

WCPC 2017 June Newsletter

June has been a hot one! Have you been following play in the Desert Southwest or Southern California? The tournaments are loaded with the best players in the country and some of our own members are playing those tournaments against the best. Our temperatures this past week have been well into the 90's. Stay hydrated out on the courts and take breaks, sitting in the Shade between games.

Member Anniversary Party - BBQ and Poker Chip Play

Saturday we had a fun day at Rudgear with over 75 members and guests playing all morning! Thankfully the temperatures were in the 70's to 80's. **Jim Heich** who injured his knee in the Sonoma Games, helped set up everything, along with **Tosh Kuritsubo** and others. **Gary Smith's** popular Poker Chip play had everyone mixing it up and meeting others in our club. Lots of new faces showed up to play too. **Katrina Briones**, showed up with **Josiah**. He's grown so much. Almost one year old and what a smile he has now! He had lots of fans! Katrina is also competing at a high level at many tournaments. She does it all! **Mary Zatel** from Oakland finally got her husband **Bob** out on our courts! Nice to meet you Bob! **Mike Luevano**, one of our best tournament players showed up from Lincoln and played with everyone. **Patricia Strazzi** was showing off her drop shots, never misses many of those!

Hormoz Baba and **Gary Smith** were the BBQ Kings again this year! Everyone brought salads, fruit and side dishes or desserts to share. **Marianne Green** brought her special Mimosa's too. **Eric Tate** and his wife **Liz**, recently of Snow Cone fame, brought their own shade, a pop up tent and their group enjoyed it! **Barbara** and **Bill deBoisblanc** came again this year. Bill was sans yo-yo's because of a strained wrist. We enjoyed catching up. **Sylvia Sum** is finally back from Germany too! Welcome Home! So glad you are back! It was nice to talk to **Laura**, **Steve Fox's** wife too. Sometimes we just know one half of the couple. It's nice to see them together. Steve is working on a method to coordinate play at different venues. He is testing out **Woozin?** now and our club may try it out. It helps everyone know who is playing where and when. We will let you know soon. **Debra Bernhardt** and husband **Bob** came too. They dedicate lots of time and effort to Pickleball. She raised a toast to the Walnut Creek Pickleball Club. Thank you Debra!

Rust Lent and his wife **Joanne** were enjoying the BBQ. **Jeane DeKelter** presented Rusty with a gift certificate from our club, for all his volunteer work coaching all of us on Thursday's at our Drill Day!! He has a huge following now. Count me as one too! Rusty can be found most days still helping anyone that asks. He is our "go to" guy for tips and drills. Thank you sooo much Rusty! You've helped our club more than you know!!

Later in the day, many of our tournament players showed up, **Jordan Briones** and his father **Batong** and "uncle", **Terry Nemoff**. **Glen Lucey** and **Dave Velardo**, "Proposal Dave". They all train together on Saturday mornings with many others. Dave Velardo played the SoCal Classic with **Paul Leaf**, won a gold medal and received lots of

attention. He can now be seen in You Tube videos for his style of play. He actually wears **knee pads** for a reason....he plays some of the time on his knees!! Check it out!

Thank you ALL for attending and bringing your favorite dishes. Thank you for traveling a ways to get here, **Randy Zierau** and **Mike Luevano**!! It was a wonderful summer day of Pickleball fun!!

I am posting the pictures on our Facebook page.

Rusty's Drill Day

This very popular day is on hiatus right now. We hope to find another day, as Lifetime Tennis has moved their teaching to Thursday's and Friday's. We want to keep Rusty out their on the courts helping our new members with their games. We all have so much to learn about this game and all the different types of play. Maybe we will start a Pickleball 101 or something to introduce new players to the game. Our board is working on it.

Member Directories

The Member Directories are out at Tice Valley Gym and Rudgear Park. Don't forget to pick your copy up!

Eye Protection

Last month I wrote about eye protection. Our member, **Steve Ritz**, who is teaching Pickleball at Tice Gym now, sells eye wear for Pickleball. Try some on, its the right thing to do.

Tice Valley Gym

Tice is closed this week for kids camps. It was nice to see so many players at Rudgear this morning and catching up with everyone. The courts were packed. Check the schedules on the desk at Tice for days they are open this summer.

Tice is closed on July 4th and is open all month for Pickleball MWTHF through Friday, July 21st. They are closed the following week for another camp.

Beginning on August 14th, be prepared to be a little patient when checking in. They are installing a brand new card reader system. Be kind to the staff and smile back!

If we are low on balls at Tice, **Wayne Moon** is keeping an eye on things for our Club. He and **Thom Macpherson** will get them for you.

