



# WALNUT CREEK

# PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

## A Message from your Board

This year, there seems to be a stand off about Ground Hog’s Day between Mrs. G of Massachusetts and Punxsutawney Phil of Pennsylvania over when winter will be over. Mrs. G crawled out of hibernation and did not see her shadow which predicted an early spring. Punxsutawney Phil however, saw his shadow which heralds another six more weeks of winter. Time will only tell which rodent gets the bragging rights going into the next season. Even though we’ve needed the rain, most of us are ready for sunnier days.

Congratulations to **Darlene Vendegna**, a member and Ambassador featuring her in the front page feature article in the East Bay Times on March 26th! Her passion for the sport make her a true role model! Kudos Darlene!

What’s been happening with courts? Inquiring minds want to know. There are two task forces at work. The PROS task force is getting close to a solution. Sound studies have happened at the Stewart courts, there has been outreach to the neighbors by both the City and our Stewart Avenue Task Force. Our President, Tony Parisi has been hard at work doing a lot of research on sound mitigation and keeping the lines of communication open and positive between the City, Tennis Group and neighbors. On April 2nd and 3rd test “play days” were done with sound barriers on two sides of the Stewart Avenue courts. City council man Kevin Wilk and Art Oller of the PROS as well as many neighbors came to observe. On April 10th a special PROS meeting was held to standing room only. All interest groups had a chance to voice their opinion as to the fate of where our club and the public will be able to play, pickleball. No decisions were made and our next PROS task force meeting will be on April 20th.

The Board and Club would like to thank all those who attended and to those who spoke at the meeting. We appreciate everyone’s patience as this process moves slowly. As soon as we have more information it will be communicated to our club members.

## New Member Welcome!

WOW! We would like to welcome the 47 new members who have joined our club since January. Please make sure to welcome these new members if you have an opportunity to meet and play with them at Rudgear!

- William Afong
- Connor Berstein
- Tamara Black
- Elizabeth Brown
- Steve Brye
- Susan Choate-Brye
- Margie Dean
- Christine DeLuca
- Domenico DeLuca
- Caitlin Finnell
- Mark Garibaldi
- Tim Garverick
- Mindy Hamway
- Jennifer Hanson
- Hilarie Harris
- Allan Hee
- Susan Heitman
- Joseph Huang
- Mary Ledezma
- Allison Lewin
- Ben Lillywhite
- Tami Lonzo
- Marita Louw
- Alexandra McGee
- Sue Melly
- Jason Morris
- Mary Beth Moura

- Robert Munroe
- John Liu
- Christina Nguyen
- Joseph Panarello
- Dan Peters
- Mitch Peters
- Sharon Rubens
- Sandra Runyon
- Jim Punyan
- Malissa Ryan
- Duane Schulz
- Karl Snover
- Arthur Straws
- Rick Tash
- Kevin Tu
- Damon Turner
- Cary Whittaker
- Lal Yilmaz
- Kevin Ziffra
- Dilip Zydus

### Welcome Back!

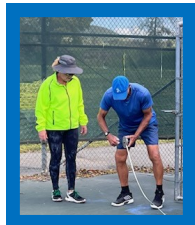
- Ana Leskovar
- Barbara Pyne
- Kevin Pyne
- Bill Stevens



**THANK YOU** to those members who have renewed their 2023 dues. Your support of our club is greatly appreciated!

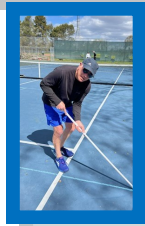
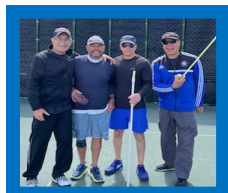
## Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to **Rusty Lent, Missy Park, Miriam Garfinkel** and **Our Anonymous Donor** who donated funds to purchase an AED Device for the courts. Thank you to **Carolyn Daniels** for your donation in memory of Duff Danilovich.



