

## **WCPC 2018 May Newsletter**

May is always a beautiful month in Northern California, all the trees are flowering, bulbs have been up for some time, It is still Spring, with the weather warm some days and cooler others. It is the time of year the back yard beckons, clear and weed me, mow me, plant me, pick my flowers, pet the neighbor's cat that comes to visit! Patiently we wait for the swimming pool to warm up, to lounge and float and enjoy life.

Rudgear has been very busy for months now. Many more showing up every single day, great meeting new members or visitors in town and really mixing up the play. We are using many more courts daily, than we have in the past. It shows the growth of the sport. Everything is pickleball these days! There are soo many tournaments for every level of play. You can check out [Pickeballtournaments.com](http://Pickeballtournaments.com) to see all that are listed! Many of our members are playing in them regularly. Our Tournament Sheet has been updated on the Website or will be this week. It is an amazing read.

### **Many Thanks!**

Thank you **Randall Kemp** for bringing the cheese and crackers for all our players on April 20th! That was quite a feat considering you came on your bike! We enjoyed the snacks! "Rand" is the teaching pro for Lifetime Tennis and works for the city teaching pickleball lessons on Thursday and Fridays at Rudgear.

### **Mother's Day Paddle Sale**

**Steve Ritz** held another close out on his Selkirk paddles right before Mother's Day and sold some great deals. Steve also donated a dozen Onyx Pure Two orange pickleballs to the club. Thanks so much Steve!

### **New Members Welcome!**

Thank you for joining the club! Please welcome, **John Bockman, Dustin Clyde, Ken Fritzberg, Carol Gallagher, Dan Kapp, Amy Mc Daniels, Alisdair and Jenny McGregor, Joyce Pourneras, Tom Reese, Becky Reiss, Sandra Seskin and Jan Stafford, Hua Wang!**  
Welcome All!!

### **Tice Valley Gym**

I was hoping to tell you all the hours in June for pickleball, but it is not listed on the Walnut Creek Recreation website yet.

### **Demo Day at Piedmont**

Our member **Tom Reicher** who lives in Piedmont, has been diligently working to get pickleball in his city. He got WCPC and many of our members involved including **Rusty Lent**, one of our certified teaching pros. Our club took over portable nets, balls, 16 plus paddles and Rusty's magical chalk marking tools to set up four courts. Our members, **Thom Macpherson and Stace Spell and Brett Collier, Steve Fox, Miriam Garfinkle and Maggie Hochfelder, Jim Heick, David Yabasaki, Dan and Julia Young, John and Krisana Swindell and David and Janet Van Etten and Stewart Roberts and Nicole**

**Havlichek**, another member that is a certified pickleball professional and tennis pro too, all came to help. Thank goodness! We needed everyone! Over 70 interested players showed up for the event. There were members from the Recreation Department and others from the newspaper too. It was a really great way to kick off pickleball in Piedmont. Hopefully the city will see how much fun this sport is and see the huge interest! Thank you to all our members for giving your time to help grow the sport of pickleball. We are all ambassadors of the sport!!

### **Crazy 8's Evening Play**

**Eric Tate** has the members mixing it up with a little competitive/fun play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It has been busy and everyone gets to catch up and socialize too.

### **Referee Day in Citrus Heights**

There is going to be a referee training day in Citrus Heights on June 12th or 13th. If you have an interest in learning more about pickleball and knowing the rules please sign up. You need to contact **Katie Lawler**, who is the District Ambassador for the Sacramento Valley. Her email is **katielawler1@gmail.com**. You need to be a member of the USAPA and pass some on line tests and print out the Referee Handbook also. She can tell you all the details.

### **New Leagues/Inter Club play**

We are in the beginning stages of starting leagues with other club and country clubs in June. If you are interested please sign up with **Hormoz Baba** as soon as possible. Eric Tate is trying to get many other clubs on board. and is coordinating with Hormoz and others. We know everyone travels over the summer and you might not be able to play every weekend, so we want lots of subs, everyone should sign up and give it a try. All levels are available, 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, etc. There will be home and away matches, similar to tennis leagues, held on Saturday afternoons. Contact **Hormoz Baba**, our Vice President at **hormoz@californiahomeliving.com**

### **Remember our Christmas Party?**

If you attended the Christmas party we held at Bob and Joyce Jensen's home last December, you will remember our very young and helpful bartender, **Jordan (Rothwell) Tate**. He is the son of **Eric and Liz Tate**. He just graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Mechanical Engineering!! We are all very proud of all Jordan accomplished in his years at college! He came to help our club out at the last minute and was such a thoughtful helpful young man. We just didn't know how smart he was! Congratulations to the entire Tate family!!

### **T Shirts with WCPC logo**

**Tosh Kuritsubo** has been trying to work with Graco Sportswear in Walnut Creek, to get some club t shirts with our logo on the front, maybe a lime green color which goes well with our logo. We will be getting some samples

of sizes to try on and will check to see how many we should order and what the interest in the club is to have a club logo shirt. We will let you know soon, with more information.

## **Membership Directories**

The new 2018 Member Directories are in at Rudgear Park shed and at the Tice Valley Gym in the red paddle bag. Be sure to pick up your copy of the new directory with member names, emails and phone numbers. We can never thank Rossmoor Realty enough for continuing to do this wonderful service for our club. Thank you **Lou Landgraf!** Please if you have real estate needs, check out Rossmoor Realty.

## **General Membership Meeting**

Our 2018 meeting will be held on this coming Thursday at Rudgear Park pickleball courts. Come for the fun **Poker Chip Play** at 9 AM and stay for the meeting at 11:30 AM. Hope to see you all there! It should be a fun day.

## **Community Service Day**

While October is a ways away, we are going to participate again this year. If you have any ideas what else we can do at Rudgear Park for our community service, let us know. We've received a few suggestions already.

## **June PROS Meeting - Important**

**The WCPC will be presenting our information and offer to pay for more dedicated courts at Rudgear**

**Park. We actually wanted to do the presentation and had a bid to do the work in April but Kevin Safine, Director of Parks and Art said the meeting was too busy for us to participate. We told him we were concerned doing it later, as we didn't want to lose the anonymous donors offer to help the club pay for these new courts. He knows and was told we had to do the project this year to receive the money. The City Counsel asked Kevin in March to bring back a proposal to do the project. We are feeling the delay should not be a problem, if the City and the PROS commission make a decision to support the project the City already wants. The project must be done in the warm summer months, for the resurfacing to be done correctly.**

**We will let you know when the meeting will be held very soon. We may need support at the meeting which is held in Walnut Creek at the City offices downtown near the police station.**

**Hope to see you on the courts soon!**