

WCPC 2019 October Newsletter

October is always a favorite month of mine. The changing season, fall leaves of our local trees changing to orange, red and yellow. Driving to the mountains and seeing the groves of aspen trees, on high mountain sides in my native Wyoming and Colorado. Winds pick up and blow it all about, pushing all of us around too, chasing those pickleballs. Time to put the summer pool toys away, plant your bulbs and put your Halloween decorations out. Start planning for the coming rains and snow. Saying goodbye to our beautiful summer weather here in Walnut Creek and the greater Bay Area. More time to get out and walk your neighborhood, meet a neighbor or two, build community. That is what our pickleball club tries to do, build a large community of athletic, recreational, fun loving players that chase medals in tournament matches, chase games with our best buddies! Try a new lesson or clinic, learn a new skill, but above all have fun! Be inclusive and kind and respectful of all!

We can all get out and meet our neighbors, especially with the coming PG & E power outages! We all need friends and family and neighbors too!

Welcome New Members

Lets welcome all these new pickleball players to the club!

J. Carro, Brandon and Jeff Cordtz, William Drysdale, Sara Gergeo, Loren Humes, Lori and Mike Langley, Corena LeDonne, Pam Lougheed, Dusty Mapson, Bruce Moret, Vickie Rekart, Sharon and Steve Richard, Gary & Susan Schwartzman, Kip Siegal, Ann Stokes, Joseph Thomas, Donny Urabe, Catherine and Patrick Vaucheret, Carolyn Wei, Mark Whitfield, Dave Wittenbrock. Welcome All! We hope to see you on the courts soon!

Missing Members

Our thoughts are with **Ed Oncena** over the loss of his father , very sad news. **Monica Mitchell** was seen on Facebook in Hawaii, on a visit to see her son! Glad you are traveling Monica! We are missing **Tim Tamura** but heard good news. He is out of the hospital and went to lunch with some of our members. We are so happy **Sylvia Sum** in finally back from Germany! She was there for many months helping her father recover. He is still healing and I am sure he loved having Sylvia there with him. Our thoughts are with **Karen Drescher** and it was nice to see her at the party after a long absence.

Steve Ritz is adjusting to Salem Oregon and he is not sure which is more tiring now, pickleball or his grand child!! We are still missing **Sara Lautenbach** and hope she is feeling better. Nice catching up at the PROS meeting, too! **Dale Rohauer**, one of our new members took a little fall, but the ice packs seemed to help. We hope he is doing ok too. **Ed Baxter** is getting ready for surgery and we hope it goes well and that you are back soon!

Ball Donations

Brad Bolton donated a dozen of the Optic Green Franklin Pickleballs and **Rusty Lent** brought us two dozen of his favorite Dura Fast 40, orange and yellow balls! Thank you both! That was very generous and you covered all our color options! **J. Carro**, a new member donated \$50 for more balls too! Thank you very much! We went though 45 balls last week alone! Amazing!

Tice Valley Gym

After almost a month of renovation, Tice Gym is back open. The floor was refinished, much lighter now, no shiny finish. And they put one color for the entire pickleball court, on all nine courts! We checked the bag and there are plenty of balls and more stored there also. Having better lines will help our serving and returning!

The October Hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 to Noon, 6 courts and Thursday 9 to Noon, 3 courts. **Hope Keung**, the Program Director has always tried to help the pickleball group with hours and courts. We hope to hold some drill days and clinics over there this winter, once the rains send us inside.

Rudgear Park

We have been having busy days almost everyday of the week and weekend. So many travelers stopping by the play while they are in town and so many new local players! Our biggest day was 84 players. The wait was long and we could have used 8 more courts.

A letter was sent to all the **neighbors** directly across the street from the courts, the entire block. I told them, we would try to keep parking on the park side of the street and I stressed that we would not block any driveways or park to close to them. There are plenty of parking spaces just down the hill from the courts, where we won't impact anyone. Please try to respect the neighbors.

All play must also start after 8 AM because of the neighborhood CC& R's. If you are there early please play on the new courts away from the homes on the other end and please don't use the blower until after 9 AM.

Anyone can put out the white board or the sign in table and the ball buckets. We all take turns doing that and cleaning the tables now and then.

We took the blue tarp down and it gave us some shade over the hot summer months. We will be looking at some sun screens to put back up in the Spring. It is nice to sit in between games when the temperatures are up there!

The courts were finally **washed on August 19th** with the water broom after issues with water pressure at the hook up. They should be washed monthly, but we settled for every two months. They have only been washed once this year. We have asked **Lifetime Activities** for a schedule of cleaning, including blowing off weekly to be posted at the courts and are still waiting for our pickleball guideline signs which we hoped to get last year.

