



Fall Quarterly 2022

# WALNUT CREEK

## PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

### A Message from your Board

We hope that everyone stayed cool and hydrated with the triple digit temperatures we had in September. There were some real scorches! Fortunately, cooler weather has prevailed. With fall bringing lots changes! The kids have started school, our older ones may be off to college or have graduated and are looking for a job, fall sports have started and our nights will start getting cooler.

We'd like to welcome Mike Gabrielson back to our board as Tournament Director. You just missed us too much, didn't you! We missed you too! Mike has a lot of great ideas about future tournaments, so be on the look out for more information coming soon.

Summer was as busy as ever for the Rudgear courts and our club. Our membership is at an all time high as is number of players playing at Rudgear on a daily basis. Just to give you an idea, we have had a total of 20,922 players at our courts year to

date, compared to 2019 (our last normal year) we totaled 15,511 players for the entire year.

On September 6th a group of neighbors went to the City Council meeting, bringing a petition signed by 45+ neighbors and spoke about their issues during the public comment portion of the meeting. They are very upset that their quiet neighborhood has been taken over by disrespectful players who block their driveways, urinate in public, change their clothes in full view, the non stop noise from 8 am to sunset, verbal threats and excessive traffic. We are asking our membership to please be mindful and respectful to our neighbors. The City has every right to lock the courts should they choose to do so as a result of these complaints made by Walnut Creek taxpayers. Your board is pleading with our membership to be a kind and respectful visitor when you come to Rudgear.



### Meet Mayor Matt Francois

Mark your calendars! **Saturday, October 8th, at 5:00 pm**, Matt Francois, our Mayor will be at Calicraft Brewing Company to meet with voters and community members to talk about his campaign. Free pizza will be provided by Extreme Pizza. Matt is currently running for re-election to the Walnut Creek City Council and is looking for our support.

This is a perfect opportunity to ask any questions you might have about his campaign and the future of pickleball in Walnut Creek. We need our members to come out in full force that day. **WE NEED MORE COURTS!**

### New Member Welcome!

WOW! We would like to welcome the 67 new members who have joined our club since July. Please make sure to welcome these new members if you have an opportunity to meet and play with them at Rudgear!

Greg Ashton  
Dennis Ballinger  
Barry Baskin  
Holly Baskin  
Carolyn Berstein  
Clayton Bodell  
Irina Carrel  
Shannon Carver  
Steve Carver  
Andre' Chapital  
Brandon Cordtz  
Jeff Cordtz  
Susan Dagnese  
Kathy Delaria  
Kristen Drake  
Tom Eckstein  
Carolyn Fox  
Karin Frey  
Susan Galindo  
Bill Gombeski  
PG Gupta  
MJ Han  
Bill Hayek  
Joanne Weil Heald  
David Heaton  
Julie Hess  
Lloyd Hohenstein  
Ayame Hollings  
Idmari Horn  
Joshua Jansen  
Nino Jemo  
Heather Kelly  
Mary Jane Kiefer  
Trisa Kent

Thomas Kollander  
Fernando Kuan  
Margaret Lapiz  
Joe Lapka  
Cathy LaRocca  
Joe LaRocca  
John Lee  
Laura Lencioni  
Patrick Lencioni  
John Licht  
Gonzalo Mannucci  
Carlos Marquez  
Don Means  
Karen Means  
Lyndi Miller  
Chris Palma  
Fernando Pedregosa  
Mary Jo Potter  
Anthony Romano  
Bonnie Roy  
Hamid Sarvi  
Shahzad Sarvi  
Tracy Sawyer  
Cathy Schechter  
Steven Schechter  
Seth Schwartz  
Lynne Tomczak  
Alison Trules  
Linda Vincent  
Lynne Vogensen  
Jennifer Pereira-Weiss  
Anna Western  
Steve Yee

# 2022 WALNUT CREEK Community Service Day

Help the Walnut Creek Pickleball Club on  
Saturday October 8th from 9 am to 12 pm.

Walnut Creek's annual Community Service Day is  
back this fall, and we invite you, your family and  
friends to help us celebrate while we spruce up  
our courts, the surrounding area and  
landscaping.

You can learn more and register online at  
[www.walnut-creek.org/service](http://www.walnut-creek.org/service).

Please be sure to sign up in advance so you  
receive all of the details about what to bring and  
where to meet. You may also sign up on the sign  
up sheet on the table.

Please bring work gloves, rakes, shovels and  
wheel barrows marked with your name to help  
with the clean up if you are able.

We hope you'll join us on Oct. 8!

## SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars!

Our Annual Holiday Party is back!  
Sunday, December 4th  
5:00pm to 9:00 pm

Happy Hour and Check In begins at 5:00  
Dinner Service begins at 6:00

Our own Liam Krauss' band Remedy  
will be playing

Hillside Diablo Room  
3400 Golden Rain Road 94595

\$10 per person is your RSVP  
**No later than November 28th**

Space is limited to the first 150 people who  
RSVP

## Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank to Rusty Lent, Colton Hoge and Cindy Gershon  
for your generous monetary donations to the club for  
balls and supplies. In addition, we'd like to thank  
Beverly and Walter Schelhuber and Dee Morris for  
keeping us in dry erase markers and erasers!