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The Methodist Church at 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo, CA 94507 has built a beautiful, air conditioned gym with three Pickleball courts. They are ready to open and will be charging \$4 a day or buy a pass for 11 visits for \$40. It will be nice on those too hot summer days. Jim Burke has been running the entire operation and is hoping to get

interested members down there to check it out. I hear Rusty Lent will be helping with their Grand Opening too.

The courts will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. July 3 is their first week! They will be open most of July, except the week of July 31st for a camp. These courts are not far from Tice or Rudgear. Give them a try! I will be going too!

Ultimate Fieldhouse

This facility is not open for Pickleball during the summer. We hope to be back there using courts next Fall/Winter.

Seen on the Rudgear Courts

It was nice to see **Cash French** who usually stops in for a quick hour of play, here and there, actually show up in tennis shoes!! He usually just wears his work boots and still plays very well! Nice to see you Cash!

I mentioned last month that **Hilary Ward** and **Kevin Clark** were competing in a Body Building competition in Sacramento in May. They both got their PRO cards! You should have seen the pictures! Talk about low body fat! Only in my dreams.....!! Congratulations!!

Crazy 8's is running along great with **Eric Tate** and his wife **Liz** at the helm! Everyone is enjoying the evening play, coolest part of the day. Thanks again Eric, our members really wanted these evening games and you made it happen!

As most of you know the City removed the very large pine tree above our permanent courts. Everyone is amazed how much nicer play is now. You can see the ball!! All the players are still enjoying the shade and out picnic tables on those warmer days. It's a great way to catch up with our friends.

I've heard lots of talk about the multi use courts and the fact that they are becoming increasing more slippery. These courts were not resurfaced when our club and Lifetime Tennis paid to have the Permanent Pickleball Courts resurfaced in June 2016. They have the original surface from several years ago. We will be letting the City know. Most of our members are still hoping to have these four courts turned into more Permanent Courts and asking when will this happen. Many of us who put the nets out and take them down, day in and out, certainly agree. Rusty has been helping the club get donations for those future courts. We do hear you and are still working on that project.

Community Service Day in October

Our next Community Service Day will be held **October 14th, 2017**, Saturday morning. We have asked for more picnic tables and a BBQ grill to be added somewhere near our courts. When we've talked to Public Works, it looks like the project is a go. We will need some volunteers, like last year. We will let you know more as the date gets closer.

Referee Training at Rudgear

If you want to learn more about the game of Pickleball and about refereeing, come to this training day. It is set for **July 29th at 9 AM**. Steve Sutton, our Regional Ambassador from San Jose will be showing everyone the how to's and why you do it this way. Katrina Briones can be contacted at coachkatrina01@gmail.com Sign up with her today. It should be a great day with Steve. A separate email will follow with more information.

Golden State Championships

This is a sanctioned tournament being held at Willow Pass Park in August. Sign up now. We should see lots of good high level play. It is listed on our web site under tournaments or you can find it and other tournaments at www.pickleballtournaments.com

Jordan Briones and his wife are making this one happen and finding sponsors. If you are interested in volunteering, please let them know!

Nominating Committee for 2018 Officers

Your committee is made up of **Dick Hildebrand, Linda Bower** and **Wayne Moon**. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors for 2018, please let one of these members know you would like to do so. I am willing to stay on as your President, if I have your confidence, but I encourage other interested members to apply as well. There is still work to be done, at Rudgear, more courts, wind screens, reconfigure the gates, how else can we promote Pickleball. Tice Valley Gym could definitely use more courts during the Winter months. Of course we are always open to hearing what our membership would like from their club. Feel free to let us know!

Positions open next year are Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Social, Venue Director, Public Relations and Rating. You can check out the By Laws on the web site to see what each of these positions entail.

Tournaments

More and more of our members are signing up for tournaments. There are so many available to play now. If you have played and medalled, please let us know so we can add the results to the tournament page on our web site.

The Bay Area Senior Games held in Palo Alto and the Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games had many of our members playing and winning! Congratulations to everyone!

The Firecracker Frenzy at Courtside is holding a Round Robin Tournament July 1-3 with Prize Money.

www.courtsidecenter.com

Save The Date

Another Party????? Yes! **Bob and Joyce Jensen** have once again offered their lovely home and back yard for our End of Summer Party. Put this on your calendar, **August 26th, Saturday!** More details will follow next month.

Reminders

If you are traveling this year, check out the **USAPA** web site for Places to Play on your trip. It does not cost much to join their organization and they send out a great on line magazine too.

If you are a **Facebook** fan, check out the **Pickleball Forum**. Aspen Kern started it. They do live feed at some tournaments and always have funny information and questions are answered by some of the best in the game. I enjoy reading it all the time.

Remember, at **Pickleball Central** our members get a 5% discount on any thing ordered.

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