



WALNUT CREEK PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

Winter Quarterly 2022

A Message from your Board

Happy New Year!

We hope that all our members had a healthy, wonderful holiday season with all your loved ones!

With the recent surge in Covid cases we are asking all our members to **please stay home** if you don't feel well or have cold or flu like symptoms. The new variant is passed on much easier and we don't want the courts to be locked again.

Pickleball has been gaining momentum (we always knew that)! The sport has been mentioned on the television series "A Million Little Things", Jeff Daniels complained about his wife's obsession with pickleball on a recent talk show, the Holderness Family posted a musical video on UTube about playing pickleball with an original song

and there was a two page article in the November issue of Vanity Fair magazine about all the celebrities who are playing. Leonardo Dicaprio, Ellen DeGeneres, Larry David, Melinda Gates, Fred Savage and Owen Wilson just to name a few.

We want recognize and congratulate our 40+ club members who qualified to go to Nationals this year. All told, our members have won a total of 103 gold, 95 silver and 84 bronze medals in tournaments this year! Way to go!

Lastly, we'd like to welcome our new board members. The new members are listed on the back page. On November 11th our 2022 board was unanimously voted in by our membership. For the first time in years we have every position filled! YAY!

New Member Welcome!

WOW! We would like to welcome the 46 new members who have joined our club since October. Please make sure to welcome these new members if you have an opportunity to meet and play with them at Rudgear!

Pat Beauchemin
Casey Bell
Joseph "Percy" Bouloux
Deb Brehmer
Robert Breuning
Susan Brochstein
Rotem Cohen
Carolyn Considine
Lynn Donoghue
Tom Donoghue
Jennifer Faiva'ilo
Amy Fifield
Jason Fifield
Jody Fortney
Lincoln Hayes
Jim Hitcher
Robert Gates
Colton Hoge
Claude "CJ" Jones
Melissa Karr
Gary Katz
Janet Kaye
Rand Kemp

Linda Lee
Doug Lins
Rafael Martinez
Alain McLaughlin
Vinnie Ngo
Michael Obujen
Katy Orr
Tim O'Shea
Christine Paige
Nido Paras
Amy Peterson
Ed Ramos
Steve Rothman
Celine "Vern" Rouse
Michelle Temple
Patty Topkis
Janet Wagner
Steve Wagner
Nicole Wedlake
Victoria Williams
Evan Wong
Brad Woon
Joy Zuber-Sumner



In Memoriam

Sadly, one of our members, Bill Samuels passed away on October 9, 2021. Bill was a regular player at Rudgear and will be missed. Thank you to all our members who remembered Bill and signed the condolence card we sent to his family.

Tournaments Are in Full Swing!

Tournaments are back and many of our members have done extremely well! The Walnut Creek Pickleball Club is becoming a force to be reckoned with. Below are the results from tournaments held in the last quarter. To compile this information is overwhelming at best. If we overlooked you, please let us know and we will be sure to acknowledge you in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all on your success! Your club is very proud of you!

