

WCPC 2019 April Newsletter

April has been great! A few weeks of really warm, great weather has brought everyone out to the courts! I'm happy to put all those months of rain and cloudy weather behind us for a while. Everything is blooming, beautiful, including my lilacs and Sterling roses. My fragrances of Spring! But it's bad news for some players with allergies! Our picnic tables in the shade are now being used to stay cool until the next game.

WCPC Tournament at Rudgear

Don't forget to sign up with **Mark Nollsch** who is our Tournament and League Chair and is running the tournament. It is being held Memorial Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 25th and 26th. The courts will be reserved both days for the Round Robin tournament from 8 AM to 2 or 3 PM in the afternoon. Please note the closure if you are not playing the tournament.

There will be Open Play on Monday as usual. The levels are 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0, doubles and mixed doubles.

The cost is \$10 for the first event and \$5 if you want to play mixed doubles too. You can contact Mark at mark.nollsch@gmail.com. We have tournament forms at Rudgear Park or on line, on our website. There is still room to sign up now! It should be a fun tournament with medals awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division. Contact Mark if you can help during the tournament, too.

Super Senior Best of the West Tournament

Michael Crane is organizing this sanctioned tournament in Concord at Willow Pass Park, which is located at 2748 East Olivera in Concord. This tournament is being held on June 29th and 30th. This tournament is for those 60+. They are still looking for volunteers to help referee and help run the tournament. Please volunteer by contacting **Warren Anderson** at 925-787-8625 or his email at warrenandersondc@hotmail.com. They still have room for a few more if you want to sign up and play. You can sign up at Pickleballtournaments.com.

New Members

Let's welcome all the new players! We have a whole new gang of players!

Dennis Allen, Nina Anderson, Steve Bagot, Steve Bunson, Brad Bolton, Tom Caldwell, Francis Carrington, James Commons, Rena d'Entremont, Charles and Nancy Deschane, Anna Flamburis, Mike Gabrielson, Kari Hamlin, Mike Hines, Jan Hufnagl, Karen Humphreys, Alan Kaplan, Inga and Jim Keldsen, Dan Kivelson, Lisa Klein, Rand Kriech, Susan Lamb, Sue Leo, Larry Madden, Karri Nielsen, Dylan Payne, Paul Rathkamp, Mary Russell, Joan Seet, Lucas Simones, Michelle South, Jeff Soule, Marsha Tiller, Darlene Vendegna, Bob Walgren, Debbie Yee,

New Dedicated Courts

Debra Bernhardt let us know that the City Council in Albany has approved 8 Dedicated courts in Ocean View Park! Here persistent lobbying finally paid off. She and **Cathy Taruskin** and others will be doing some fund raising to help get the project started as soon as possible. Congratulations to all that helped by going to meetings! Great job everyone!

New Courts in Tahoe

Bill Dougherty let us know that the tennis courts in Kilner Park will be striped on one tennis courts for temporary pickleball nets and they will also add four Dedicated pickleball courts! He is spear heading the conversion of these courts and may be doing some fundraising too.

Donations

Many thanks to **Mark Bryant** and **Vicki Morse** for donating ball this month. And thank you **Gianni Givogri** and **Bob Ziegenhagen** for donating money for balls. We are trying to keep up, but the way the Dura Fast 40 and Franklin balls break, daily, the club appreciates the help!

Cece Kohl found a way to recycle the large bags of broken balls. Some of the schools PE teachers wanted them! They went to Stone Valley Middle School in Alamo and Cal High School in San Ramon. Way to go Cece! We didn't know what to do with them!

We've Been Missing You!

Julie has been on the courts, but its been a while since we've seen **Randy Chandler**, who is nursing a hamstring injury. We are missing you! **Cedric DeVries** wife, **Lynn** had surgery and is recovering well. That is great news! It has been a long road to this point. We are grateful! **Donna Gray** is back after a bad fall and concussion. So good to see her on the courts! And surprise, **Len Saputo** is finally back to keep those brothers of his, **Michael and Peter**, in line! His hip surgery went well too. There is always a lot of laughter from their court! Welcome back Len!

Both, **Darrell Hoh** and **Chris Smith** have been spending months taking care of family, their mothers. We are glad to see both of them back in action on the courts. You were missed too.

Brad Falk had been MIA for a while but he is back now too. **Blaster**, I mean, **Brett Collier** has been back playing regularly again too.

