



WCPC 2018 November Newsletter

October ended with our fun Halloween costume play day! More than half showed up in costumes and played in them. **Mary Nelson** as a fairy and Dave **Weingart** as Austin Powers won gift cards and **Kim Bouffard** with her inflatable wings and **Darrell Hoh** as the weird and scary green pickleball guy in a bathrobe complete with pickleball headband, also won gift cards. It was a fun day. **Cece Kohl** brought the "treats", fruit cups and coffee and juice and cupcakes and brownies, and we all enjoyed the day! **Leslie Holt** brought some of the sweetest little tomatoes from her garden too! Must be a great garden! Pictures are posted on our Facebook page.

November started off with amazing warm weather for playing pickleball outside everyday. Absolutely beautiful days and afternoons. **Angeli Stanwick** brought some beautiful orange flavored fall leaf cookies that we enjoyed several days after our Annual Membership meeting. Little works of art! She also brought pumpkins and turkey cookies too! More art and yummy!(also on Facebook!)

Annual Membership Meeting

Everyone on the ballot was elected at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 3rd and will serve on the WCPC Board for 2019. Thank you all who stayed on, **Hormoz Baba, Danielle Lucking, Bill Marsh, Pasko Varnica**, our webmaster and the new board members that volunteered to help run the club, including **Cece Kohl** and **Teresa Wenzel** and **Ana Leskovar** and **Mark Nollsch**. Thank you **Ron Blasquez** for taking over, again, for **Thom Macpherson** as our Venue Manager. Many thanks to **Thom** for keeping the balls coming this past year! What a job that has been! Some only last a day!

Thank you to the nominating committee also, **Tosh Kuritsubo, Linda Bower** and **Chris Smith**.

We had a fun play day after the election. **Cece Kohl** brought fruit cups and raspberry and blueberry danish, donuts. We had a raffle and **Hilary Ward** and **Johanne Poulin** and **Kelly Morgan** won Starbucks gift cards and **Dick Hildebrand** and **MaryZatel** won some very nice baseball style hats from the Livermore club that were donated by **Dee Morris** and **Liam Krauss**.

Next, we had the good and the bad, we had our country's general election for the mid term and then days later the Camp Fire stated near Paradise CA and destroyed that community and threatens Chico State and is still burning, over 113,000 acres and is not even close to being contained. Our cities will have to start planning for fires in new and better ways with the warmer weather and droughts that seem to be getting worse every year. Our thoughts are certainly with all those in and near Paradise and Malibu and Pepperdine University and

with the Woolsey Fire burning over 91,000 acres. We hope for the safety of all the firefighters every single day.

Welcome to our New Members

Kurt Borneman, Amy Bronstone, Robin Bunton, John Fontius, Greg Harper Wilder, Deborah Lau, Peter Lowden, Tim Lowell, Russel Ogawa, Rob Popowcer, Traci Rebiejo, Gary Smith and Jill Tracy.
Welcome one and all!

Our membership has grown to almost 470 now! Great number and great group!

Tice Valley Gym

Because of the extended warm weather, not many have been playing at Tice daily. The management decided to drop Thursdays. So we have Monday and Wednesday, 9 AM to 1 PM and Friday 9 AM to Noon for pickleball there. We do have 3 portable nets over there for the winter, in case we can use the extra portable net. Balls were replenished there last month also.

With the fires and smoke, this is probably a good option right now.
Tice is closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after too.

Ultimate Fieldhouse

We have not asked for hours there yet for indoor play, but we also took another net over there, making four portables for the winter. Rusty Lent ran a team building for Chevron last month. It was a large group that was lucky enough to learn about it from Rusty! He makes it fun and exciting.

ARC at Methodist Church in Alamo

They still have their morning and afternoon sessions, with Rusty Lent teaching a clinic on Thursdays for new players. You sign up on their website. The link is on the WCPC website if you need more information.

Missing those with Injuries

Rajat Jain hurt his elbow and he has been gone too long. **Rich Zavala** pulled his hamstring. He showed up as Superman for the costume party with Supergirl his wife **Gail**, but is still nursing a sore leg. **Walter Schlehuber** is still having sciatica and hip/back pain and has not played for a long time. **Lee Otsuki** had his hip replaced, I know all about that one! **Tosh Kuritsubo** played too much at BASG and hurt his back. **Larry Grabel** has been injured and we are missing him too. **Jan Gabe** is feeling a little better and doing PT on her own now. We hope all of you will be better soon and back on the courts with all your pickleball buddies! We miss you! Injuries are no fun, we just have to do more maintenance now!

