

WCPC 2018 April Newsletter

April showers will bring May flowers! The weather has been amazing, rain, hail and thunder today! By mid April we are usually having nice warm spring time days, that allow us outside on the courts every day! I am ready, are you?? I set up a swim meet this afternoon at Monte Vista High School, I could not tell if we had snow up on Mt. Diablo today or not. It was too cloudy, but it was definitely cold enough with the wind chill. That school has the most beautiful setting with Mt. Diablo right there and all the green hillside surrounding the school. Just beautiful this time of year.

Ultimate Fieldhouse

The Fieldhouse put us back on their schedule for indoor play! They heard through the grapevine that Concord was closing the courts at Willow Pass Park for two weeks for refurbishment and though players may need another place to play inside, especially with this crazy weather. They are open, Tuesday through Friday and we usually get courts from 10 AM to 1 PM, for the next two weeks!! Thank you **Steve Oronos** for adding pickleball again!!

Rudgear Park

We are having some very busy days at Rudgear with all eight courts being used. April 5th we had over 50 players come out, on a Monday, and Tice Gym had at least four courts going inside. I'm sure the ARC in Alamo was busy too. Pickleball is growing and our court usage shows it.

On April 5th, Walnut Creek Public Works came and took most of the day to remove some of the trees that were on the East side of the Multi use court. They were in bad shape as many of the trees in the area are now, nearing the end of their average life span. Now we have real sunshine on those back two courts every day! We still need to thin a couple of other trees, but all eight courts are very playable now.

When you arrive at Rudgear, we all sign in. We keep track of members and non-members. It is a nice way to learn everyone's name also. We still track all the numbers to show the City Council and PROS Commission how much, we need more dedicated courts. Please remember to help put the portable nets up and take them down after play on the Multi use courts. The portables are getting a work out these days!

Cece Kohl brought some very yummy cookies for pickleball players on Easter. Thank you Cece!!

It was nice to see **Rob Popowcer** who is back in town again from Chicago, again. Good games!!

With the Willow Park pickleball courts closing, we want to remind everyone, we may be busier at Rudgear for a few weeks, more players from out of town, etc. Remember, when the courts are full or very busy, we rotate four on and off after one game. If we need it we will pull the white board out and players can sign up in groups of four. We always welcome everyone and have plenty of seating with all the picnic tables and chairs if needed. Let's have MORE fun!!

New Members

Please welcome our newest members! We hope to see all of you on the courts soon!

Sonia Almeida, Eric Anders, William Benett, Vicki Davis, Joe Herbert, Darrell Hoh, Carol Jacinto, Paul Nigro, Mike and Sandra MacDonald, Bruce Presnick, Carla Tinonga, Keith Venneman, Diana Walker and Todd Walker,

Crazy Eights

Crazy Eights start tomorrow night, weather permitting. **Eric Tate** is running it again this year on Tuesday and Thursday evening. Meet at the Rudgear Park Courts around 6 PM and enjoy some late afternoon pickleball! Eric tracks everyone's play and sets play up according to your play.. He makes it fun for everyone! You can contact Eric at eric@diablopickleball.com to sign up or be an alternate.

Ball Donation

Thank you **Nicholas Sten** for your generous donation. Thank you everyone who donates. Many visitors have been donating lately too.

Blackhawk Country Club.

More good news coming from **Steve Blick** who helped get pickleball into the country club. They have three courts and are adding three more dedicated courts right next door! They are starting a Monday night league next week.

Livermore Pickleball

Kirby Wong let me know that they have finally broken ground down in Livermore, to add pickleball courts there too!! He is putting time in to help get this project done. Can't wait to try the new courts out.

Discovery Bay Pickleball Club

It is an amazing month!! Discovery Bay got the go ahead and is now trying to raise money for more pickleball courts there. The Walnut Creek Pickleball Club donated \$500 to help them get their project going. They are holding a fundraising tournament too. Sign up for this one!! This is a great group and the tournaments are always a lot of fun!

June 16 & 17th, Men's and Women's Doubles and Sunday is Mixed Doubles Round robin format with 3 game guarantee.

Prizes for first three places

Cornell Park Pickleball Courts, Discovery Bay

Cost: \$30 and \$10 per event

Deadline is June 1st

Space is limited and remember this is a fundraiser for new courts!

Register on Pickleballtournaments.com

Any Questions contact Emma @ 530-961-2306

New Leagues for Pickleball - East Bay

Eric Tate is putting together a meeting to try and start inter club/league play here in the East Bay. He has 7 or 8 clubs or groups interested. We will let you know how this goes as soon as we know! He will lay out the plan for competition and schedule and other details soon.

Eric Tate also became an Ambassador for Pickleball! Congratulations Eric!!

PROS Commission Meeting

On April 9 th, four of us attended the meeting. **Kris Hunter** had lost her voice, so **Teresa Wenzel** offered to give the three minute speech during the public speaking portion of the meeting. She covered all the increase in number of players this year, up 500%, January to April of this year from 2017! She did a great job! **Bill and Joan Dougherty** also were there to lend their support too. We asked to be heard on the regular agenda in June. **Kevin Safine** the Director of Arts and Recreation said we would be heard on that date. We had wanted to speak officially in April but he delayed our mission. We will continue to push forward because Walnut Creek needs more courts and we have been asking and working on this for two years now.. We have kept good records

and will use that information. We may be asking for members to come to the June meeting to lend support. The City Council liked our offer and we hope to get the PROS on board asap! We will let you know about this later.

Membership Meeting

Our meeting is usually held early in May, but we may move it to later in the month because of the weather! Again we will let you know soon.

We are starting off this year with over 360 members. I heard from **Linda Bower** that Rossmoor has over 380 already! These are pretty amazing numbers, considering **Bill Dougherty** started off the 8 members in 2009!