

WCPC JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

March, April, May, June! Wow four months! Time flies when you are having fun right? That statement couldn't be less true!

Did you know April was **National Pickleball Month**? It came and went with the wind! We were all missing our favorite sport.....pickleball!

The singles play that began on May 5th, actually went very well. Lots of us dusted off our old tennis ground strokes and gave it a shot! Many of our younger members were there regularly. They all know how to run for that ball still and made it look easy! Everyone has been great, following the County Health protocols for safety, bringing our own chairs to keep distance, playing with close friends we know, now called Bubble play, using our own balls and wearing masks while we wait to play. Thank you to everyone for following the rules that keep all safe.

Rossmoor Pickleball has been following the same rules and players were just as happy to be out playing, like us. Any pickleball, any day is always a good thing!

Willow Pass Park in Concord, interpreted the county rules differently, they took half of the 14 pickleball nets down, but allowed doubles play from May 5th on. They have been very busy with many of our members playing there. I think every facility wanted to keep players playing, but keep them safe. All are trying to do what they think is right.

As play picks up at Rudgear, it is very important to keep distancing from others. The fence posts are 7 feet apart, use that as a guideline. Bring your own chairs, as only 3 players can sit at every two picnic tables. **Masks are also required by the State** now, so please wear them while waiting to play. We have the hand sanitizer on the table and ball sanitizer in the buckets. Please use it. Remember, all the neighbors walk by and can see the action on the courts and they can see if it looks safe. We have made the **Nextdoor** news several times before the lock down.

Welcome to New Members

We have a new group, please welcome all: **Leslie Anderson, Thomas Caulfield, Mike and Pam Cook, Matt Coy, Karen Dam, Bill Davies, Barbara Dunne, Cindy Gershen, Judith Goff, Danno Higgins, David Huggin, Amir Jabbari, Sue Jones, Bee Kilgore, Lori Bosler Martin, Bill McAvoy, Jim Noe, Walter Ramos Jr., Richard Schmidt, Twila Slesnick, John Sutton, Josh Tomlinson, Amy Tsai, Toni Weinstein, Pamela Welsh, Jeffrey Shulman, Chuck Wong**

Membership Directories

The new 2020 WCPC Membership Directories are out and available at Rudgear. Park one up the next time you are out and about.

Donations

A big "thank you" to **Tom Caldwell** for his generous donation to help us buy more balls. Thanks so much Tom!

Dan Simoes donated his time and gas powered weed eater and cut all the grass that had grown so tall all around the courts and picnic tables. What a job! Thanks Dan!! The City park staff really appreciated the help.

Ed Oncena, one of our Venue managers brought his son down to the courts and they unrolled the back green wind screen and got it reattached after the wet winter months. Thanks so much Ed!

The club also thanks **Lifetime Tennis and Isabella Feunberg** for getting the windscreen back on the fence that divides the old and new courts. Thank you!

Recuperating

Our member and nexdoor neighbor, to the pickleball courts, **Roger Stone** is still recuperating and is still a couple of months out before we will see him back on the courts. His PT was delayed because of the virus.

Jon Rego our Vice President is back playing after getting over a very sore hip. **Rick Corella** our elite runner had a surprise surgery for a pacemaker in May. He has been back on the courts three times and is getting the hang of his new timepiece. Glad you are ok Rick! I know this must be a huge adjustment for you.

Ed Baxter finally got back on the courts and brought his wife to play too.

Mark Litzau is still recovering and we probably won't be seeing him until August. He is hanging in there and his wife Alicia is taking good care of him.

Eric Anders had been dealing with odd symptoms, including loss of balance the last time I played with him. They finally figured out an old jaw injury was impeding blood flow and causing vestibular migraines. It is called Jugular Vein Stenosis. He was finally relieved to know what was going on and will be getting back on the courts with his kids soon!

So Helpfull

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Lisa Klein we call her "Special K", happened to find a couple of paddles that had been left behind. One was **Grant Wyborny's** and he was happy to get it back. She found a blue paddle that belonged to one of a group of Oakland Firefighters that came to Rudgear on Saturday June 20th. He came back to retrieve it but it was not in the shed.. So she hunted it down and picked it up from **Yarin Molad** who was nice enough to take it home because the shed was locked, and she returned it to the Oakland firefighter. She happened to have a very nice Engage Poach she wasn't using and decided to upgrade his paddle. He was very excited to get it! She also got invited to play at the Firehouse! How fun!

She is used to getting things taken care of. She is the founder and Executive Director of **Lovedtwice.org**. Check it out!

Mike Gabrielson, our Treasurer also found a paddle and **Missy Park** was glad to get it back too! We have the best members, don't we?

Lost and Found

Maggie Hochfelder lost her keys at Rudgear on Monday and has not found them yet. They have a Rossmoor tag on them, but she lives in Oakland. If you happened to pick them up, let her know! She put a flyer at the courts.