Paso Robles Wine Country Classic 10/1-10/3

Women's Doubles

Gold: Elena Toohey and partner 3.5: 19+, 40+

Silver: Carol Jacinto and partner 3.5 ; 60+ 70+

Men's Doubles

Gold: Mike Heibert and partner 3.5: 19+, 40+

Mixed Doubles

Silver: Ti Caudron and Tony Parisi 3.0: 19+, 40+

Bronze: Jonathan Leonard and partner 4.5: 19+, 40+

2021 Kingsley Lee Tournament 10/1-10/3

Mens Doubles

Gold: Josh Tomlinson and partner 4.5

Mixed Doubles

Silver: Elaine and Steve Bonini 3.5

Hunstman World Senior Games , Utah 10/11-10/16

Women's Doubles

Bronze: Kathy Woolcock and partner 65-69

Bronze: Bec Nikolai and partner 3.0: 70+

Bronze: Gayle Blake and Gina Burford 3.5: 50-54

Bronze: Cherie Leines and partner 4.0: 60-64

Womens Singles

Silver: Kathy Woolcock 70-74 B, B/C

Newport Beach Invitational 10/15-10/17

Silver: Carmen Sanz and partner 5.0: 19+, 35+, 50+

PPA Championships , Las Vegas 10/21-10/24

Men's Doubles

Bronze: Batong Briones and partner 5.0: 50+, 60+

Mens Singles

Gold: Mark Whitfield 4.5: 19+, 35+, 60+

2021Desert Pickleball Fall Classis by PIG 11/5-11/7

Women's Doubles

Bronze: Miriam Garfinkel and Maggie Hochfelder 4.0: 60+

Hundai Masters PPA 11/11-11/14

Men's Doubles

Silver: Mitch Goldblatt and Tony Parisi 3.5: 50+

Women's Doubles

Gold: Denny Eradi and Elaine Hennessey 4.0: 60+

Bronze: Carmen Sanz and partner 5.0: 19+, 35+, 50+



Citrus Heights Fall Classic 11/12-11/14

Men's Doubles

Gold: Darrell Holt and partner 4.0: 50+

Silver: Doug Pearson and Mark Muren 4.0: 50+

Bronze: Pete Sciarretta and Homoz Baba 4.0: 60+

Citrus Heights Fall Classic 11/12-11/14

Mixed Doubles

Gold: Rich Gitelson and partner 3.0: 61+

Gold: Gayle Blake and Hormoz Baba 4.0: 61+

Silver: Jill Shinkle and Mark Nolls 3.5: 60+

Bronze: Melinda Shaver and Darrell Hoh 4.0: 50+

Women's Doubles

Gold: Elaine Bonini and Jill Shinkle 3.5: 50+

Gold: Gayle Blake and Dee Morris 4.0: 60+

Silver: Sheri Crane and Ann Stokes 4.0: 60+

Women's Singles

Silver: Sheri Crane 3.0: 50+

Silver: Ann Stokes 3.5: 50+, 65+

Fairfield Solano Wine Country Classic 11/19-11/21

Men's Doubles

Silver: Spencer Brog and Darrell Holt 4.5

Bronze: Mark Nolls 3.5

Mixed Doubles

Gold: Barclay Buss and partner 3.5

NP Palm Desert Amatuer Open 12/3-12/5

Men's Doubles

Silver: Spencer Brog and Darrell Holt 4.0: 50+

Mixed Doubles

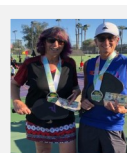
Bronze: Spencer Brog and partner 4.0: 19+

Women's Doubles

Gold: Amy McDougall and partner 4.0: 19+, 35+

Gold: Barbara Dunne and partner 4.5, 5.0; 60+

Silver: Gayle Blake and Miriam Garfinkel 3.5: 60+



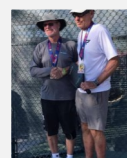
SSIP Senior Open 12/2-12/5

Men's Doubles

Gold: Thom Macpherson and partner 4.5: 70-74

Women's Singles

Bronze: Cindy Galbraith 3.0: 60-64



2021 Margaritaville Pickleball National Championships 12/6-12/14

Men's Doubles

Silver: Paul Johnson and partner 4.5: 35+

Men's Doubles SENIOR

Gold: Mark Nolls 3.0: 50 +

Silver: Mike Gabrielson and Grant Wyborny 4.0: 60+

Bronze: Steve Bagot and Stewart Roberts

4.5: 60+

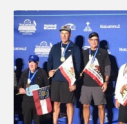
Bronze: Loren Humes and partner 3.0: 70+

Bronze: Gordon Johnson and partner 3.0, 3.5, 4.5: 80+

Women's Doubles SENIOR

Gold: Barbara Dunne and partner 4.5: 55+

Gold: Pam Cooke and Bee Kilgore 4.5 60+



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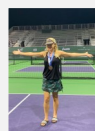
Mixed Doubles Senior

Bronze: Bee Kilgore and Grant Wyborny 4.5, 5.0: 65+

Women's Singles SENIOR

Silver: Claudia Polidari 3.0: 60+

Bronze: Lisa Klein 3.0: 50+



Save the Date!

