

To All Our Members:

Isn't it just crazy? **The big debate?** Is the most popular ball the Orange Onyx or the Onyx Pure Two??

September has been busy with play at Rudgear and Tice Valley Gym. And the grand opening of the new courts at Willow Pass Park, 14 new courts, was well attended with many of our members volunteering and helping on the courts. We always need more courts with so many new players coming into the game.

Our member, Jordan Briones, is a new father to Josiah, along with mom, Katrina Briones, who just returned to the courts this last week. She is still playing like, "Hurricane Katrina"! We were happy to see her back.

Jordan is also the **first Certified Professional Pickleball Teacher in Northern California**. He has joined an elite group of the top pickleball players in the country as a member of the IPTPA. It is a new association of teaching professionals that will raise the level of quality pickleball with the ability to teach and certify others in this growing sport along with the support of the USAPA. Jordan will be teaching Pickleball lessons at Willow Pass Park starting this week. Check out the flyer we sent out yesterday!

The **End of Summer Party** was hot! We had a large group enjoying the home and views from the back yard of Bob and Joyce Jensen. Thank you both so much for sharing your home! Gary Smith cooked all the meat and the Tri Tip was perfect. Hormoz Baba helped slice everything up! Thank you both for your great chef abilities!! Everyone brought yummy side dishes too. We all enjoyed watching or playing a very interesting game of ping pong, kind of like musical chairs! You had to circle the table and keep the ball in play also. Talk about foot work and hand eye coordination!! Lots of laughs and an enjoyable evening catching up with friends.

Also a big thank you to the club, from the men at the Restore Center. Val Robertson took the extra tri tip over there to share with them. Thank you Val!

Thom Macpherson and Tosh Kuritsubo and I went to the training day for the **Community Service Day** we are holding on October 8th, Saturday at Rudgear Park Pickleball courts from 8 to noon. If you want to volunteer let one of us know, we can always use one more person! We will be assisting the city with raking and pruning bushes and building picnic tables and trash receptacles. Wear a hat and bring your gloves and let's support our city.

The day kicks off at Heather Farms, where the Lion's Club cooks pancakes for breakfast and Peets provides the coffee. Get your CSD t-shirts too. They are the best yet, tie-dyed! Head back to Rudgear Pickleball Courts to start our work.

Jeane DeKelder, our Vice President, was persistent and set up a meeting at Tice Valley Gym with Jim Carlson and Hope Keung. We all sat and discussed the coming months. There is a good chance, starting in November, we may have Pickleball available at Tice Gym, Monday through Fridays, from 9 to noon. There may also be an afternoon that they would allow play too, if they can find the available time. With the Rossmoor Courts closing in early 2017 for refurbishment, I think the indoor courts will be in high demand through the winter months! Thanks Jeane, your hard work paid off!!

It was nice to see so many Tice players at Rudgear while the indoor courts were refinished this month.

Thanks to Hormoz Baba for continuing to organize the Tuesday early evening play at Rudgear.

Welcome Back to John Kelly (9/2) who had a hip replacement and also George Clark (9/14) who injured his hand playing! I also heard rumors that Don Grant (9/21) had been seen at Tice Gym playing!! We are so glad to have you all back on the courts!

We are still missing many members who are out for one reason or another, hurry back!

The October schedule at **Tice Valley Gym** is M W F 9 to Noon and Thursdays Noon to 3 PM.

For all the **new members**, here is how Tice works: You pay at the door, \$4 to the City of Walnut Creek. The portable nets are stored in the locker room along with the bag with extra paddles and balls. Help set up the two portable nets if you get there early. Tice uses a White Board, four players find each other and sign up to play. Wait for a court to open up. If its your turn, cross off your names and go to the court to play. You can't sign up on the board while you are playing on a court, you must wait until you've finished your game. If you see anyone sitting around, ask if they are new and show them how it works. At the end of play each day, who ever is on the portable net courts, last, should take the equipment down and put it back in the bags and store it in the locker room.

Ron Blasquez has ordered more bright green Jug balls and they should arrive very soon.

It is still drop in play every morning at **Rudgear Park**. Rusty Lent has moved his Drill Day hours on Thursdays to 10am so it's easier for everyone to get there, including Rusty! We all owe a big Thank You to Rusty for improving so many members games!!

If you are **new to Rudgear** here is how it works: If you get there early, unlock the shed and get the balls out to put on the courts. You can put one or two of the portable net bags on the Multi-use Court, also. Unlock the chairs and put a few of them out to sit on. Put out one of the tables with the sign in sheets, that we use to track our numbers there. We could always use four more permanent courts there too, as our club provides the portables many days of the week for play down there. We always welcome ball donations from any member or nonmember. At the end of play, the last players on the portable nets should put them away in the shed. Return all the ball baskets and lock the shed. Stack the chairs and lock them to the fence.

Ron Blasquez has mentioned that the Onyx Pure 2 balls are on back order. I spoke to Steve Sutton and he thinks it may be mid October before more are available. He said the Pure Indoor Ball may be out soon also. He hope to have some that we can try out.

The **Ultimate Fieldhouse** is now known as John Muir Health Ultimate Fieldhouse. We are still waiting to hear when they will be opening in the mornings for Pickleball, probably after the weather changes.

Don't forget to check out our web site www.walnutcreekpickleballclub.com for more information about tournaments and links to the USAPA web site, club minutes, photos, tournament results, etc. I think everyone should join the **USAPA** as they send lots of great information out and keep you informed about new equipment and balls and changes to the game. They have a great on line magazine too.

If you are interested in tournaments check out www.Pickleballtournaments.com You can look up past or future tournaments and look up players as well.

And don't forget to use our club code for **Pickleball Central** if you order anything! Get 5% off!! The Code is CRRPC

If you have not picked up a Membership Book, remember to do so. We have them at both Tice and Rudgear. The member information can also be found online on our website in the Member Only Area.

We also have a Walnut Creek Pickleball Club **Facebook page** also. If you have any pictures to share or post just let us know.

The weather is finally cooling off, Fall is coming soon. Enjoy it!

Kris