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### WCPC March 2019 Newsletter

What an unusual year we are having! It is near the end of March and I look at the forecast, and still next week we have more rain showers coming in to the area! We are as green as Ireland and the poppies cover those hills, the tulips are up and the cherry blossoms are sprouting. California is officially out of the 7 year drought. I am waterlogged, Are you? My grass "skwishes" under my feet. Our mid west states are seeing historic flooding, Nebraska, and other states, not much on the nightly news but Facebook has had some horrific pictures of the destruction of ranches and farms as far as the eye can see. Ice jams in the middle of hay fields that are 30 feet high and run for miles. Mother Nature at her worst.

### Vallejo/Benicia Pickleball Club

On March 9th, this brand new club held a grand opening of the indoor courts on Mare Island. It was a well attended affair with about 200 showing up to support the club and pickleball. There was new LED lighting for the courts and yummy pickleball paddle cookies made by **Angeli Stanwick** and lots of give aways, including paddles and pickleball lessons from the President of the club, **Patricia Strazzi**, who is also a IPTPA Certified Instructor. **Bridget Demers** and **Rudy Portis** and **Kathy Brown and Karen Siefert** are on the board. It was a great turnout and everyone had fun trying out their courts. They will be having evening and weekend pickleball hours which are always in demand.

### Redwood Heights Park in Oakland

**Darrell Hoh** let me know that this was the park he grew up near in Oakland. On **April 13th** the Redwood Heights Association is holding a Family Fun Day and Fundraiser to renovate the park. This project also includes pickleball courts. It is a family fun day, but you can go and check out the plans for pickleball. as well as trying out the Dunk Tank and Yoga or Dance classes. It should be a fun day.

## Pickleball in Piedmont

**Tom Reicher** let me know that our demo day helped get pickleball rolling over there. They got approval for 4 pickleball courts at two different locations, Linda Beach and Hampton tennis courts. And they are looking at some school property that might support new courts too. You can contact Tom at [treicher@cooley.com](mailto:treicher@cooley.com) for more information.

## Berkeley Pickleball

Some of our members are working with the City of Berkeley Parks and Waterfront Commission, trying to get dedicated pickleball courts there. **Cathy Taruskin** and **Bill Powning** are on the agenda on **April 10th** to do a pickleball presentation. If you can attend the meeting is at 7 PM, at Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St. Or you can send an email before April 1st, to Roger Miller at [RMiller@CityofBerkeley.info](mailto:RMiller@CityofBerkeley.info). Please sit down and write an email supporting these courts now!

## Albany and El Cerrito Pickleball

Our friend and member **Bell** runs the play at Ocean View Park and Castro Park in El Cerrito. There are set schedules and you can contact him at [bayareapickleballalliance@hotmail.com](mailto:bayareapickleballalliance@hotmail.com). There is also play at Albany High School Gymnasium. Indoor play on 6 courts. Lots of work keeping pickleball growing!

## Emeryville Pickleball

**Debra Bernhardt** runs play here, 4230 Hubbard Street. 4 Indoor courts. Contact her at [debromi707@yahoo.com](mailto:debromi707@yahoo.com). She is working with the City to get more courts in Emeryville.

## Crow Canyon Country Club

Another Country Club with tennis and golf is having a launch weekend for pickleball! April 6th at 3 PM and April 7th at 2 pm. I believe this is for members but you might want to check it out. Our club members have put on two demo days there over the past two years and there was a lot of enthusiasm for pickleball once they tried it. We are happy to see pickleball make these in roads. As I tell people, if you build it they will come!

## Membership Renewals

Renewals were due on **February 28th** to get into the Member Directory. **Teresa Wenzel** was hard at work getting names in and formatting the hard copy that we will hand out at the May 11th Membership Meeting at Rudgear Park. Don't worry, if you got it in late you can still be in the member only area directory on line. It is password protected. Our Directories are printed by **Rossmoor Realty!** They have a great company and have supported our club for many many years!

## New Members

March has been no different, lots of new members. Lets welcome everyone!

**Ron Bossert, Mariana Cabatu, Basil Cruz, Dean Effiandt, Gabriela Greig, James Greig, Jim Greig, Charlotte Holden, Catalina Ordorica, Missy Park, Mitch Patin, Wendy Richardson, Janet Scarpelli, Jill Shinkle, Daniel Simones, and Elena Toohey!**

## Moving Soon

**Steve Ritz and his wife Linda** are moving closer to their family and grandchildren, south of Portland. Steve was one of the first club members I met. He was born and raised here and they will be keeping the

boat here for vacations "back home". You all know what boat stands for right? Bring Out Another Thousand!

**Barbara Bogue** is also moving to Washington State sometime towards the middle of the year. She has been another long time member and supporter of the club. We will miss her too!

**Phillip Clarke** has sold his property here and bought land he will build on in Fallbrook, in San Diego County. He's been playing at the Oceanside Pickleball Club and is moving near family too.

You will all be missed!

