

2019 WCPC August Newsletter

Summer Vacations, Road Trips, National Parks, BBQ's, Wine Country, Hiking, Biking, Swimming, Boating and Pickleball! How have you been spending your time this last month? California offers more choices than most states, although, they were still skiing in Colorado late into July. Hope you have been enjoying your family time or friend time or trying new adventures. From the numbers showing up at Rudgear, I'm not sure anyone works anymore! We are definitely using the courts all morning and most every evening too.

New Members

Let's welcome all these new players to our club!! Wow! Lots of new members! Pickleball is on fire!

Carmen Alcaraz, Leslie Anderson, Rebecca Bergman, Gary and Sharon Caires, Sam Chang, Rich Conti, Matt Cox, Jenna duBoisblanc, Loretta Esan, Bill Faraghan, Skye Faraghan, Rich Gitelson, Patty Gross, Barry Hampshire, Janet and Pat Hoy, Carol Jacinto, Gale and Michael James, Rebecca and Scot Johnson, Alan Kaplan, Greg Koos, Ernie Lavorini, Sergio Lira, Jake Lounsbury, Alan Mathews, Jack and Melissa Moehle, Carolyn Nelson, Emily Nelson, Karin Poe, Adam and Shell Portner, Christine and Dale Rohauer, Lisa and Peter Snowden, Carl Taibl Sr. and Carl Taibl Jr., Dana Tillson, Diane Williams.

Donation of Balls!

First, Dutch Zuurmond donated 4 dozen optic green Franklin's. Then **Duff Danilovich** donated a dozen Durafast 40 balls. Then **Patty Spinrod** donated more white Durafast 40 balls! You would not think it could not get better, but **Eric Tate** donated two hundred optic green Franklin balls! Thank you all!!

We are still going through balls like crazy folks, but many, many thanks to all the above, for keeping the club flush with our favorite two balls. We think the Franklin are lasting longer than the Dura Fast 40 during the summer but who knows? This is still something the manufacturers could work on!

Thank You!

Thank you **Ron Blasquez** for repairing one of our gates, that "**Wilder**" **Greg Harper**, had a confrontation with last month. The gate was fixed in a day! We love the gates Ron built as it keeps the balls safely on each court, so they can't roll under the feet of those playing near by.

Thank you **Tosh Kuritsubo** and **Ed Oncena** for fixing the tarp, as the wind has tried to remove it. It works well to shade some of the tables, especially on these very warm days. The club is looking into some sun shades in the future.

Thank you **Tosh** for fixing the net mechanism on Court 5, the net now stays where it is suppose to be, 34 inches in the middle.

Tice Valley Gym

Tice Valley Gym closed this week for almost a month. They are redoing the gym floors. We heard that the lines will be easier to see once they reopen. When they reopen they will be offering pickleball on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 9 AM to Noon, 6 courts each day in September. Their schedule can be found on line if you want to print a copy. The cost is \$5 a day.

The Arcenter at the Methodist Church in Alamo

They were closed over the summer but are offering pickleball on their 3 indoor courts again. Monday through Friday 9 AM to 1 PM . The cost is \$5. On Thursdays, **Rusty Lent** teaches lessons and clinics there from 1 PM to 4 PM. He is a **IPTPA Certified Teaching Pro**. If you want to learn the basics and learn the right strokes and strategy, talk to Rusty and set something up.

Rudgear Courts

Lifetime Activities finally got water pressure to work and cleaned the courts on August 19th. It had been an entire year since the last water broom washing of the courts! We don't think that is often enough and there are still stains on some of the courts that did not improve with the washing. Please remember, no food or drinks, except plain water should go our on the courts. We have asked Lifetime for a written cleaning schedule of blowing off and water brushing the courts.

Thank you **Steve Bagot** for blowing off the courts a couple times during the week. We can definitely see the difference with less tree debris!

Kathy Sostaric made a great suggestion. Why don't we all keep our pickleball bags below the wire on the fence near the courts? We can all watch the play on the "Show Court" much easier.

The **White Board** has tried a few new locations to make it easier to get on and off the courts. I believe it has settled further towards the middle of the fence by the "Show Court", away from the gate, which was too crowded. Players can see their names more easily and be ready to take a court when others come off.

With many members bringing their sweet four legged friends, we ask that they be kept on a leash. We have such busy days that we don't want anyone tripping over man's best friends!

One Amazing Day at Rudgear!

Teresa Wenzel, our Membership Chair, reported that last week we had 84 players show up one morning!! There were much longer waits than usual, but the courts have seen a big increase in use this summer. The numbers of players coming daily can be seen just by the cars parked by

the park in all directions, across the street by every neighbors home, up the street across from the courts! **Please remember to respect the neighbors driveways** and give them room to back theirs cars out. The small space between driveways is not to be parked in, right across from the stairs going down to the courts. A disabled person lives there and has to travel by a van. Don't make this more difficult for the owners please. Their patience, with all the vehicles, parking daily, mornings, 40 to 80 vehicles and evenings from 5 PM on is packed with cars too. Please make an effort to **park on the park side** and give the neighbors a break. We have gotten some notes on cars, etc.

Remember there is a parking lot up by the 3 tennis courts that always has many spaces available, every day. It is a short walk through the park to the courts.

Food! Food!! Food!!!

