

To All Our Members:

Happy Halloween! Are you ready to feed the ghosts and goblins coming to your door? I am wondering how many "Donald" and "Hillary" costumes we will see this year! Scary! It's been an interesting Election Year. Do your duty and get out and vote, if you haven't already. It is a right and privilege that so many do not have.

#### Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting was held at Rudgear Park last week. The votes were unanimous to support the Nominating Committee's report. Your officer's for 2017 will be Kris Hunter, President, Jeane DeKelder, Vice President, Gary Smith, Secretary and Baba Harrison, Treasurer.

Two other members have volunteered to help next year also. Thom Macpherson will take over duties from Ron Blasquez as Equipment Manager. Ron has done a great job this year keeping us informed about the current selection of balls, keeping nets available and keeping balls stocked at our play locations. Thank you Ron!

Val Robertson will take over our WCPC Facebook Page. Many Thanks to Patty Andrews for helping us this year.

#### Membership

Our club has grown to 284 members as of last week. WCPC now has its youngest member, Dylan Payne Ewing who is 14! He and his father Danny joined our club recently. This is a great example of Pickleball catching on with everyone! It is an exciting time to be involved with Pickleball. The growth across the US has been phenomenal. We are very lucky to have Rudgear Park and Tice Valley Gym to play Pickleball. Two of our goals for next year will be to increase play time hours at Tice Gym and to try and encourage the City of Walnut Creek to put four more Permanent Courts at Rudgear Park. Both items are needed right now. Tice is already very crowded on our play days there, and winter play has just begun. At Rudgear, our club is already providing portable nets daily for club members and non-members. Both venues are just keeping up with the new faces coming to find Pickleball.

#### Good Luck at Nationals!!

This week the USAPA Nationals Vlll starts on Nov. 5 to the 14th in Casa Grande, AZ at the Palm Creek Pickleball Club, with 24 Pickleball Courts.

We have many members traveling down there to play.

"Hurricane" Katrina Briones playing in the 19+ Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles 19+ with her husband "Flash" Jordan Briones.

Jordan Briones is playing in the 19+ Singles and Men's Doubles 19+ with member David Wage. David is also playing singles in the 35+ Singles.

Denny Erardi is playing in Women's Singles 55+. John Fontius, "Reno

John" is playing in  
Men's Singles 75+.

Batong Briones and Terry "Nemo" Nemoff are playing Men's Doubles 50+  
and the Senior Men's Doubles.

Terry's son, Kayden is playing in the Junior Men's Singles 15+

Mike Luevano is playing in the Men's Doubles 65+ and the Mixed Doubles  
65+ with his partner, Joyce May.

Steve Ritz and Larry Barclay are playing in the Men's Doubles 75+  
I hope I haven't missed anyone.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU! YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF YOUR CLUB!!

#### Tournaments

We have many members playing tournaments now. If you are interested,  
please send your results in so we can post on our Tournament Web page  
for our members. The new membership forms for 2017 will have an area  
for your age in 2017 that is optional to fill out. We want our members  
to be able to find partners to play with and we post the information  
on our web site so you can search for a partner in your age bracket.  
It will be in the Member Only area.

One of our members, Duff Danilovich, won three Gold Medals at the  
Huntsman World Senior Games this year! Gold in Men's Doubles 3.5  
Skill, 65+, Mixed and Men's Doubles 70-74. Way to go Duff!  
Mike Luevano won a Bronze at the same tournament in Men's Doubles,  
4.5, 65+. Nice win Mike!

#### Walnut Creek Community Service Day

A big "Thank You" to everyone that participated in our Rudgear Park  
Landscaping Day. The new Picnic Tables are being used daily now. We  
had over 25 members helping out! Cindy Silva and the City of Walnut  
Creek also thank all of you! A special "Thank You!" to Thom Macpherson  
and Tosh Kurtisubo for keeping everyone busy!  
We hope to make this an annual event, which also improves our area of  
the park!

#### Pure 2 Balls are Gold!!

Thank you Denny Erardi for your donation of these balls when no one  
could even order them! You kept all the outdoor players happy with  
this new outdoor ball!! Good luck in AZ!

