

WCPC 2018 August Newsletter

The month of July slipped away with my long road trip to Park City, Utah and then on to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Unlike California, it rained everyday in Cheyenne, which included hail that shredded vinyl siding on houses, hail traveling sideways at 70 m.p.h. and hail that came down so thick, they got the snow plows out to open some of our roads! Trucks driving into town looked like they were covered with snow in the middle of winter. If that was not bad enough, we had two tornado's touch down the last day of Cheyenne Frontier Days. Everyone at the park had to leave the stands and shelter below. My son and I were at my grandmothers home, when the sirens went off, we went to the basement! They passed without much damage, thankfully.

So Cheyenne was green and the air was clear.

The drive back to California was more hail in Wyoming then hazy smoky weather the rest of the trip. The West was really on fire. My thoughts are with all those, in those at risk areas. The drought has changed everything, longer fire seasons now.

New Wind Screens at Rudgear

My first day back on the courts and what a surprise, Lifetime Tennis put brand new wind screens on the ends of each of the courts! Have you seen them yet? It looks great and should help play too. Thank you Lifetime!!

Rudgear Park New Dedicated Courts Construction

The company hired by the city will begin converting the multi use court into 4 dedicated pickleball courts on **Monday August 20th**. Right now they expect the court to be closed two weeks.

The other 4 dedicated pickleball courts **will be open** during the work! Only Thursday is impacted by Rand's lesson's with Lifetime. He's great and really works with our members!

Thank you to all the members that have donated and made this project possible!

Donations

Thank you to our two anonymous donors that gave us **\$4500!** That really got the ball rolling! Thank you **Rusty Lent, John Swindell, Sylvia Sum, Milo Harris, Warren Anderson, Stan Springle, Cindy Galbraith, Bev Nikoli, Len Saputo, Tosh Kuritsubo, Mark Bryant, Kathy Sostaric, Melinda Shaver,**

Eric Bensen, Rosario Ysip and Pat Chung, Melinda Olea, Diane and Phillip Sherard, Rand Kemp, Bob Whitman, Sue and Frank O'Connell, Walter and Beverly Schlenhuber, Nan Arkwright, Nick and Alice Wong, Kris Hunter, Jon Rego, Patty Andrews, May Wong, Vicki Davis, Bill and Joan Dougherty, Linda Bower, Jerry Wertzer, Greg Warner, Mary Jackson Nelson, Patty Hoo-Spinrod, Bill Marsh, Sara Lautenbach, Bob Lyman, Dan and Julia Young, Tan Pham, Linda Gray, Monita Pang, Budd McKenzie, Eric Anders, Duff Danilovich, Terry Gordon, Ed Baxter, Joe Marzouk, Elaine and Kevin Hennessey, Darrell Hoh, Jan Gabe, Russell and Jackie Cowgill, Mary Reed Johnson, Robert and LeAnne Strong, Tom Macpherson, Stace Spell, Rich and Gail Zavala, Jim Richards, Phillip Clark, Bob Stoffberg and Laura Cahalen!!! What a great group of members!! And thank you to Dick and Lynn Hildebrand for all your time and support, helping the board through the many city meetings!

We will keep adding the names of donors as we get donations. Thank you from the entire board of the Walnut Creek Pickleball Club!!

New Members

Hamid Amini, Joo-ee Bourque, Lisa Dell'Anno, Lu Lynn de Silva, Barbara Fitterer, Richard Innenberg, Nancy Mitchner, Carol Pillsbury, Lisa Regal, Kathy Sostaric, Dave Sperry, Roger Stone, Thomas Tesler and Lorraine Wieder. Welcome to our club!!

Nominating Committee

Tosh Kuritsubo is the head of the Nominating Committee that will help find our new board members for 2019. He is being helped by Linda Bower and Chris Smith. If you have an interest in helping run the club next year get in touch with any of these folks.

Injured, MIA and Loss

I heard that **Lee Otsuki** might be going through a hip replacement soon. From my recent experience in May, it is a big operation with a great outcome. Good luck Lee!

Bob and Joyce Jensen got banged up and bruised recently in a car accident. A woman t-boned them going 50mph. We hope Joyce's foot is doing ok and that all the bruises are healing. We are glad you were in the big heavy Mercedes that protected you both! Sorry you lost the car.

We were very sorry to hear that **Eric Tate** lost his mother very recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Liz, your dad and your family.

