

2019 WCPC January Newsletter

January, at the Rudgear courts has seen "dark and stormy weather"! We played outside the first week of January, which was nice. **Cedric DeVries** was back after a long absence that week too! Then the rains drove all of us inside to Tice Valley Gym and the Ultimate Fieldhouse and the ARC gym in Alamo. Play was busy everywhere with so many players. Then the rains subsided and a few were even playing and walking mostly, on wet courts that would not dry in the cold morning air.

If you didn't think that was bad enough, the major wind storm blew in on January 17th with the driving rains and the winds lifted the middle wind screen, just like a sail and lifted the fence along with it and all the base posts tore away from the ground. The wind screen was the only thing holding up the fence, later. Thankfully, the city, **Karen Heston Martin** immediately called a contractor to come out and fix it after the long holiday weekend. It only took one long day and Rudgear was back in business.

The members tried out Willow Pass Park pickleball courts for the week while we were locked out and everyone got lots of play in there too! We are glad they have so many courts!!

One more very large pine tree was removed at the far end, behind the new courts. There will be so much less debris and more sun when it comes out again! Thank you Public Works and Walnut Creek!

New Members

Please welcome our new members: **Ather Alibhai** from Canada, **Stacey Blackman, Laura Ditto, Sandra Jennings, Rand Kriech, Ellie Marks and Susan Woo**. Thank you all for joining and we hope to see you out on the courts!

Missing Friends

We have been missing **Walter and Beverly Schlehuber**. Walter is getting ready for surgery on his back soon and we just know he will feel better and so will Beverly!

Len Saputo is getting ready to fix his hip soon and we can't wait to have all three brothers,, Len, Michael and Peter back, laughing and playing on the courts. We wish you well Len!

Jan Gabe is doing her own rehab and feeling better! We wish she was back to play soon! **Darrell Hoh** hurt his ankle in a tournament and we hope he is getting around now. **Steve Blick** was fighting a foot injury just like **Denny Erardi**. It was nice to see Denny and Kelly Erardi the other day. We hope the doctors are helping you both! Hoping **Elaine Hennessey's** shoulder is better too. **Nicole Havlichek**, we hope you are feeling better!

We hope **Nancy Smith** is meeting some new friends at her new residence and hope to see her on the courts this spring or maybe at the A.R.C.! She is missed!

Moving

Linda Gray and her hubby Mike are moving to Idaho in March. We will miss seeing them at the parties and on the courts. **Barbara Bogue** told me she would be moving also. She is one of our long time

members and always gave our boards great advice and help when we needed it. You will be missed Barbara!

Out on the Courts

It was nice to see Dutch Zuurmond out on the courts with friends this week. Bob Whitman also made an appearance.

Then there is Bob and Joyce Jensen! They were seen on the Australian Open Courts a few weeks ago! They are on a great trip to Australia and beyond!

Donations to the Club

Thank you Vicki Morse for donating all the Dura balls, we love to play with! That was very thoughtful!

We also received some paddle donations and someone needs to let me know who gave them to us!! So sorry I can't remember! Our members are the best! We are so lucky, all of us.

New White Boards

Teresa Wenzel replaced the old white boards at Tice Gym and Rudgear Park and they look great! She included our club logo and the rules of play also. She then cleaned up the old one and now we have one at the Fieldhouse for the winter month's of play. When you have 55 players, you need a white board! She also made another bag for the erasers and marking pens! And she made some WCPC tags to put on all our equipment at the two gyms where we supply nets and balls. Thank you so much for all your work! The new larger table at Rudgear has been great also. It makes it much easier for all of us to sign in now.

We now have six nets at the Fieldhouse and two nets at Tice. That should keep us playing on all the rainy days. We have lots of good players at Tice and a nice group to play with when you get the chance. Sometimes it is just too cold outside to play outside!

We also replaced the red bag at Tice that had probably been there 9 or 10 years and it was replaced with another red bag.

Website

Pasko Varnica and his wife Colleen will be gone for two months on a real adventure. He has helped us so much with our website. Many many thanks Pasko! The board decided to try PayPal for the payments when we renew memberships at the last board meeting. Pasko will help us get that in place sometime in the future.

Code of Conduct

This is something we don't discuss often but we have so many new members and it always good for everyone to remember what it means. Our club has always followed the USAPA Code of Conduct and we have our own Club Code of Conduct, both are posted at the shed at Rudgear Park.

The City has its own municipal rules we follow, courts are to be used for pickleball only, no dogs or other animals are allowed on the courts, no drinks, except water are allowed on the courts and no food, no bicycles, no rollerblades, no scooters and no skateboards are allowed either. Anyone damaging the courts can be charged with a misdemeanor per the municipal code.

All club members agree to abide by these Guidelines upon joining the club and also when renewing annual memberships. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in disciplinary actions

The following Code of Conduct applies to all players:

1. I will only engage in sportsmanlike conduct and encourage others to do so.
2. I will only engage in behavior that promotes and maintains the health, safety and well being of others.
3. I will treat others with respect and courtesy on and off the court.
4. I will not "coach" others unless I am asked to do so.
5. Know and follow the rules of the game.
6. Communicate with your partner to avoid contact.
7. Stop play immediately if a ball rolls onto the court.
8. Follow the Golden Rule, do unto others as I would have them do unto me.
9. Pay attention to the sign up board and be ready to play.
10. When busy keep your warm up short and when the game ends, let others know the court is now open.
11. Call your own foot faults at the non volley zone line and the service line.
12. Eye protection is recommended for all players.

USAPA

Don't forget to join the USAPA. They send a good on line magazine every other month and always have lots of information on their website. They have changed the rating system, which has caused some problems that should get better this next year. The sport is growing and you can hear about it with the USAPA.

Pickleball Central

Don't forget to use our club code when ordering anything. It gives you 5% off and give the club the same 5% at the end of the year.

The code is CRRPC. Put it in your phone and use it.