### Injuries

**Bill Lide** had shoulder surgery for his rotator cuff and is rehabbing. It's been so long Bill! We hear you are back in DC rehabbing at the NCAA East Regional basketball games! What fun! We hear **Len Saputo** is doing great after his hip surgery. Good News! **Joan Dougherty** took a little tumble at Rossmore and broke her wrist. She was out at Rudgear watching Bill play a few games. Thankfully she has our club founder, **Bill Dougherty** taking care of her! **Shari Gonzales** is giving her ankle a little rest and is going on Spring Break to Colorado. **Wayne Moon** had knee surgery and is doing well. He stays in touch and keeps us on our toes. I am sure **Judy Moon** is taking good care of him! **Karen Siefert** was in the hospital for pneumonia but was at the grand opening at Mare Island and is back to her old self. **Bob Stoffberg**, one of Canadian members was here for a visit but is looking at a hip surgery when he gets back home. We wish him well too! **Rick Corella** is back at it after taking some time off for a bone spur on his heel.

### Members and Where We Live

Our members, while the majority are from Walnut Creek, we have members from 47 different cities and 5 States and 2 members from Canada! While dedicated tennis courts are everywhere, dedicated pickleball courts are not. That is the reason so many travel so far to play the game. Remember to thank everyone for driving over to Rudgear or Tice or the Ultimate Fieldhouse just so we can all play pickleball!

We have a list with everyone by city in case you are looking for other members to drive with. Just let us know.

### Walnut Creek Pickleball Club - Spring Club Tournament

Sign Ups are open!

**Mark Nollsch** and **Cece Kohl** are holding the Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles, Round Robin format on May 25th and 26th. 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 levels, Medals awarded. \$10 per player and \$5 for second event. Still in the planning stages and they can use more volunteers to help run it. Contact Mark at [Mark.Nollsch@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Nollsch@gmail.com) and Cece Kohl at [cmkohl13@gmail.com](mailto:cmkohl13@gmail.com).

Sign up soon as space is limited!

### Discovery Bay - Delta May Day Fundraiser

Discovery Bay is holding another fundraiser tournament for building more dedicated courts. Sign up soon. It is being held on **May 18th and 19th**. Let's support Disco Bay!! Sign up on [Pickleballtournaments.com](http://Pickleballtournaments.com)

### Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games

Leigh Galten runs a great tournament. You can contact her at [lgalten@councilonaging.com](mailto:lgalten@councilonaging.com). This is for the 50 plus crowd and is held **June 7th, 8th and 9th**. You can use [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com) to sign up. The athlete's party is fun, live music, local wines poured and great appetizers too. One of the members brings his portable grill and cooks near the courts, no cost, just giving to all the players!

### **SSIPPA - Best of the West Super Senior Tournament**

Registration is open for this tournament now. It is being held on **June 29th and 30th**.at Willow Pass Park in Concord. This is for the Over 60 crowd! There are plenty of us in that category!! They are looking for volunteers too. Sign up on Pickleballtournaments.com.

### **Golden State Pickleball Tournament**

Golden State Pickleball Tournament is held at Willow Pass Park in Concord on **July 25th to the 28th**. Some of the best players in the country will be playing. You need to sign up or go and watch all the action! Information on Pickleballtournaments.com

### **Pleasanton Middle School Pickleball**

I got an update from Bill Lide. Starting Saturday March 30th through April 9th, all 3 gyms will be under going floor resurfacing. All activities will be cancelled per Robbie Wilson at the City of Pleasanton Rec.

### **Donations**

Thank you to all that have donated paddles to the club for our bag of loaner paddles. I know **Angeli Stanwick** donated one and we got two more from another wonderful member! (Remind me if you can!) It is great to have these paddles for our newest players so that can try out different styles and weights. Thank you so much!

**Vicki Morse** has been donating Dura Fast 40 Balls. We appreciate all of them Vicki! We sure break them left and right! Thanks you so much!

Thank you for your monetary ball donation!

I know one week, **Ron Blasquez** told me, we went through 18 balls and it may have been more with all the ones our members bring too!

And I just read that pickleballs are not recyclable! That surprised me. Something the sport need to address.

### **Tice Gym April Schedule**

I just checked it our and they added Thursdays back in with three courts! Thank you **Hope!!** The regular schedule has 6 courts on MWF from 9 AM to Noon. They have been great letting us stay a little longer with all the rain.

### **Member Tournaments Medal Page Updated**

We try to keep up! So many of you are having fun and challenging yourselves! Let us know if we need to update any information about your gold, silver or bronze wins!

### **Crazy 8's Starting Next Week**

The club will be having some evening play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for those of you that work. Eric Tate is so great to run this for our members! Thank you Eric! Meet at Rudgear Park.

### **A Note From Our Member**

The following is from Kim Bouffard, one of our new members from Benicia.....I saved the best for last.

### **THROUGH MY EYES**

**Life is precious** and cannot be measured by affluence or influence. The truly noteworthy events can be the least momentous but the most wonderful.

I see these as **magical moments**. The magical moments can only stick with us when we can **recognize** the **impact** they make on our mood, our day, and in our lives.

I am sure there are more magical moments than we initially imagined.

**For me it is Pickleball!**

Pickleball has given me **permission** to experience a new level of **joy, fun, surprise, fulfillment** and most of all, **your friendships**.

I stand in awe of the **uniqueness** in all of you. I have found **your friendships** are **only exceeded** by the size of **your hearts!**

Each one of you that I have had the **privilege** of playing PB with has **touched my heart** in ways you **cannot know!**

Through my eyes, You are the **magical moments!!**

**My warmest thanks to the Walnut Creek Pickleball Club!**

Kim Bouffard