

## WCPC February 2019 Newsletter

What a month we are having! Rain like I haven't seen since I moved here in the early 1980's. Back then I didn't see the sun for months, it rained everyday and I had to buy a sump pump to put under my home! The winds cause my power to be out for over 11 hours, that has never happened. On my way back from Palm Desert where I played in a Senior Games, we had wind gusts during play that actually blew over the nets. Not easy to play in those conditions. Then there was snow on the mountains and ice on the Grapevine. It is a real winter in California this year! And parts of Arizona where many of my Wyoming friends have moved to avoid the snow actually had many inches of snow in North Scottsdale and a winter storm warning in Prescott. Now we have another "river of moisture rolling into the Bay Area! Hang on to your hats and get the umbrella's back out!

### New Members

Lets all welcome our newest members: **John Brophy, Jim Davies, Steve Hernandez, Tim Kern, Stuart Mangini, Robert Pearson, Bill Powning, Mark Reculin, Helene Rostock, Damon Turner, and Lynn Vogensen.** We hope to see all of you on the courts soon.

### Membership Renewals

It is that time of year, if you have not renewed your membership yet, please do it very soon if you want to be listed in the Member Directory for 2019. Please renew by the end of February if you can. You will make Teresa Wenzel's job much easier. The dues are still \$20 and that's not much considering all the fun you will have this next year! Sign up now! Membership forms can be found at Tice Gym, Rudgear Park or on our website. We don't have PayPal yet but will in the coming months.

### Donations

Thank you **Vicki Morse** for donating all the Dura balls at Rudgear! And thank you **Pat Chung** for the very large bag of a variety of balls! As fast as these Dura and Franklin balls break, it is hard to keep the ball baskets full! The very cold weather has not helped either. Remember to put the hard plastic balls in your pocket for a while, before playing with them, warm them up. That is the advice of Pickleball Central! Thank you **Ron Blasquez** for donating the indoor balls we are using at the Ultimate Fieldhouse too! Hopefully we still have a supply of Jugs balls at Tice Gym to use during open play there!

Thank you **Angeli Stanwick** for a paddle donation too! We can always use extra paddles when the new players arrive to try pickleball.

### Rudgear Park

Thank you to everyone that has kept the picnic tables full with danish pastries and lemons, cookies, candy, artichoke dip and guacamole and chips and birthday cake, girl scout cookies, chocolate chip cookies and valentine's chocolates! It been so nice to sit between games and catch up with everyone and enjoy the treats!

Speaking of Rudgear, we did have to have the wind screen removed from between the courts. It was the reason the wind pulled over the fence, The fence has now been repaired. Lifetime will store the windscreen until we decide what to do. Over the winter months it was keeping courts damp on those foggy mornings. If we decide to put it up in the Spring, it will have to be vented as will the other two windscreens on the ends of the courts. Perhaps we can find a way that it can be rolled up during the winter months so the courts remain as dry as possible.

Many of you have noticed that the newly resurfaced courts are showing some bubbling and more cracks are appearing as time goes on. None are a problem yet but we will have to address all these issues with Lifetime and the City of Walnut Creek. I am pretty sure the company that did the job is obligated to come

back and repair it all or resurface the entire four courts because the surface is failing so quickly. They got the speed rating correct and the color looks good.

We still get complaints about the large pine tree dropping large pine cones on players and the fact that it totally shades the back two courts most of the morning. We all understand that it is much safer and easier to play in sunshine with the fast pace of pickleball. We will keep asking the city to address the tree issues and the debris that is always on the court surfaces. Lifetime is required to blow the courts off weekly during dry weather.

Thank you to all the regular early members that have been showing up after the rain storms, that are taking a lot of time drying courts. It is up to **all the members** that come to play to help do the same thing. Grab the squeegee and roller and some towels and help out. Don't make a few members do all the work.

A big thank you to **Tosh Kuritsubo** for adjusting all the gates so they close correctly. He also fixed the White Board to make it stronger. Thanks so much!

Did you happen to play at Rudgear Park on **President's Day??** It was an amazing turn out, one of our best days, with over 75 players showing up! Everyone is trying to get back outside and play after all the rain this month. It was a great day!

**Rusty Lent** built a portable backboard that has a target on it to use when we are waiting around to play. It works great and can be angled to return the ball at a good angle. Thanks Rusty! What a great idea and it will help all of us with our hand eye coordination!

