date and please attend the annual membership meeting to elect our new Board of Directors, **Saturday November 16th, Saturday at 8:30 AM at Rudgear Park**. Voting by Proxy has been sent out to the members and should be returned to **Cece Kohl** our Secretary, at **cmkohl13@gmail.com**. You can also vote at the meeting. Snacks will be provided and we will play pickleball afterward at 9 AM. Don't forget to vote!

### **Ball Donations and Markers**

Thank you **Julia Young** for your donation for more balls! We do go through them, even more now that the weather has cooled off! Thank you **Beverly Schlehuber** for the two boxes of dry erase pens also. You knew we would like all the colors too!

### **Halloween Party**

What a blast! So many dressed up in scary and fun costumes! **Cece Kohl and Danielle Lucking** brought the best snacks too. Juices and fresh fruit cups and muffins and cookies and candy corn and **Monika Wyborny** brought some yummy cookies that looked like scary bloody monster

mouths with fangs and made with marshmallows and red frosting! **Teresa Wenzel** brought her mini cocktail dogs in a blanket with yummy mustards! We had King Tut with a gold cape, a leopard woman, and a green monster Dino or was it a Power Ranger; and Scooby-Doo and beautiful witches, a "Formal Apology" and "Fake News" and an Alpine yodeler and colorful clown and a Hollywood prison escapee, F. Huffman, and a member of the Adams Family, Gomez, and a whoopie cushion, a star, box of crayons, a butterfly, a tootsie roll, a baseball player, Astros, a handsome gentleman with a lighted top hat, a scary guy in blue with furry calves and a striped tail, a fairy in pastels and a fairy in red and black with Monika's cute little dogie in costume too, a viking, superman, a pickleball ballerina, a hippie a beautiful woman in gold and a pickle! On top of that we had over 38 waiting to play most of the morning. What a challenge to play in costume!! Great Day!!

Prizes were given! **Mike Gabrielson**, King Tut won, as did **Terry Gordon** with his lighted top hat and outfit. **Cindy Galbraith** won as a Dinosaur and **Lisa Klein** won with her Roaring 20's gold flapper outfit!

### **Court Cleaning**

**Steve Bagot** !! What would we have done without **YOU** on Halloween? After all the horrible wind we have had with the fires all around, you were kind enough to spend over an hour cleaning our courts with the blower and rake and broom! There was a huge bag filled by the time the party got started. Thank you for spending your early morning clearing our courts so we could all enjoy the day on the courts!

### **Foodies**

**Budd MacKenzie** brought MacIntosh apples from his tree several times. Do you remember them? Great flavor and you don't see them in the markets anymore. **Rich and Gail Zavala** brought apples I have never heard of, Hudson apples, look bad but taste great and we got persimmons too!

### **Tice Valley Gym**

**Rusty Lent** and **Kris Hunter** went over and talked to **Hope Keung**. She is the Program Director and has been trying to help us get more pickleball going over there during the winter. She decided she would try to open the courts in the afternoons on Monday and Wednesdays from Noon to 3 PM. When Mondays are so busy during the rainy season, we think will be great for our members. We could have informal Drill Days or some clinic type fun on those afternoons. We will have to wait for the rains and see if this gets approved. She has supported pickleball for a long time. Thanks Hope!

### **Heard or Seen at Rudgear**

**Angeli Stanwick**, it was so nice to see you again! It has been too long. **Bob Stoffberg**, back from Canada, dog sitting again. Wonderful to see you and play. Happy you've recovered and will soon get a new hip! Sorry you have to wait, but so happy to see you! **Monica Williams, Palo Alto Pickleball Club**, sorry I missed you! I see your brand new dedicated courts at Palo Alto are in and ready to go! You've done so much for that club! Go Monica! Looking forward to playing there soon! We haven't seen **Marsha Tiller** in a while and know she was injured when playing in Europe with **Liam Krauss**. Hope you are doing well and playing at Nationals! We have been hoping **Tim Tamura** is doing well and we want him to know he is missed. **Joan and Gary Grealis** have been missed too. **Bill Lide**, are you back on the courts playing now? Haven't seen you in a while. **Elaine Hennessy**, we hope your shoulder surgery recovery is going great. Miss you girl! **David and Janet VanEtten**, where have you been?? **John and Mary Kelly** same thing! We miss seeing that vodka water bottle you use!! **Tom Lathrop** has always supported our club, but we haven't seen you in ages! **Wayne Moon**, we hope your knee rehab is going well and that you and **Judy** will be back playing soon! **Bob Lyman**, we know you are working hard helping the fundraising at Discovery Bay Pickleball Club. Hope your goal is met soon! **Roger Stone**, are you traveling again? **Bill Matherly**, I know you've had some back trouble, but your trip to Europe looked fab! **Cheri Kirschenheuter**, we know your beautiful daughter is moving but don't worry, we will keep you busy on the pickleball courts. **Mike Luevano** tore his bicep right before playing in Nationals. Darn! This year the reunion will be cheering on all your many many friends! Feel better soon.

### **Sarah Ansboury's 10 Commandments**

1. Serve Consistently - have a reliable serve.
2. Return deep and follow it to the net - within a few feet of the baseline, low or high and loopy.
3. Serve to the Middle - take away the angle return.
4. Attack a weak return - move forward and drive the ball.
5. Poach at least once a game - foot on the center line and be prepared to poach a ball in the middle.
6. Put away balls with 3/4 speed - aim and use 75%.
7. Use a third shot drop - so you can get to the NVZ. (non volley zone)
8. Dink to set up a point - dink with purpose, move opponent side to side and back.
9. Encourage your partner, No glaring eyes or eyes rolling or turning away. You can control what you say and do.
10. Don't covet another partner - enjoy the play and the commitment. Everyone is hard on themselves!

### **Traffic Engineer at Rudgear Park**

We had a traffic engineer come and measure the parking spaces across from the park. **The short space between the corner home and second home is NOT a legal parking space**, you will get a ticket. Also, **the house on the corner that has the Fire Hydrant is also NOT a legal space** and you will get a ticket if the homeowner calls.

Please have some respect for these neighbors and park on the park side or down the hill where there is plenty of parking on the street or use the lot up by the tennis courts which is always

open. Give them a break. They all put up with our group playing and parking every single day and most evenings too. Thank you!

Thanksgiving is not far off.....we all have so much to be thankful for, every single day. Our families, our friends, our family of friends, our good health, even with the aches and pains. Find something good every day. Smile and enjoy the game! Or catch up with a new friend while you are waiting to play!