Moving?

We heard that **Barbara Bogue**, a very long time supporter of our club might be moving in 2019 to Spring Lakes, Washington. Her support and friendship will be very much missed here in Walnut Creek. Stay in touch Barbara!

King/Queen of the Courts

Len Saputo has been instrumental in getting this going on Saturday afternoons and we have held it twice now. Last Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Two teams went undefeated until the end. **Bob Walgren** and **Kriss Tyson** stayed on Court 1 and held it for 5 games. But **Bill Marsh** and **Hormoz Baba** worked their way up from the bottom court never losing a match and beat them in the final game on a very warm afternoon! Lots of fun and exercise for all those men and women that played!

Paddle Donations

Steve Ritz was nice enough to donate two more Selkirk paddles to the club! Thank you Steve, very thoughtful! And

Vicki Morse also donated three paddles. Very nice Vicki! Now we have plenty of loaner paddles, when new members are learning the game.

Huntsman Senior Games

This special tournament was held in mid October. **Denny Erardi** and **Elaine Hennessy** played in their first Huntsman and did very well, Silver in Women's 55-59A Doubles. **Duff Danilovich** and **Gianni Givogri** also did well, getting a Silver in Mixed Doubles 70-74! **Duff Danilovich** and Ron **Blasquez** got the Bronze in Men's 70-74A Doubles! Way to play everyone!

USAPA Nationals in Indian Wells

This was the tournament to top all tournaments. With over 2200 entrants and over 40 pickleball courts, it was just held for 9 days, ending on last Sunday. Many of the games are on You Tube or check our our Facebook page, we shared many of the matches on there too. Some incredible play! They will hold the Nationals there for the next 4 years. Can't wait to see it grow even more!

Jon Rego won Gold in Mixed 3.0, 65+ with his partner from HI. **Gordon Johnson** won Gold in Men's Doubles 3.0, 80+!!

Glen Lucey won Bronze in Men's Senior Open Singles. **Thom Macpherson** and **Duff Danilovich** won the Bronze in Men's 4.5, 70+!! **Thom Macpherson** and **Stacy Spell** got 4th place out of 18 teams in Mixed 4.0, 60+. **Dee Morris** got the Silver in Women's Doubles 3.5, 55+. **Jeanne Lowe** and **Ayumi Otome** won Silver in Women's Doubles 4.0, 50+.

Denny Erardi and **Elaine Hennessy** won the Gold in Women's Doubles, 4.5, 55+!!!

Caden Nemoff won a Silver in Junior Boys Doubles 17-18 and ad Silver medal in Men's 4.5, 19+ Singles!

Our members are doing so well in so many tournaments, it is hard to keep up! Check out the member tournament web page on our website for more information.

Christmas Party December 16th, Sunday at 6 PM

We are holding our Annual Christmas party at Bob and Joyce Jensen's home in Blackhawk. You don't want to miss it! Be sure to RSVP soon to Kris Hunter at shywyo@aol.com. We hope everyone can make it and enjoy this last party of the year.

Bring a appetizer, side dish or salad and the club will be providing the Honey Baked ham. Bring your own beverages, no red wine please.

Heather Farms

The grand opening of the two new lighted pickleball courts is being held tomorrow, Tuesday, November 13th at 3:30 PM. RSVP to Lifetime Activities and come over and see the courts. By the way, **Rand Kemp** is not teaching anymore at Rudgear! He and **Cooper** will be missed on Thursday and Fridays. We hope to see him playing on the courts.

Rudgear Park

This is just a reminder to always sign in when you come to play. We track our numbers. We can all set up the table with sign in sheets, etc. With the wind and ash, we will have to keep the courts blown off as much as possible. The blower is in the shed. And there are brooms on the fence. Please help keep the courts clean. Thanks!

Please remember to lock the shed if you are the last one there. Put the balls away and any lost and found left on the tables or courts. The lock should be locked by pushing the clasp into the lock and rolling the numbers. Please check to make sure it is locked.