## New Pickleball Central Discount Code

Recently, our club code to Pickleball Central was  
discovered by a coupon site. When this happened,  
Pickleball Central expired our code. It's okay for us  
to post it on our website and in our printed  
directory, **BUT** if for some reason you are asked for  
the code from a site other than Pickleball Central  
"just click NO"! The new code is **CRWALNUTCREEK**  
and is NOT case sensitive.



## Check Out Our New Facebook Page!



Our new Facebook page is called  
**Walnut Creek Pickleball Club (OFFICIAL)**

The page is set up as a group. Please go  
to the page and join the group. Once you've been  
accepted, invite your friends as well. We want the  
word to get out about the new path our club is taking.  
You may post pictures from tournaments, comment  
on court conditions (wet), how busy it is at certain  
times etc. **CHECK IT OUT!**

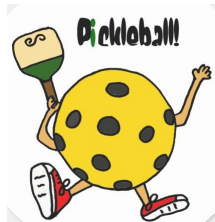


## We know it's a Broken Record **BUT** it's Important to Sign In!



As a club we keep track of the  
number of players who play at the  
courts from 9 am-1 pm on a daily  
basis. The attendance will speak for  
itself when we go to the City of Walnut Creek to ask  
for more courts. **It is CRITICAL that we have an  
accurate head count!** We ask you, as members to  
be mindful of this important detail when you come  
to the courts to play. Before you put your name on  
the whiteboard, we ask you to please sign in first! If  
the table is not out **BUT** the white board is, please  
go into the shed and put the table out. Our board  
members are not down at the courts everyday, so  
we depend on our members to help us out with  
this! It takes a village!

## Drills & Thrills with Rusty Lent



Our own IPTPA Instructor, Rusty Lent will be holding his Drills and Thrills sessions on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm at the Lafayette Tennis Club. Each session is \$40 for beginners and intermediate players or you can arrange for private lessons by contacting Rusty at [lentfam@yahoo.com](mailto:lentfam@yahoo.com).

## It's Almost Membership Renewal Time!

Our annual membership runs from January 1st through December 31st. Dues are still \$20. The grace period to renew your membership expires on February 28th. After that date you will have missed the opportunity to receive club emails and to be in our on-line and printed member directory. If you are injured, moved out of the area or just aren't playing anymore and don't plan to renew please email **Teresa Wenzel** at [atmwenzel@earthlink.net](mailto:atmwenzel@earthlink.net) to stop receiving the pesky renewal emails.

## Pickleball Program by IPTPA Certified Coach & Pro Patricia Strazzi

Privates, Semi-Privates, & Group Lessons available

Booking & Payment information available on my website:

[www.pickleballplayers.com](http://www.pickleballplayers.com)



### CITY OF CONCORD PICKLEBALL CLINICS

There is a clinic for everyone's level and age-  
(Youth, Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced)

To sign up & get more information, visit:

[www.concordreg.org](http://www.concordreg.org)  
or call: 925-671-2489

**Willow Pass Park**  
2748 East Olivera Rd, Concord

### ROUND ROBINS Every Wednesday & Thursday

Time: 9:30am to  
10:45am

Levels: 2.5, 3.0s  
(both days)

**\*\*Levels are not  
combined\*\***

**Price: \$15**



**For more information, call or text Patricia @ 650-218-3468**



## LAST PICKLEBALL CLINICS of 2022!

### 'BEYOND BEGINNERS...WHAT'S NEXT?' CLINIC

**OCTOBER 21, 2022 FRIDAY: 8:30 am - 11:30 am**

This clinic is designed for anyone who has taken the 'Welcome to Pickleball' clinic and is ready to know 'what's next?' We will fine-tune the dink, volley, learn to block, AND most importantly, introduce you to the key shot in pickleball, the drop shot. This clinic is more strategy-focused and the first step to taking your game to the next level!!



### 'WELCOME TO PICKLEBALL' BEGINNERS CLINIC

**OCTOBER 22, SATURDAY: 8:30 am - 11:30 am**

Wondering what the craze is all about?

Participants will learn how to play the most popular sport in the world!! The basic strokes of the game, rules, scoring and general strategies are the highlights. This clinic is for anyone who is new or brand new to pickleball or anyone who wants a refresher of the basics! You will be an official pickleball player by the end of our clinic!



#### LOCATION:

Willow Pass Pickleball Courts,  
2748 E. Olivera Rd., Concord CA 94519

COST: \$65 per person  
(payment will secure your spot)

#### FACILITATOR:

Marcia Neishi, IPTPA Certified Instructor  
(additional instructors if needed)

#### TO REGISTER:

Email (myamashirord@yahoo.com) or text/call  
(510) 427-8200 \* Include your full name, email  
address, phone number, & specify which clinic

a) Check made to Marcia Neishi: 25579 S. Gold  
Ridge Dr, Castro Valley, CA 94552

b) Venmo: myamashirord 4-digit code 8200

c) Zelle: myamashirord@yahoo.com

**For questions, contact Marcia at  
myamashirord@yahoo.com or (510) 427-8200  
SPACE WILL BE LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY!!**

## Got News???

We love to share everyone's success stories! If you have medaled at a tournament or have other exciting tournament news to share feel free to email **Teresa Wenzel** at [atmwenzel@earthlink.net](mailto:atmwenzel@earthlink.net)



## 2022 Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors is an elected board that volunteers to serve our club and membership. It is the goal of our club for all our members to have fun and enjoy playing the game of Pickleball. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to any of us listed below.

**President:** *Hormoz Baba*

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*Oncena and Pete Sciarretta*

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