#### Old Paddles?

We are looking for a few gently used paddles, that you do not use  
anymore for use by new members, trying to decide what to buy. It is  
nice to try out a few paddles before paying for one. If you have one,  
the WCPC will pay \$10, so we can add it to the equipment bags at Tice  
and Rudgear. It is time to phase out all the very old wood paddles!!

## Tice Valley Gym

We want to thank everyone who is helping to get the portable net equipment out on our play days AND helping to put it away. Our club has had this responsibility for many years, to benefit our club members. Because there seems to be an issue with using the locker in the Men's Room for everything, we will try putting the nets in the Storage Area that we keep the White Board in. The bag with paddles and balls will still be kept in the the locker with the extra bags of balls. When the first players show up, it is your responsibility to put the portables net bags on the courts without nets. Whoever uses the court first, will put the nets up. Whoever, uses the courts with portables, last, is responsible, to take them down and put the bags on the shelf in the Storage Area. The paddle bag with balls should be put back in the locker and locked.

Also, someone should be checking the non portable net heights, they are often inches to low and not tight enough to stop the ball from pushing over the top of the net. There is a measure rod in the locker marked with the 34" center and 35" edge for the nets. Check them once in a while.

Thanks again for helping out!

Thank you Don Grant for taking care of the equipment last week, when the lock went missing. We appreciate your care of the club's equipment. Thank you Wayne Moon, for your suggestion to try the storage area.

Don't forget the new hours starting on November 1st - Mon - Wed - Thurs - Friday from 9 AM to Noon. The Thursday afternoon was dropped and that was a surprise to the board. We will try to find out why and see if we can get the hours back or extend these hours. We have the same number of hours as before. If you have suggestions you can also contact Jim Carlson, Recreation Manager or Hope Keung, Recreation Program Coordinator. They are part of the Arts, Recreation and Community Services part of the Walnut Creek City organization. They make all the decisions at Tice Valley Gym.

Also, the White Board rules.... When there are over 6 courts waiting on the White Board, we need to go to 8 point games, to keep things moving, so we don't wait so long. If this does not help, we need to go to Rally Play/Scoring.

## Rusty's Drill Day Change

Rusty is thinking of changing things up. He is now starting the day at 10 AM on Thursdays, weather permitting. We think the new format will be called, "Your 15 Minutes of Fame" with Rusty. He will now try to spend individual time with the members to help them with questions or help them with strokes or show them which shot to hit and explain when. Players showing up can stay busy playing or drilling while waiting for his bell to ring! Let's see how everyone likes this format! Thank you Rusty for continuing to help all of us to improve our games! Can I be first in line?

### Travel Pickleball Play

Maggie Hochfelder recently traveled to Ashland Oregon and found a vibrant Pickleball community there. There were many tournament players and it was a very friendly atmosphere in a small town. Check it out if you travel there.

### SAVE THE DATE

WCPC CHRISTMAS PARTY – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH– 6 PM – 10 PM

BOB AND JOYCE JENSEN'S

INVITATION AND DETAILS TO BE SENT SOON!

SAVE THE DATE

### Reminders

Don't forget to check out our web site

[www.walnutcreekpickleballclub.com](http://www.walnutcreekpickleballclub.com) for more local information about tournaments and links to the USAPA. You should join the association and get all the new information they send out bi-monthly in their online magazine.

If you order new equipment or clothing, etc. from Pickleball Central, don't forget to use our WC Pickleball Club Code for a 5% discount. The code is CRRPC. If you are planning ahead, remember Pickleball items make great gifts during the holidays!

If you still need a WCPC Membership Book, we still have a few copies available at Tice Gym or Rudgear Park, in the shed. The member info is also available on line in the Member Only Area of the web site.

We want your pictures or posts for our Facebook Page also. Send them to us!

The Encore Senior Games are being held in Concord at Willow Pass Park. You can still sign up to play. It is held on November 19th, Saturday. Many of our members are playing this tournament. Don't forget to go and check out the action.

As November gets going, we all start planning ahead for Thanksgiving and Christmas time holidays. Keep playing Pickleball, it keeps the stress down and the fun meter dialed up!

If you have any questions or ideas you want the board to know about please send them to us. We are all here to support you and our club.

Kris