

2018 WCPC January Newsletter

The cold January days are here! Brrr! It looks like all our indoor venues are busy. The ARC in Alamo usually has 3 courts going with more waiting to play. Tice has been busy with 6 courts going many days and the Fieldhouse has 3 courts going many days also. Some hardy players are still at Rudgear in the mornings, starting a little later. Don't forget to check the lost and found, many sweaters and sweatshirts being left behind these days.

Women's March in Walnut Creek

I attended this with my close friend on Saturday and the number marching was huge. I saw many of our members there too. We are an active bunch! What a great way to support women!

Membership Renewals

Thank you to everyone that has already renewed their memberships, well over 100 have done so. We like to have the renewals done by February 28th. If you renew by that date your name and phone number will be listed in the 2018 Member Directory that Rossmoor Realty prints for us in March.

Paddle Collection

Please check your closets or bags for old paddles you no longer use. We are collecting paddles to send to an Elementary School that **Bob and Joyce Jensen** support and are starting an after school Pickleball class. Contact any board member and give them the paddles or leave them at the shed at Rudgear Park. Thanks for helping the children! **Pat Chung** has already given me two paddles. Thanks Pat!

Tournament Sheet Updated

Wow! So many players are playing tournaments! We are trying to keep up with all the medals being won. Check out the website and see if we missed any information we should have listed for you. Pickleballtournaments.com has all the upcoming tournaments listed. See if there is something you would like to sign up for. You meet so many nice players!

Website

Pasco Varnica is on vacation right now with **Colleen**, Caribbean! What a nice way to start the New Year! He has made it easier to find the time schedules at all the different venues we play. You can click on the Tice schedule for the next two months or the ARC schedule for the day or the Fieldhouse schedule of play. This makes it easier for everyone to see the hours and days of play. Thank you Pasco! It is under Court Sites and Times. It also lists the locations.

Pickleball Rule Revisions, USAPA, IFP

Be sure to check out the 2018 Rule Book. It is linked to our website under USAPA Rules. There have been revisions of language used and some clarity made to tournament and round robin rule play.

Discovery Bay Pickleball Club

In November 2017, their club received the ok to convert the remaining tennis courts at Cornell Park to Pickleball from the DB Community Services District. Discovery Bay Pickleball Club will be building these at their expense. Randi Laforge, President of the club was very happy with the outcome! **Bob Lyman**, who is also one of our members, has been involved with DBPC since its inception. They already have 2 dedicated courts with fencing and have room to add four more courts. He said they will also be improving the area adjacent to the courts, including tables, benches or shade structures. If any are interested in supporting the club, you can join for \$25. Their hours of play are MWF 3pm, TThSat 9am and Sunday 1pm.

At our January meeting, the WCPC Board voted to donate \$500 to DBPC to help them get started with their project. We should all be proud we can help other clubs as we have done in the past. We are helping the growth of Pickleball!

Tennis Clubs and Pickleball

I don't know if you know this, but many Country Clubs are adding Pickleball courts. Roundhill Country Club is trying to add 4 dedicated courts right now. Crow Canyon Country Club added temporary courts for play after WCPC gave a demonstration down there for their members last year. Two of our new members from Castlewood Country Club, **Billy Warm and his dad Eric**, told us they have Pickleball there. **Val Robertson** has helped Moraga Country Club with temporary courts for the last several months now. I was just contacted by Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill. They were looking for some information and direction to add Pickleball there! Wow! Isn't it an amazing time to be playing this game?

Silicon Valley Pickleball Club

This is another hard working club in Palo Alto. They have held the Senior Games there for the past three years in March. Some of you have played there. They also have a large membership and are working with the City to get dedicated courts. They recently received a Proclamation from the Mayor for working with seniors, juniors, and others, providing free drop in clinics taught by volunteers along with the City's own classes. They are providing welcoming play, good for social and emotional health and well-being. They provide, nets and balls and paddles.

The city Parks and Rec is establishing an Ad Hoc Committee focused on promoting Pickleball and the Mayor and City Council are thanking the club. Their club dues are \$30. I see a lot of similarity in what their club provides and what our club has been doing for Walnut Creek.

Walnut Creek City Council Meeting February 6th, 6pm, City Hall

I am hoping Walnut Creek catches on someday soon. WE were leading the way for a short time, two years ago....There is a Walnut Creek City Council Meeting **on February 6th at 6pm**. We might as well start showing up and asking for more dedicated courts at Rudgear Park.

Dick Hildebrand and **Duff Danilovich** and I went and met with Kevin Sufine, Director of Arts and Rec. and Karen Heston Martin, the Rec. Supervisor in early November. We discussed many issues, including the lack of IPTPA Certified Instruction from the City and well as the lack of Walnut Creek funding anything for Pickleball. Lifetime Tennis has helped WCPC fund the courts we now have. We offered to raise the money to pay for four more dedicated courts, and were shocked to hear, "Let's wait and see how tennis goes." We told them WCPC had the support of the President, Glenn McBee of the WCRC (tennis club). He had already told the PROS Commission, when Duff and I attended a meeting, "The multiuse court at Rudgear Park is of no use to our club or tennis. Let the Pickleball Club build their courts there. We don't need that court."

Now, our board has heard that the anonymous donor that gave us a \$3000 donation for the last courts will do it again if we can build them this year! The board feels we need to keep trying to get the City to move forward! WE have most of the money needed to add 4 more courts! Very little fundraising would be needed. Please put this date on your calendar! Let's go and tell Walnut Creek we need more dedicated courts at Rudgear!

Two courts are going in at Heather Farms, that are pay to play courts. That will be nice for LT lessons, but that will not help our club members out at Rudgear. We use at least 4 courts every day and many more when the weather is good. Everyone wants to play on dedicated courts. We need 4 more at Rudgear. Look at the success of Willow Pass Park with 14 dedicated courts. If you build them they will come and play PICKLEBALL! The city would then have a real Pickleball destination. Our club has worked hard to improve the park and courts and add picnic tables. Let's keep moving this forward.

From the Board

The board discussed many things, new goals and old. More dedicated courts, keep saving our money for courts, windscreens, new equipment, getting professional clinics, etc. Get Pickleball court lines back on San Miguel Park tennis courts. They were removed when they repainted the courts last year. Members still use those courts. Have more potlucks near holidays and play

Pickleball. Try to get more pine trees removed from the Rudgear courts. Better light is increased safety! So are cleaner courts!

Saving the Best for Last!!

The club has been working with **Sarah Ansboury** and her **Coach Linh** to get some clinics in Mid-March!! Clinics and private lessons! We will let you know about sign ups as soon as we know! You will need to sign up ASAP, because we expect to fully sell out all the time she has to offer before she is back on the road to her next tournament! She competes nationally at the Tournament of Champions and won gold in the 2017 USAPA Nationals in the 19+, Mixed 5.0 division. She is an IPTPA Certified Instructor also.

We will send another email out, just about Sarah's clinics.

Thanks go to **Pat Chung** for all her hard work getting this for our club members!