News from New York

We lost our members and board member **Tricia and Angus Murray** when they moved to New York City. They are loving the museums and exploring the city and are thinking of starting up a pickleball group. We miss you!!

How About Drop In Play on Wednesday Evenings?

We have many members looking to play in the evenings before the sun sets. Why don't we try a Drop In on Wednesday Nights starting at 5:30 PM and see if we can get some of you together for some evening play? Let's try it out for a few weeks and see how it goes.

New Dedicated Courts in San Francisco

Our member **Ray Jeung** let us know the first dedicated courts are located at Louis Sutter and should be open soon.

Pasko Varnica and our Website

We want to thank **Pasko Varnica** for keeping our website up and running! It is no small job and we really appreciate all of his work and time spent improving it! Many of our new members are finding the club through the website! Thank you Pasko!

As a member you can join our website by asking to become a site member. Simple follow the directions on the Member Only Area and you will be allowed/given permission to see the Membership Roster. If you are looking for another member or someone to play a tournament with, this can be a useful area of the website.

Table Tennis Champ

Our member, **Jon Rego**, won a Bronze and Gold Medal at the Las Vegas Nationals recently!! There were 39 others in his division, and he won Gold! This is his first National Title! Way to go Jon!!

Engage Golden State Sanctioned Pickleball Tournament Results from July

The WCPC had so many members playing in this tournament and so many did very well and received medals for their first, second or third place finish.

Jordan and Katrina Briones developed this tournament last year and made it a great tournament this year, with many of the top professional men and women playing for prize money. This took a huge amount of work and help from many people. I watched the Men's Pro Gold Medal match on Facebook in Wyoming! It was live streamed!! Ben Johns and Kyle Yates won the match. So cool!

Here are the results for our members:

Men's 3.0, 65+ - Gold - **Robert Strong and Gordon Johnson**; Silver - **Milo Harris and Art Scimia**; Bronze - **Dutch Zuurmond and Steve Ritz**:

Men's 3.5 19+ - Bronze - **Kelly Erardi and Jake Gray**

Men's 3.5, 35+ - Silver - **Chris Lachman and Cash French**

Men's 4.0 50+ - Gold - **Bob Turney and Anil Kumar**; Silver - **Eric Tate and Stewart Roberts**; Bronze - **Ray Jeung and Kevin Ching**

Men's 4.0, 65+ Gold - **Ron Blasquez and Duff Danilovich**; Silver - **George Silvas and Pat Crabtree**;

Men's 4.5. 50+ - Gold - **Chenter Ying (Kay)**

Men's 4.5, 65+ - Gold - **Grant Wyborny and Bill Lide**; Silver - **Thom Macpherson and Rusty Lent**;

Women's 3.0 50+ - Bronze - **Ana Leskovar and Carol Pillsbury**

Women's 3.0, 65+ - Gold - **Monika Wyborny and Julie Chandler**

Women's 3.5, 35+ - Gold - **Becky Anderson and Amy McDougel**

Women's 4.0 65+ - Bronze - **Chris Smith and Linda Bower**

Women's 4.0 19+ - Gold - **Dee Morris and Diana Walker**

Women's 4.0 50+,65+ - Gold - **Jeanne Lowe and Ayumi Otome**

Women's 4.5, 35+ - Gold - **Denny Erardi and Carmen Sanz**

Mixed Doubles 3.5, 65+ - Gold - **Monika Wyborny and Sugy Kiliorin**

Mixed Doubles 4.0,50+ - Gold - **Jeanne Lowe and John King**

Mixed Doubles 4.0, 65+ - Silver - **Pat Chung and Grant Wyborny**

Mixed Doubles 4.5, 19+ - Gold - **Caden Nemoff (Waters)**; Silver - **Dave Velardo (Bernardo)**; Bronze - **Carmen Sanz (Nissen)**

Mixed Doubles 4.5, 35+ - Silver - **Elaine Hennessy and Rich Lopez**

What an outstanding list! Lots of practice and hard work went in to winning these medals! Congratulations to all!!

Save the Dates

Put it on your calendar.....**The End of Summer Party** at **Bob and Joyce Jensen's** home will be held on

September 23, Sunday from 3 PM to 7 PM. More details to come.

Another day to put on your calendar.....**Community Service Day**. It will be held on

October 13, Saturday, 9 AM to 1 PM. We will be adding a new seating area near the new courts.