

WCPC 2018 June Newsletter

June is almost over. Where did the time go? Yes, we were playing lots of pickleball. I thought May was a busy month at Rudgear Park, but June has been even more fun, with all the courts being used most days. We have had lots of visitors from out of town stopping in, including some Ambassadors, too. It is always fun to hear what is happening in other parts of the country with pickleball. The story is the same, it is growing everywhere! More courts here, more courts there!

In our area, many of the Country Clubs are putting up temporary or permanent pickleball courts. **Roundhill Country Club** is using two temporary courts and **Larry Grabel** is helping the pro, showing their members, the game. **Blackhawk** Country Club has 6 dedicated courts now and has been holding inter club matches with **Castlewood** Country Club. **Moraga** Country Club has several days a week, that they are setting up temporary courts. **Crow Canyon** has pickleball and **Pleasant Hill** Country Club is building pickleball courts from scratch. The writing is on the wall, the sport is here to stay!

General Membership Meeting

We held the meeting at Rudgear on May 24th and had many members show up to play Poker Chip Pickleball before the meeting. The weather was a little iffy but it turned out to be a nice day. We had a surprise, **Monica Mitchell** showed up! It was nice to see her out and about. We've heard she is taking some drills from **Rusty Lent** down at ARK in Alamo and is back on the court playing! Way to go Monica!

New Members

We have so many new members! Welcome all!

Kim Bouffard, Gina Burford, Brennan Corbett, Tami Finegold, Stephanie Foley, Barbara Greenwood, Barbara Griffin, Rajat Jain, Diana Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Dick Kauffman, Susan Lamb, Sara Lautenbach, Jeannie and Ron Lowe, Dave Manza, Ayumi Otome, Derrick Poon, JoAnne Poulin, Jim Richards, Lyssa Schmitt, Peter Sciaretta, Angeli Stanwick, Dan Weil, Jan Wesdorf, Kurtis Wong,

Willow Pass Park

I heard that our club helped put up new safety gates at the pickleball courts in Concord. Our very own, "MacGyver" (**Ron Blasquez**) has been at it again! Kayla approved all his fine work. There are more gates to come! Thanks Ron!

PROS Commission Meeting

What happens when 50 or more of your favorite friends and fellow pickleball players, show up at a meeting with the city in Walnut Creek????

On June 4th, our club gave the Powerpoint presentation done by **Teresa Wenzel**. Her husband **Andy Wenzel**, was our tutor and we can't say thank you enough. The presentation went very well. All five commissioners voted to approve our project, putting in four more dedicated courts at Rudgear Park! We have been working on getting these courts for over two years! Many thanks to **Dick and Lynn Hildebrand**. Thank you **Bill and Joan Dougherty....Thank you, Bev and Cindy, Cherie, Carolyn, Cathi, Linda, Stace and Thom, Rich and Gayle, CeCe, Melinda, Patty, Monita, Joyce and Bob, Danielle and Hormoz, Jan, Karen, Leanne and Robert, Milo, Art, Kriss, Rusty, Mike, Russell, Ron, Steve, Tosh, Darrell, Jerry, and Bill and Nick and Mark**

Thank you Eric Benson and Ed Baxter for the letters you sent. My apologies to anyone I missed! I was so excited!

As of today, the City Engineers are looking at the project and we have had employees down at the courts looking at what is needed. We are discussing the type of posts and sleeves and nets to be used. **Kevin Safine**, the Director of Arts and Rec., has sent us an estimate for the project costs. We have some of the money saved from the last three years and we have had some anonymous donations also. We still don't have a firm number, but may need to do some fund raising to complete the project. We will let you know as soon as we know specifics. The city plans to do the work in August. That could mean the courts will be closed for a week or so. Always a good time to take a week vacation to play pickleball somewhere else!

You can feel the excitement at Rudgear everyday! Come down and play!

Women's Advanced Play Night

We have had two evening of play so far, at Rudgear Park on Wednesday nights. **Maggie Hochfelder** has been getting everyone organized and she has had great turn outs. Everyone brings something to share and drink and the girls catch up between matches. The nice summer evenings have been great.

Crazy Eights

Eric Tate is still keeping his Tuesday and Thursday evenings filled with players too. Yesterday, he organized a Taco/Margarita night after play at Sauced, in Walnut Creek. It was a great group and lots of fun! Thank you **Eric and Liz** for keeping all of us on the courts and getting to know everyone later!

Referee Clinic

Tosh Kuritsubo and **Mark Nollsch** and I drove up to Citrus Heights for an 8 hour day of learning to referee pickleball. We had two great instructors, from the USAPA, **Bob Patten**, an Ambassador and Certified Referee Training Coordinator from Vista California and **Mark Peifer**, a Certified Referee, Ambassador-At-Large from Oceanside California. I must say, it was one of the most enjoyable days I've had at "school" in a very long time! They have both refereed the best in the game, gold medal matches at Nationals, and had great stories. They knew the rules. And we learned a lot about the game! If you ever get the chance, take a class! Maybe we can convince them to come to Walnut Creek someday and give our members a class!

Engage Golden State Championships

Don't forget to sign up for this tournament! Even if you don't sign up, go and watch the play! You will see a whole new level of play here this summer. July 27 to 29th at Concord, Willow Pass Park. You can register at pickleballtournaments.com. The final deadline is 7/17/18.

Congratulations to **Jordan and Katrina Briones**, for their new addition to the family! A little girl, **Mayan Rose**, 6/11/18. Her brother **Josiah** looks pretty happy too! Congratulations to you too, **Batong and Rose**.

Good luck with all the new duties as parents as well as this big tournament you are putting on!!

Anniversary Picnic and Play Day

We had a great time at the picnic last weekend with over 75 members attending. It was hot but everyone took more time between games to relax and cool off in the shade. Thank to everyone that made this a great event. I was thinking of **Marianne Greene** all day long!! I was missing her and those mimosa's she always, was so kind to bring. Hope she is doing well in Colorado!! She is missed!!

We heard from **Nan Arkwright** and hope she is healing and back on the courts someday soon too.

Community Service Day

We met with **Mike Vickers**, from Public Works, for our CSD project, to discuss what we should do in October. We decided another picnic table or two and a crushed granite pad under the tree by the future dedicated courts would be a good idea. He may help us with some other ideas we had too. Keep your eyes open. **Cindy Silva**, our **Mayor Pro Tem** heads up this city wide project every year! It gets so much work done around the city. Volunteer in October!

T-Shirts

We took the orders for two weeks and will be turning in the list this Friday. The shirts should be out in two weeks. We will let you know. Thank you all for your orders.

Spec Tennis

Not sure if you've heard of this new sport. I've been seeing it played at Rudgear in the afternoon. If you have ever played Paddle Tennis, it is a version of that, on a pickleball court. We may have a demo day, where you can come and try it out, sometime in September.

Wow! Another new sport! Where will we find more time???

Hope everyone has a **Happy 4th of July!** Stars and Stripes! Rockets bursting in air!