## There is no "I" in Teamwork

Thank you to the volunteers who spent hours prepping the courts for our test play on 3/2-3/3. **Rusty "mastermind" Lent, Mitch "4.5 measurement" Goldblatt, Yarin "chalk man" Molad, Kim "Chalk one up" Bouffard, Brad "reel 'em in" Falk, Eric "sound man" Benson, Mark measurement man" Nollsch and Tony "the prez" Parisi** for supervising! Your help was invaluable! *Thank you, Darrell Hoh*



## A Word About Managed Play

The club manages play between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM Monday through Friday and from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. This means that the Sign in Table is out, the whiteboard is on the fence and a bucket full of balls. If these items are not out during these times, **PLEASE** put **everything** out and not just the whiteboard and balls.

We **DO NOT** manage play after these hours. It does not matter how busy we are in the afternoons due to wet courts in the morning. We can not be responsible for managing play all day regardless of a board member being at the courts. This means if you choose to play when play is **NOT** managed, the paddle on the fence is in place and you must provide your own balls.



## Valentine's Day Poker Chip Play

Valentine's Day was a special poker chip play day where everyone was able to play with a lot of people they would not normally play with. Thank you to those who attended and to our Social Director Extraordinaire **Cece Kohl** and her assistants **Darrell Hoh and Lisa Regal**.

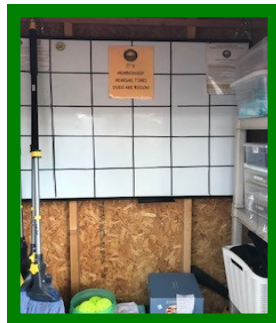
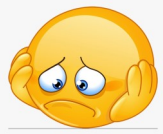




## A Reminder About Shed Etiquette

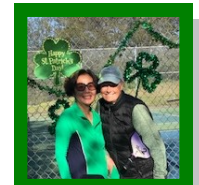
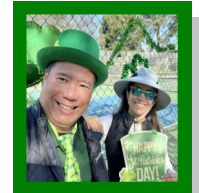
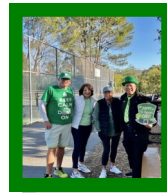
If you access the shed and equipment to dry or sweep the courts during this rainy season **please** be courteous and put everything back the way you found it. Many times board members open the shed to put out the table and white board only to find the brooms, rollers, mops etc. just tossed into the shed.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

*Thank you from your hard working board.*  
**A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words**



## St. Patty's Day Poker Chip Play

There was lots of green on St. Patty's Day! It was a day of great pickleball, food and fun. Our special leprechauns **Darrell Hoh** and **Rusty Lent** came dressed in the theme of the day. Thank you to **Cece Kohl** and her elves **Cindy Gershon, Lisa Regal and Karen Means** for helping to set up and decorate.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars! **Sunday, June 4th** is our Summer Party and Annual Meeting. It will be at Sportsmans Park in Rossmoor (next to where we had our holiday party).

Food and fun will be provided.

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Time and details to follow in late May.



## Drills & Thrills with Rusty Lent

Our own IPTPA Instructor, Rusty Lent will be holding his Drills and Thrills sessions on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm at the Lafayette Tennis Club. Each session is \$40 for beginner and intermediate players or you can arrange for private lessons by contacting Rusty at [lentfam@yahoo.com](mailto:lentfam@yahoo.com).



## Important Reminders Parking

Please remember when you are at the Rudgear Courts to please avoid parking across the street from the courts on Dapplegray Lane, Gladwin Drive and on Stewart across from the park. The neighbors have been making complaints to the club and the City. **EVEN IF THE COURTS ARE UNLOCKED THERE IS NO PLAY BEFORE 8:00AM OR 10:00 AM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.**



## New Court Hours

The incessant noise and volume of players at the courts has become intolerable to the neighbors. As a result of mediation with the City and the neighbors the new court hours are as follows:

**Monday:** 8 am to 1 pm

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:** 8 am to sunset

**Thursday:** Courts closed

**Saturday and Sunday:** 10 am to sunset

**As a board we have agreed to padlock the courts at 1:00 pm on Mondays for the City. Please be considerate of the board member or members who are locking up and not start a new game after 12:50 pm.**

## 2023 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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