How much food can one club eat anyway?? We have had so much great food coming to our picnic tables! **Johanne Poulin** brought watermelon and apricots, **Teresa Wenzel** brought guacamole one day and then brought her great nachos another day! **Vicki Morse** brought her garden treats, snap peas and snow pea pods and tomatoes and green/red peppers! **Maggie Hochfelder** brought watermelon on a hot day! She said she finally remembered to bring it **Leslie Holt** has regularly brought her little tomato gems that are like candy from her garden! **Dick and Lynn Hildebrand** brought their zucchini and plums! Yum! **Rust Lent** has been bringing coffee cakes and cookie treats too! And **Kristin Lanham** had a party the night before and brought two trays of watermelon and bbq chips and other nut mixtures too. **Julie and Randy Chandler** brought homegrown blueberries and **Gale and Rich Zavala** brought their pear apples too!

I am fairly sure I've missed thanking some other folks too, because I was gone a lot of July on my trip to Wyoming to be a cowgirl. Thank you all for sharing your culinary handiwork with our members! You can tell it is appreciated because there is never anything left!

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee was appointed to help find new board members to replace those that will be leaving next year. **Tosh Kuritsubo, Linda Bower and Duff Danilovich** have been talking to many members. If you are interested, you can get in touch with one of them about volunteering. They will present their choices to the Board in October and the members will vote in November or December on the new 2020 Walnut Creek Pickleball Board.

2019 Walnut Creek Community Service Day

The Community Service Day falls on **Saturday, October 12th this year**. Registration is open and an email will be sent out to all our members. We usually work all morning, from **9 AM to 1 PM** and then play after we are done. If you want a t-shirt, go to Heather Farms and have the **pancake breakfast and get your shirt at 7:30 AM**. Then come to the courts afterwards. Bring your gloves, hats and refillable water bottles. No plastic bottles of water will be provided this year as the city is trying to be environmentally thoughtful. Good shoes, rakes and clippers to cut bushes, and weeds away from the court edges will all be useful too. We will spread more bark around the back edges of the courts.

We had asked A T&T about painting a pickleball motif on one of their boxes, but we heard, the company does not allow any additions.

Injuries or Missing in Pickleball

Last week **Tim Tamura** took a very hard fall, hitting his head on the court and had to be taken by ambulance to John Muir. Once they loaded him on to the stretcher, he did raise both arms up signalling he was ok! He was in ICU for several days as a precaution. He is out of ICU but they are keeping visitors to a minimum until they give him the ok. I know **John Swindell** and **Cedric DeVries** and **Warren Anderson** stopped up to see him and barely got a few words in before they were asked to leave. Everyone has been very concerned and we will keep you informed. We know the "**Panda**" will be back as soon as he is able, to show us the game!

Take note, this is something we all need to understand.....we all need to be careful when running back for an overhead shot. **The rule is Turn First and Run Back, to a location well behind where the ball will land. Let the Ball Drop and then Return it.** You don't want to run backwards, as it is much too easy to lose your footing unless you practice doing it often. Practice turning and running back!

We are still missing some of our members that we have not seen lately, **Nancy Smith**, who moved to a new location. We hope she is enjoying her new surroundings and is in our thoughts. We heard that **Cedric DeVries** wife, **Lynn** is feeling much better and that makes us very happy! We know **Elaine Hennessey** is still rehabbing after her shoulder surgery and we miss seeing her! Her playing partner **Denny Erardi** seems to be back playing after getting over her injury. **Don Grant**, are you back on the courts yet? **Carol Jacinto** is finally over her foot injury and playing again! **Bill Lide**, how is your shoulder doing? Are you back playing yet? **Paul Rathkamp** tore his Achilles and has had surgery. We know it will take some time to recoup but you are in our thoughts! **Bill Matherly**, we haven't seen you in ages! **Tricia and Angus Murray**, is life in New York City just fab? Is there pickleball? **Steve and Linda Ritz**, did you find some pickleball in Oregon?

Marianne Green, we hope you are enjoying Golden Colorado and sipping champagne there! **Linda Gray**, are you enjoying Idaho? **Barbara Bogue**, how is Washington treating you? **Bill and Joan Dougherty**, are you enjoying pickleball in Tahoe? **Bob and Joyce Jensen**, how are those grandkids? Do they love you new home in La Quinta? Did **Joyce** recover from her surprise trip to Europe and her birthday party?

The **emergency contact information** we take on the Membership Forms is important as you can tell from the above story. Please update that information if it has changed recently with Teresa, our Membership Chair. That information is kept under the sign in sheets in case of an emergency.

Tournament Pages on Website

We've been trying to keep up with all the medal winners and have updated the information. There are getting to be so many tournament players that the list exceeds all our expectations! We

also try to post pictures if you get them on our Facebook Page. If you want something posted please send it and eventually we will get the information out there! We have wonderful fun rec players and many competitive tournament players too. It is a nice mix!

New Grill for Parties

Teresa Wenzel and Hormoz Baba, our Vice President, were watching the sales and we found a new grill to use at our Summer Parties at Ace Hardware. Hormoz brought his truck to pick it up. **Bill Marsh** won't have to race back and forth to his home and back to the courts with cooked burgers and hotdog's at next years summer party!

The End of Summer Party

We are just in the planning stages and will let you know once we have some set plans for the party. It will be held sometime in early October.

USAPA, SSIPA and Pickleball Central

Don't forget to use our **Discount Code** when you order items from **Pickleball Central** on line. It is **CRRPC**. You get 5% off and the club get the same at the end of the year, which helps us pay for balls!

Join the **USAPA** and/or the **SSIPA** if you want to know what is going on with our sport and the huge growth all over the United States and abroad. You can access the sites without joining but you also get a bi-monthly newsletter electronically when you join.

Sending Club Newsletters and Information

All of the free email accounts I have been using for several years no longer allow sending over 500 emails to our members at one time. They look at it as Bulk Mail and are trying to stop the spam email. I will be sending the info in two different mailing now. And I am looking into other options too.