Food Glorious Food

It amazes me all the time! **Vicki Morse** brought tiny candy tomatoes on the 1st, **Rusty Lent** brought watermelon and pastries on the 6th, **Giani Givogri** brought sweet Sapphire grapes and pears and tomatoes on the 13th. Amazing grapes! **Rusty** brought more watermelon on the 14th! **Leanne Strong** brought nectarines and someone brought fresh apples on the 19th! **Emily Nelsen** brought flowers from her garden and three types of fresh apples from her one tree that had been grafted, years ago on the 20th. Thank you for those flowers! Very nice of you! **Steve Bagot** brought his own homemade cookies, chocolate chunks with turbinado sugar on the edge that were warm in his bag sitting in the sun! Just like fresh baked, right out of the oven. Can you tell I was hungry that day! I want that recipe! **Rusty** brought more cookies (yum!) on the 22nd and **Teresa Wenzel** brought guacamole and artichoke dips and chips on the 22nd. Then **Cece Kohl** brought chicken wings, meat balls, hot bean dip and chicken BLT dip and chips and crackers on the 23rd. I missed who brought the ice cold grapes on the 26th, but thank you! **Randy Chandler** brought his homemade snicker doodles on the 29th. And just think about this, these were just the days I was there! Thank you all, you foodies!!

Community Service Day - This Weekend!

Saturday, October 12th, 8:30 AM to Noon or 1 PM. Meet at the courts at 8:30. Come to the sign in table and fill out the waiver and emergency contact information, before we start and get a name tag. We will have some snacks and drinks available, but bring your own refillable water bottles. We will not have plastic water bottles this year.

Project Leaders will be there by 8:15 AM.

You can always start the morning by going to Heather Farms earlier, 7:30 AM, to get a t-shirt and have pancakes before coming to the courts to help.

We will clear areas around the courts and put wood chips down after we rake the grass and weeds. Bring gloves and hats, sturdy shoes, hand clippers or long handled tree limb pruners, rakes, shovels. Please put your name on your equipment too! We want you to go home with it!

Thank you to all, that have already signed up on line or at the courts. All have been registered on line so you should receive reminders from the city too.

Diablo Country Club Pickleball

Todd Walker told me the other day that his daughter **Diana Walker** is now helping and teaching pickleball at Diablo Country Club. She plays at a high level pickleball game and has another job besides this one. They are having Inter-club leagues with Blackhawk Country Club! I know Blackhawk CC and Castlewood CC were doing some leagues matches earlier, also.

WCPC Website

Pasko Varnica helped us get PayPal on our website! It should help members at the end of the year with renewal of memberships. There is a one dollar service fee to use it. We also have a fallible membership form that you can email to our Membership Chair, **Teresa Wenzel**. Thank you **Pasko** for helping us step further into the future! Your help is invaluable! **Pasko** and his wife, **Colleen** were at the ribbon cutting of the new pickleball courts in Lodi on September 21st! New courts are popping up everywhere!

Halloween and Pickleball - Thursday, October 31st

Find your mask! Where is that fun costume? Bring all your Michael Jackson, "Thriller" moves! We had so much fun last year, we thought we would do it again this year. **Danielle Lucking** our **Social Chair** and **Cece Kohl** our **Club Secretary** will be providing all the ghoulish Snacks and Drinks. We will give Prizes again for Best Costumes and will be given out at 11AM. . It will be a fun day of pickleball! Start planning your costumes now!!

Annual Membership Meeting

Put the date on your calendar, **November 16th, 8:30 AM** at Rudgear Park. We will hold our annual membership meeting to elect the Board of Directors for next year. We will send out a Proxy vote about two weeks before the meeting. You can vote that way or come to the meeting and vote there. We will play pickleball after the short meeting at 9 AM. **Danielle Lucking** and **Cece Kohl** will bring snacks and drinks for the meeting.

The Nominating Committee has been looking in to filling open board positions and will send their report and recommendations to the Board mid October. Thank you **Tosh Kuritsubo, Linda Bower and Duff Danilovich**.

Christmas Party

We are **still looking** for a new place to hold the Christmas Party! If any of our members have a home we could use or know of something we could rent, please let **Danielle Lucking** , email is **daniele94523@gmail.com** or you can contact any board member also.

We are already behind schedule doing this. We happily, were used to **Bob and Joyce Jensen** providing us with their wonderful home for four years! They spent their final day at Rudgear on Sept. 10th and we had a few snacks, juice and fruit and did a little toast to their new home. They have now fully moved to Palm Desert! WE will MISS them very much but wish them all the best! They said they would stay in touch.

Free Pop Up Pickleball in Danville

Wednesday, October 16th, 10 AM to 1 PM at Danville's South Park
Thursday, November.14th, 6 to 8:30 PM at Los Cerros Middle School
For more Information call 925-314-3400!