Upcoming Tournament at Rudgear!

Courtney Dettlinger, our 2022 Tournament Director is planning a tournament for our club members for May 20-22. All skill levels, Novice through 4.5/5.0 are welcome to participate. Tournament registration fee will be \$30 with a \$10 per event fee. Stay tuned for more information to come.



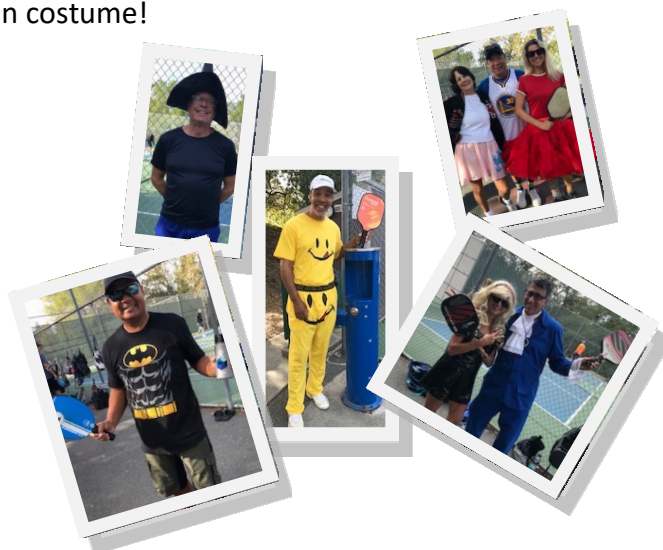
A Reminder About Shed Etiquette

If you access the shed and equipment to dry or sweep the courts during this rainy season **please** be courteous and put everything back the way you found it. Many times board members are opening the shed to put out the table and white board only to find the brooms, rollers, mops etc. just tossed into the shed. Space is tight so please make sure you put everything back in the left hand corner where it belongs.

Thank you from your hard working board.

Halloween

It was a spooktacular day of pickleball on Halloween! There were treats and lots of fun play in costume!



On October 10th the club held their End of Summer Party at Rossmoor. It's has been over a year since our members were able to get together and socialize. El Molina catered the event and the food was delicious as was the company.



The Importance of Signing In!

As a club we keep track of the number of players who play at the courts from 9 am-12 pm on a daily basis. The attendance will speak for itself when we go to the City of Walnut Creek to ask for more courts. **It is CRITICAL that we have an accurate head count!** We ask you, as members to be mindful of this important detail when you come to the courts to play. Before you put your name on the whiteboard, we ask you to please sign in first! If the table is not out **BUT** the white board is, please go into the shed and put the table out. Our board members are not down at the courts everyday, so we depend on our members to help us out with this! It takes a village!

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Our annual 2022 membership runs from January 1st though December 31st. Dues are still \$20. The grace period to renew your membership expires on February 28th. After that date you will have missed the opportunity to receive club emails and to be in our on-line and printed member directory. If you are injured, moved out of the area or just aren't playing anymore and don't plan to renew please email **Teresa Wenzel at atmwenzel@earthlink.net** to stop receiving the pesky renewal emails.

Challenge Court

Thank you to Tony Parisi and Doug Pearson for organizing the Challenge Court proposal. The club will be hosting Court #2 as a Challenge court on a trial basis for the next few months. Rules of play are posted on the whiteboard that will be hung on the fence outside Court #1

Interested in Upping Your Game?



One of our high level members has offered to host a workshop on Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm beginning January 13. These workshops are for Beginner and Novice players who want to get better at their game. In the event of rain, the workshop will be cancelled. Donations will be welcome to provide supplies and balls.

Got News???

We love to share everyone's success stories! If you have medaled at a tournament or have other exciting tournament news to share feel free to email **Teresa Wenzel at atmwenzel@earthlink.net**



2022 Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors is an elected board that volunteers to serve our club and membership. It is the goal of our club for all our members to have fun and enjoy playing the game of Pickleball. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to any of us listed below.

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