

To All Our Members:

Wow! What happened to June? I'm behind with everything I was going to get done this month! But I have been down at the Pickleball courts, checking out the crowds at Tice during the week and at Rudgear on the weekends. We are so lucky to have both venues for our many members.

I checked in with Nancy Smith. She wanted to thank everyone for helping her with putting up and taking down the nets, while Don Grant is out for several months. Alec Gioulis and Wayne and Judi Moon offered to help out and I'm sure everyone will pitch in. Another big thank you to Nancy for her contribution of time and help at Tice Gym.

Also, a big shout out to Don Grant for a speedy recovery! Tosh does not know what to do for a partner now!

Places to Play:

Tice Gym is closed this week for Pickleball.

The July Schedule at Tice is great! Open MWF from 9 to noon for Pickleball all month! There is only one Thursday, July 7th, that has Pickleball from noon to 3 PM. No Thursdays the rest of July.

The **Fieldhouse** has no hours for Pickleball this summer, it's all basketball over there.

Rudgear has just finished being resurfaced and is open daily for drop in, every morning! Come and check out the new USTA Blue and Green courts and the much safer surface. We are seeing more players from out of town stopping by for play and the weekends can be so busy, we pull the White Board out to manage the 50 to 60 that show up.

Thanks to all that helped during the resurfacing, Dick Hildebrand, Tosh Kuritsubo, Jim Heick, Gary Smith for helping remove and reinstalling all the posts and nets!!

All non members are encouraged to join or pay \$2 a day for ball donations and net use at Rudgear. With so many players we need the ball donations.

We all want to wish a quick recovery to George Clark, Kevin's father, who was injured playing Pickleball, You are missed!

A big thank you to Thom Macpherson, who bought and donated a cork board for

the shed at Rudgear and also took time to install it himself! Thanks so much! You can check all the skills information, you need at each rating level with the information on the board. Also look for upcoming tournament flyers.

And thank you to Cece Kohl for bringing more white plastic chairs to Rudgear! In this summer heat, we all need to sit between games.

Hermoz Baba has started some evening play and some groups show up to play around 5:30 PM two evenings a week. Anyone can put a group together and go and play. The courts are open all day long.

Drills at Rudgear

We've renamed it, "**Drills with Rusty!**" We have had great turnouts for our Thursday morning drills and Rusty Lent is the big reason everyone keeps coming out to learn and practice the information he shows everyone! Thursdays at 9am! Thank you Rusty for giving your time to our club! It is appreciated!!

Website

Don't forget to check out the **walnutcreekpickleball.com** website. There are new pictures added all the time and there are links to information about Pickleball. We also are just adding a page with tournament results information about our members. If you have more information you want to send please let us know. It is just a start with the information I had! So many of our members are playing tournaments now, it's hard to keep up with all the Gold, Silver or Bronze news!! Torrey Wall has been showing us more about the website and helping us catch up with all she knows. She is also a great tennis player as is her husband Eric who is on his way to Nationals! Torrey's team is still winning and we hope she gets there as well!

Don't Forget!!

As a member of the WCPC we get a 5% discount when ordering paddles or balls or clothing at **Pickleball Central**. Use our code: **CRRPC** It helps build a credit for the club that we can use at the end of the year, too!

You might also want to join the **USAPA**, which gives you so much information about our sport as well as an online magazine, they send out every other month that has the most up to date information we all want!

Member Anniversary BBQ

This was such a great day!! I could not believe the huge turnout! We had at least 72 players show up in the morning for the Poker Chip Pickleball Play! Everyone met others and it was all a lot of fun and good play too.

Thank you to Danielle Lucking for helping everyone on and off the courts! It was great to see some faces we have been missing, Christina and Bell and Marianne Greene and Eric Tate and his wife! I think these great social events bring out the best in all of us!

A big thank you to our masterful Grill Masters, Hermoz Baba and Gary Smith! Somehow, they kept the hamburgers and hotdog's coming! All the members brought wonderful dishes to share with everyone. We ate drank and were merry!

The big entertainment, surprise, for the day was our, once, World Champion Yo Yo Expert, Bill deBoisblanc!! He drew an audience and kept on showing us the many, many tricks he had mastered! My son Alec, told me he actually knew, Mr. Duncan! Wow! That's a blast from the past! Wonderful Bill! It was a kick!

Rossmoor Play

One of our members, Vicky Morse is a member of Rossmoor Pickleball Club theand she has offered to take anyone interested over to play on set days, Sundays 12-5, Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30pm, or Mondays 7-9 pm or daily at Creekside, which are the outdoor courts. Her phone number is 925-989-3187. Thank you Vicky!!

Tournament in Pleasanton July 9-10th

Many of our members are playing the 2nd Annual Jane Carey Memorial PB Tournament. Check out the action at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton, CA

SAVE THE DATE - End of Summer WCPC Member Party - September 24th

Bob and Joyce Jensen have offered their lovely home in Blackhawk for this event!

Details will follow soon. More fun coming!

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you that contacted me or that I contacted and met with, for your thoughtful input about our club and improving play at Rudgear or the Fieldhouse or at Tice. The information is invaluable to

making our club enjoyable for everyone. The board will be discussing much of the information this week. Thanks again!

We are still missing Tim Tamura and hope to see him back someday very soon!!

One More - Put it on the Calendar! October 8th

Our club is doing a Community Service Day with help from Cindy Silva from the City Counsel and the Public Works Department from the City of Walnut Creek on **October 8th!** The neighbors will be volunteering also. We will need lots of volunteers to help put the new picnic tables together and laying out the granite chips and bender board around the east side of the Rudgear Pickleball Courts. We will be helping the City clear all the areas around the Pickleball and multiuse court. Bring your work gloves and hats and lets add some real landscaping to the courts! More information coming! Contact Kris if you are interested in helping or leading a group.

See you on the courts!

Kris Hunter

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