Fundraising for dedicated Ocean View Park PB Courts

Debra Berhardt has been working for a long time to get these courts in Albany. She has attended many meeting and kept the pickleball moving forward! Good job Debra! They are almost there! Now she has her brother, **Steve Seskin**, a Grammy nominated singer and songwriter for Peter Paul and Mary, Kenny Chesney, Waylon Jennings and Tim McGraw and others, to do an evening of music on October 26th at 7 PM at St. Albin's Church in Albany CA! Wow! This is a must go and listen!! The cost is \$35 and the proceeds will all go towards the new courts. <https://ocean-view-permanent-pickleball.eventbrite.com> Use this link or email Debra at debromi707@yahoo.com.

New Drop In Days in San Ramon

Try it out on Oct.13th, Iron Horse Middles School located at 12601 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon, CA 94583, It will be open on Sundays from **4:30PM to 7:30 PM** for Pickleball every Sunday! They will have 3 Beginner courts, 3 Intermediate courts and 3 Advanced courts. Cost is \$5 at the door, NO cash, Credit Card or Active membership card. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and signed in. Please bring your own equipment.

Lafayette New Pickleball Courts

Lafayette Rink at the Community Center, located at 500 St. Mary's Road. It is a multi-sport facility for hockey, basketball and now Pickleball! Check the Lafayette City website for more information.

Rausch Park Pickleball Tournament

You can sign up on Pickleballtournaments.com. It is going to be held Oct. 24 to the 27th.

Membership

Can you believe it? **Teresa Wenzel** told us at our board meeting that we have **520** active members now! Wow! We have had a huge increase in players coming to the courts, also, averaging about **50 a day** now for morning drop in play! **Is pickleball growing or what??!!**

End of Summer Party was a Blast!

We can't thank **Steve Martin and Leslie Holt, enough** for opening their home and beautiful gardens for our last summer party! **Leslie** works very hard to keep these gardens perfect! So many tables and chairs to sit in and watch the others dance and catch up with everyone. **Teresa Wenzel** made cute pickleball name tags for everyone. All 100 of us got one! **Leslie and Lisa Regal** worked hard to decorate, including gold pickleball's with green ribbon hanging over the very large (pool table) serving table, for everyone's pot luck dishes and photos of members hanging all around the patio area were fun to look at and remember. The bar and drink set up tent worked so well and we served ourselves drinks and desserts.

The tri tip cooked by **Teresa and hubby Andy Wenzel** was great and perfectly cooked before the party and everyone loved the flavor of their secret rub!

Liam Krauss's band, "Remedy", provided "our music" for most of the evening. Don't you just love live music? We all listened and danced. What a voice **Liam!** Who knew! The evening weather could not have been more perfect, warm and no wind what so ever.

Lisa Regal and Leslie gave out pickleball gifts to those tables that could answer the "**Pickleball People Game Questions**"!

The Board worked hard to set up everything so the party would run smoothly and it did. Tables, ice, tubs, paper products, waters and more. We want to thank everyone who helped set up and clean up too. **Mark Bryant, Dan Simones,, Kathy Sotaric, Anna Leskovar's friend Bill, Mary and John Webb, Kristin Lanham, Julie and Randy Chandler too.** Hope we haven't forgotten anyone! It was a very memorable evening, we won't forget. If you have pictures of the party you can send them to **Kris, shywo@aol.com** and we can post on Facebook. The band **Remedy** would also like any video's or photos anyone might have taken. You can contact **Liam Krauss at liamacoustics@yahoo.com.**

Here is a sample of **Lisa Regal's questions**, we all had to answer. It should have been called, get to know your members better!

1. Who immigrated to this county, with only \$800 in their pocket and was able to achieve their ultimate goal to become a member of the WCPC? This person also shares a name with one of the most famous fictional characters of a book published in 1840? **Hormoz Baba**
2. Who used to date a member of the Mafia and lived to tell about it? **Kim Bouffard**
3. Who played doubles with Martina Navratilova against Tracy Austin and another amateur? This person is also a graphic designer? **Helene Rostock**
4. What man in our club, not only knows how to cha-cha, samba and waltz, but can also quick step? Mr. Twinkle toes, **Steve Martin**
5. These two pickleball players are talented in many ways. They can keep you safe. They are so good at that, that one was in Hillary's motorcade and the other was in her husband, Bill's motorcade? They are also professional umpires?
Ed Oncena & Pete Sciarrrta
6. This person is from the state, that has the best motto, "Equal Rights" and was the first state to give women the right to vote? This person has done a lot for pickleball at Rudgear? **Kris Hunter**
7. Which one of us has been featured in People Magazine, not for drunken debauchery with a Kardashian, but for the Charity they founded? **Lisa Klein**
8. Being a doctor is a big enough accomplishment for most of us. But not this person - they are also an author and has won, not 1 but 2 world championship in tennis? **Len Saputo**
9. This man was born in England but wanted to find the perfect wife so he moved to Canada. After finding her and marrying her, he wanted to find the coolest people and coolest pickleball club so he moved here to the U.S.? **Tim Kean**