

## WCPC 2018 December Newsletter

What a great year for pickleball and our club! The Nationals in Indian Wells have put Pickleball out there in the world sports arena. Now everyone knows the sport is here to stay in a big way!

We just ended the year with a huge turnout (100) at the Christmas Party at Bob and Joyce Jensen's beautiful home. It was a dark and stormy (rainy) night but everyone showed up with delicious food and desserts. Joyce was smart and we spread the food tables out throughout the house and that really helped everyone enjoy the evening. The bourbon brownie that **Mary Nelson** brought had a kick all right and the amazing Christmas cookies designed by **Angeli Stanwick** were so yummy, but they were little works of art that we could take home! No two snowflakes were alike, pretty amazing! We want to thank **Maggie Hochfelder** for picking up the Honey Baked Ham, there was hardly a bite left at evenings end. Thank you everyone for making it a great evening, we could all relax and enjoy each other's company.

### New Members

Let's all welcome our new members: Linda Bisesi, Rosemary Frank Cady, Charles & Dina Crump, Bridget DeMers, Barbara Fitterer, Pablo Heiber, Leslie Holt, Jim Howe, Brian Karr, Jeff Kennison, Cheri Kirschenheuter, Kristin Lanham, Ed Louie, Kelly McCown, Rudy Portis, Richard Roof, Debbi Ryan, Patricia Walker, Dave Weingart.

### Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again! You can pick up a form at Rudgear Park or Tice Gym or you can print off the 2019 Membership form from our website. Thank you to the 160 plus that have already renewed! Our club has increased by 100 members this last year, we stand at 476 members now! Wow! And what a great group! And our "sister" club, Rossmoor PB Club has 498 members per **Linda Bower!**

If you joined after November 1st you are good for 2019.

### Missing Many Friends

**Jerry Bennett** has a six month lay off for an injury and he just joined in November!

**Jan Gabe** has stopped by to say hi now and then but she is still fighting her runners knee issues. She is missed. **Cedric DeVries** leaned to far over

to get a ball and tweaked his back. Both he and his wife are convalescing during the holidays. **Steve Blick** has had a foot injury that is keeping him off the court. Both, **Steve Martin** and **Richard Innenberg** are nursing Achilles injuries. Richard is finally back since this summer. **Walter Schlehuber** is having back surgery. We are missing him and **Beverly** too. **Joyce Jensen** is a great hostess but her foot injury from the car accident is still keeping her off the courts too.

**Nancy Smith**, one of our great members, joined the same year I did in 2012, has moved to a new residence, so she is not driving now. She wants to get back to playing, but may be hitchhiking to the ARK or Tice soon. We have been missing her and hope to see her soon!!

### Discovery Bay PB Club Fundraising

If you are looking for something to donate to, try DBPC. They are raising money like we did for new courts. They are a non profit, so it would be tax deductible too. You can contact Bob Lyman 925-628-7906 or mail checks to Discovery Bay Rec and Sports, P. O. Box 1614, Discovery Bay CA 94505

We all know how much better play is at Rudgear with more courts, lets help them out too!

### Heather Farms Grand Opening Pickleball Courts

Many of us attended the grand opening of the two new lighted pickleball courts. Dana Gill and Lifetime donated \$100,000 to the project which also included a new teaching tennis court. Check it out! The pickleball lessons will now be held at Heather Farms instead of Rudgear. Their schedule is on line to sign up. This has really helped play on Thursdays and Fridays having all 8 courts available for play all morning at Rudgear Park.

### USAPA and IPTPA

The USAPA announced they had signed a three year contract with "Riff" Seymour Rifkind who heads the IPTPA, which certifies new instructors and runs certification programs.

Speaking of certification, Miriam **Garfinkel** got certified by the PPR, Professional Pickleball Registry a subsidiary of the PTR. It is also working with the USAPA. Miriam got her certification at the Nationals, and Sarah Ansbury was running the class and has designed their instruction curriculum and is their education consultant. Miriam is now a Coach and can teach new pickleball students! She has been doing this over in Oakland and she is an Engage Paddle Rep too.

Don't forget to join the USAPA, you get all the information first hand from the organization running everything pickleball. You also receive a bi-monthly on line news magazine, which is full of new paddle info as well as rules changes and tournament results.