Milestones

Debra Bernhardt had a virtual 65th birthday party thanks to her husband Bob. And **Bob Bernhardt** is celebrating his very recent retirement from Cal after 31 years too! Nice you two can celebrate together!!

Rosario Ysip also retired while we have been sheltering in place! Congrats Rosario!!

Showing Their Skills

Dave Wage, one of our Nationally ranked players and **Glenn Lucey**, also Nationally ranked in his age group came down and drilled and played some singles. It is always nice to watch and learn from those two! We don't get to see them often enough!

Glenn also has some interesting "tarp" skills. He owns a tarp that will completely cover a pickleball court. When we had those late rains on May 30th, he put it out on a court and he said it did rain a little then quit. So now he had a dry court! Unfortunately then the real rain storm came and it was a downpour! All did not go as planned that day. A very heavy, very wet tarp and many wet towels later, he finally got home. I could just visualize it all from what he told me!

Certified

Liam Krauss, our member who sings with the band, **Remedy**, that entertained us at the Christmas party, was certified by the **PPR** and is now a Coach level Instructor for beginner and advanced beginner players! Way to go Liam!

Snacks

Vicki Morse was nice enough to bring her little, oh so sweet little tomatoes to share. She was smart and put them in little plastic bags too. Thank you Vicki!

New Pickleball Courts

I heard from a member at Crow Canyon Country Club, they put in four dedicated pickleball courts! We have done many demonstrations over the years down there with our members. I guess they really wanted their own courts! Great!

Those Missing Months

Beverly and Walter Schlehuber were very busy walking their dog Milo. He thought he had gone to heaven. Their hummingbird feeders were busy and they planted lots of new plants. Beverly bought a sewing machine and had not been sewing in years, when she made all their vacation clothes and bikini's and matching shirts for her friends. They bought exercise equipment and did Classical Stretch on PBS every morning all to stay limber and healthy!

Shari Gonzales sent a picture of the home pickleball court they used to practice dinking. He son is so handsome and looks like he will be the next player in the family! What fun!

Steve Martin and Leslie Holt sent a picture of their homemade pickleball court that looked very professional! Anything can be invented to keep playing right?

Rusty Lent said he was working out every day in his home "ghetto" gym! He was in great shape before, watch out!! He missed all the pickle pals.

Monica Mitchell has been busy, recreating all her own "Mr. Bill" episodes on Facebook. It had been a lot of fun to follow the action!

Pasko and Colleen Varnica had been doing a lot of hiking but it just was not as much fun as pickleball. I so agree!

Daryll Hoh was missing playing pickleball and was hoping to see other members at a tournament that had been cancelled. So many cancelled!

Ann Wilkins stayed busy doing yoga and was getting her 10,000 steps in daily. She couldn't wait to see everyone, even if they were 6 ft away!

Mitch Goldblatt was getting play on a freind's court that he had just built.. Many of our members have home courts and invited others they knew to play, safely. How great is that?? I think a lot of us were looking around our yards wondering if we could put one in!

While I was out slaving and weeding and digging in my yard, I could here pickleballs being hit at **Monika and Grant Wyborny's** home just down the hill from me!

Bob Ziegenhagen let me know that Alameda had resumed doubles and that they had very few cases for an island of 70,000. Hope it stays that way!

Budd McKenzie sent me a video of an amazing bike in the Netherlands....the self driving bicycle. Two children in kiddy seats, being taken for a ride on it! No idea how it balanced either!

Duff Danilovich sent some info from a club that opened a few weeks before Rudgear opened. The teaching pro had tested positive, so now the club was closing for 48 hours to undergo a deep cleaning. Many of the members were very worried as he was asymptomatic while at the club. All the rules they had followed probably helped most remain healthy, but you just never know.

Many Thanks

Thank you, **Cece Kohl, our Recording Secretary** for help tracking the players all month and keeping the sanitizers for balls and for hands available to everyone that came to play. Many thanks to **Jon Rego** our Vice President, who is also on the Board for his help managing the courts for pickleball.

The ARC

I spoke at length with **James Burk** who was meeting with the church in Alamo, **SRV United Methodist Church**, to see about opening back up for pickleball. They hope to open by July 1st for the play in their gym.

USAPA

Don't forget to join this organization that is the information source for Pickleball. \$20 a year and you get loads of information about the equipment, balls, rules, etc. You also get a on line newsletter every other month.

From my Cheyenne Wyoming Newspaper

Brian Wood wrote the paper, the title of the article was "Handing out grades for people wearing face masks."

I have been noting how people here are handling the wearing of face coverings. I will assign letter grades.

An "A" to the woman with a full face mask, as well as a shirt stating, "Like a Good Neighbor, Stay Over There."

A "C" to the man wearing a full face mask, but occasionally bumping into people.

An "F" to the woman wearing an N95 mask with a hole cut in it for her cigarette, puffing away. (She did, however receive extra credit for originality.

How are YOU doing?