Walter and Beverley Schlehuber haven't been seen lately. **Walter** had his back surgery and was doing well and was back playing a little.. We hope he is continuing to improve.

Sylvia Sum, we haven't seen you in a while either! You are missed!

Treats on the Tables

Palm Sunday was a very busy day at Rudgear and so many brought snacks. **Vicki Morse** brought her delicious snap green beans from her garden. We had several days of those! Thanks Vicki! We had dips and chips from **Teresa Wenzel**, a wonderful pastry from **Carol Manuel**, **Maggie Hochfelder** brought artichoke dip and chips. We got home made cookies from **Wendy Richardson** too. We all had to play many more games to burn these calories! What fun!

Rusty Lent, "the Nail", shows up regularly with chocolate chip cookies and Easter candy, too! Thanks Rusty! You are the best! He's always got great tips to help us learn the game too. He is a ITPA certified teaching professional in pickleball too. If you hang around him long enough you end up with a nick name too!

This Sunday, April 28th, we had fresh coffee from Pete's from **Dave Brown** and his son! And **John Brophy** brought us brownies to go with the coffee! Thanks guys! Breakfast was great! And **Teresa Wenzel** brought pineapple for a couple of days, my favorite fruit!

Overheard by the Picnic Tables

I was listening to an interesting conversation the other day. **Bruno Jahn** and **Bob Ziegenhagen** were swapping stories. **Bruno** was talking about his motorcycle and how he splits lanes in traffic still. (I did that years ago when I was young and was scared and hanging on tight with my eyes closed.) And **Bob** was talking about his mountain bike and how he bounces off rocks when he's out there riding! I laughed and thought if I'd didn't know these two mature men, I'd think they were kids! I guess we are all kids at heart!

Watching some High Level Play

While we are sitting at the picnic tables, catching our breath or catching up with each other, we have had some nice matches to watch with **Batong Briones** and **Jennie Witrous**. They have been playing tournaments together at the 4.5 level for a while. It's great to see some, well played mixed doubles. **Batong** has recently had both of his knees replaced too!! I think he is moving more than he did before! It's all good and makes for great viewing!

New 2019 Member Directories

Teresa Wenzel put a lot of time and effort into the directory as our Membership Chair, getting everyone into the directory before it went to the printer in March! **Rossmoor Realty** has been doing this service, and providing these directories, to our club for many many years! Please thank them, too. You can pick them up at Rudgear Park right now and we will have them at Tice Gym soon. If you missed the cutoff and have just joined, you will be on the member directory on our website, in the private member only area, which is password protected.

Teresa has also put together a list of all our players by age, which is a huge help if you are looking for a partner by age group and then rating for tournaments. If members provided their ages, this information can help you find a partner. Contact Teresa if you have any questions. She is at Rudgear most mornings.

WCPC Membership Meeting and Voting

Don't forget to vote by proxy, or email, on the WCPC By Laws update that was sent out. Send your votes to **Cece Kohl** our Secretary at cmkoh13@gmail.com. Or come to the **General Membership meeting** on **May 11th at 8:30 AM** before regular play on **Saturday** morning. We will have breakfast snacks and you can pick up the new member directory too.

Save the Date

June 22nd, Saturday is the club's 10 year Anniversary Party. We will hold a picnic at Rudgear Park and play Poker Chip Pickleball to mix up the games. More details will follow.

Our History

If you don't know the history of our club, here it is. We started off as the Rossmoor Pickleball Club many years ago in **2009**. **Bill Dougherty** founded the club with his wife **Joan** and about 10 others. He was the President for many years and continued to grow the membership. In October of **2014**, we split off from the Rossmoor and formed the Walnut Creek Pickleball Club. **Dick Hildebrand** was the President of the new club for several years and made the transition work. Each club had about 70 members when we split In 2014. Dick and the Board, did fundraising to convince the City of Walnut Creek and Lifetime Tennis that we needed dedicated pickleball courts in Walnut Creek. **In 2015**, it all paid off and we got four dedicated courts and four courts that were striped, for temporary/portable nets at Rudgear Park. In **2018**, we did fundraising again, and paid to convert the multi-use court to four more dedicated pickleball courts. **Now we have 8 courts and already, some days, could use more!!**

We call Rossmoor our "**sister club**" as many members from both clubs still play together weekly. Both clubs have over 500 members in each club! Life is good! Pickleball is great!

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