### Pickleball Central

Remember when you are shopping on line at Pickleball Central, use the club discount code, CRRPC to get a 5% discount. The club also gets, at the end of the year, that 5% credit, you got, to help with paying for balls, replacing nets, etc. This year, we spent three years worth of credits on guess what.....??? Dura Balls! You just can't keep them on the court for long. Many do not even last one game, much less a week or two of play!! We were told to "warm the balls up before using them". So I'm telling everyone, put them in your pocket before you use them. Let's see if it actually helps. We are looking into other hard plastic balls to use also. The Onyx Pure 2 is still great because it lasts and does not crack. We may try some of the new Onyx balls, but right now we are using the neon Franklin to help in the shadows and the Yellow Dura. Inside, we are still using the Jugs ball which everyone likes playing with and having the same ball, court to court at Tice Gym.

### Tice Gym

There is a new schedule for Tice Gym. Mondays, 6 courts, Wednesday, 3 courts, No more Thursdays and Fridays, 6 courts. Monday and Wednesdays, play is from 9 to 1 PM and Friday play is 9 to noon.

### Fieldhouse

The Fieldhouse at Shadelands has been opening as needed for rainy days. There is no set schedule, but we will let you know when they have open days for pickleball. You can check our website for the link also.

### Paddle Donations

Darrell Hoh is still looking for some used paddles as he is trying to get a group playing over in Concord at his homeowners association courts. Let us know if you have any he can use.

### New Board takes over on January 1st.

Kris Hunter - President, Hormoz Baba - Vice President, Cece Kohl - Secretary, Bill Marsh stays as Treasurer, Danielle Lucking - Social Chair, Ana Leskovear is Venue Director and Mark Nollsch is Tournaments and Leagues Director.

Teresa Wenzel will be taking over as Membership Director, so the new forms and checks will be going to her address after the first of the year.

Non Board positions: Ron Blasquez - Venue Manager, Tosh Kuritsubo - Venue Maintenance and Pasko Varnica will stay as our Webmaster.

### Overview of the Year - 2018

In January we got the ok to put 4 more dedicated courts in from the City Council. In April, the city removed dead trees from the side of the back courts, which improved the light on those courts. We ran Crazy Eights starting in mid April on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Eric Tate did a great job keeping track of play and keeping everyone playing until November, when it got to dark to continue. We sold club logo t-shirts to over 100 of our members in May.

In June we presented our Power Point presentation to the PROS Commission with about 60 of our members in the audience, and all 5 Commissioners voted yes to convert the multi use court to dedicated pickleball courts at Rudgear Park!! We raised \$18,000 from our VERY VERY generous members, to resurface the courts, put in posts and shorter pickleball nets.

Later in June, we had our Anniversary BBQ and had over 75 show up for a fun play day and lots of food. In August we got Wind Screens from City Maintenance dept with Lifetime's approval. They definitely improved seeing the ball, and helped with the wind.

Our Grand Opening was on Labor Day!! We had over 100 players show up. The City Council and PROS Commissioners and Arts and Rec and Lifetime were all there too!

My most enjoyable day!! Just after the grand opening we put up our new banner, "Home of the Walnut Creek Pickleball Club". Later in September, Public Works put in a new bottle filling water fountain that also filters the water and has a bowl for the dogs too!

We had our End of Summer Party at the Jensen's home in Blackhawk, in September, with over 90 members attending.

In October, we had over 50 volunteers for Walnut Creek Community

Service Day, our current Mayor, Cindy Silva's project. We trimmed tree limbs, cleared brush and debris. We removed the DG and put bark in under the picnic tables. We built two more needed tables and a new pad for them. We built a new walkway to the new dedicated courts. It was a huge team effort. Thank you all for making this a great place to play, you worked hard!

Two days later the City approved and put in two new gates, which has improved playing on all eight courts without disruption of players walking on the court.

We had a fun Halloween play day in full costumes with prizes and treats. We finished the year with the Christmas party!

Whew!! What a year!! We all have so much to be thankful for this year, good friends, family and good health. And of course, more pickleball courts!

### Christmas Lights to See!

Here is the list:

340 Del Amigo Rd, Danville  
361 Love Lane, Danville  
753 Turnbridge, Danville  
1441 Harlan Drive, Danville  
108 Dana Highlands, Danville  
and if you want to drive further,  
Deacon Dave's, 352 Hillcrest Drive, Livermore

Go before January 1st!