### Tice Gym

The Schedule is now just three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 AM to Noon. from 3/11/2019 to 5/31/2019. That is for 6 courts each day. We did lose Thursday, but **Hope Keung**, the program director, has been willing to open the gym on Thursday if it is raining, and if the space is available. Thank you **Teresa Wenzel** for setting that up the last time!

Tice had all 6 courts busy and 31 waiting on the first Monday of February, which was a very rainy day.

We have been trying to work with Hope to get some afternoon time for clinics or Drill Days. She wanted to fill some hours and we could use the drilling! We will let you know if that works out.

### Ultimate Fieldhouse

The hours here are different every week. Please check the club website which has the link to the Ultimate Fieldhouse schedule to see if they have pickleball listed.. Remember this is the Ultimate Fieldhouse, there is another smaller facility called the Fieldhouse, which does not have pickleball.

### Great News!

**Bob and Joyce Jensen** became grandparents on Saturday 2/23/19 to a little boy names Jackson! Congrats to the whole family!

### Missing Members

**Cedric Devries** has been back playing and had some interesting information about sleep studies. He had been gone for sometime. We hope his wife **Lynn** is feeling better very soon. **Rick Corella** has been side lined with a heel bone spur and is missing pickleball. He has run countless marathons and leads a hiking group too. Hope you feel better soon. **Len Saputo** has been MIA, but both his brothers have been here, **Michael and Peter**. We hope his surgery goes well and he is back to keep those brothers in line soon!! We had a wonderful surprise this past week, **Walter Schlehuber** and **Jan Gabe** and **Sylvia Sum**

were all back on the same day after long absences. All were back on the courts again playing. **Walter's** surgery for his back went well and **Jan** is rehabbing her own knee and is doing better than the PT people! **Sylvia** had been traveling to Germany and then returned. She was having some health issues and then visitors brought more problems, causing her to have to leave her home and stay else where. She finally got back home and was finally feeling a little bit better and came out to play. What a great day, having everyone back! **Richard Innenberg** had an interesting trip to Tahoe with his boys skiing, that ended up in emergency surgery. We are really glad everything went so well and he is playing some great pickleball. again. **Randy Chandler** has tendonitis and we are missing him too. **Caroline Daniels** has been gone also. Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother.

### Discovery Bay Pickleball Club Tournament

**The Delta May Day Pickleball Challenge Fundraiser.** This is being held to raise more money for their pickleball complex. Please support them and the tournaments are fun and well run. It will be held on May 18th and 19th, Saturday and Sunday. Round Robin Format, prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, 2.0 to 4.0 levels. It will be held in Cornell Park in Discovery Bay. Cost is \$35 plus \$10 for each event. Register on [Pickleballtournaments.com](http://Pickleballtournaments.com). Any other donations are welcomed.

### Save the Dates

The **WCPC Annual Membership Meeting** will be held on, **Saturday, May 11th at 8:30 AM** before regular play at Rudgear Park. **Cece Kohl** and **Danielle Lucking** will be bringing light breakfast snacks and juice. Let's hope the rain has stopped before this meeting! Please put this on your calendar and come and play after the short meeting.

The **First Annual WCPC Tournament** will be held over Memorial Day Weekend. **Sunday May 26th** and **Monday May 27th**. Planning is just starting. **Mark Nollsch** and **Cece Kohl** will be working on this and we will let you know the details later.

### More Pickleball Information

Join the **USAPA**, which is the organization that runs pickleball tournaments and makes rules changes, etc. It does not cost much and you get an online magazine every other month with lots of updated information about the game and equipment. You can check out the Referee information and even take practice tests to see how much you know about the game. Check out the website.

You might also want to join the **SSIPA** which is the organization that is running tournaments for the over 60 crowd. You also get newsletters from them.

There is a tournament being held at Willow Pass Park that is an SSIPA tournament on June 29th and 30th. It is called **Best of the West Super Senior Pickleball Championships**. You can sign up for it on the [Pickleballtournaments.com](http://Pickleballtournaments.com) website. That is the main website you can use to find out about past or future tournaments that you may want to attend. Be warned, you have to sign up very early for many tournaments now because of the large number of players traveling everywhere to participate. You must be a SSIPA member to play this tournament.

Our own [Walnutcreekpickleballclub.com](http://Walnutcreekpickleballclub.com) website has lots of information and links to different organizations also. There is a Member Only area if you want to join and have a password so you can view the database of members, which is helpful for tournaments or finding someone in your city to play with.

Don't forget to use our **WCPC** Club Code, **CRRPC** when shopping at **Pickleball Central**. You get a 5% discount and the club gets the 5% back at the end of the year. We use it to help pay for balls during open play, inside and out.

