



Fall Quarterly 2023

WALNUT CREEK

PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

A Message From Your Board



It's beginning to finally feel like fall! Halloween and Thanksgiving are right around the corner and our days will be getting shorter when Daylight Savings Time ends.

Thank you to all our members who came to the September 5th City Council meeting to voice your concerns over another reduction in hours at the courts and to advocate for Tice Valley Park as the new location for our courts. It was standing room only and even though the hours were reduced again, the Board appreciates everyone who came to the meeting and phoned in during the public comment portion of the meeting. Thank you for your time and thoughts on both topics.

As of this newsletter, there has been no decision concerning where we will be relocated to and when; but it looks like Tice Valley Park is the more favored option. If and when this location is approved, there will come a commitment from the club to help raise funds to build new courts. Thank you **Mark Nollsch** for completing the necessary paperwork that gave our club a 501(c)(7) status. According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), contributions to a 501(c)(7) organization are generally not tax-deductible for income tax purposes by the donor. However, if the organization ultimately qualifies for an exemption for the period in which the contribution is made, then the contribution will be tax deductible by the donor.

It's important to note that a 501(c)(7) organization must be organized for pleasure, recreation, and other similar purposes. A club will not be recognized as tax-exempt if its charter, bylaws, or other governing instrument, or any written policy statement provides for discrimination against any person based on race, color, or religion. 501(c)(7) organizations are generally self-supported by membership fees and dues from club members.

This means the Board is looking to form a **Fundraising Committee** that can do community outreach to help raise the much needed funds to help the City get the new courts built as soon as possible. If you are interested or know if anyone who is interested please contact **Tony Parisi at tonyparisi9@gmail.com**.

New Member Welcome!

We would like to welcome the 36 new members who have joined our club since July. Please make sure to welcome

Dave Allred
Jim Brezack
Laura Brezack
Gian Caputo
Renata Carey
Jamie Carey
Derek Cheung
Adell Comejo
Gregg Cox
June Chang
Janice Crawford
Cary Croopnick
Eric Christmas
Sarah DeMeter
Paul Fruin
Charla Gabert
Heller Gregory
Joel Hassen
Nino Jemo

Irene Kennedy
Dave Klatch
Phyllis Mace
Kris Martin-Meyer
Bill Parker
Shilpa Pathare
Amanda Percy
Barbara Promessi
Ping Qiao
Reshma Rizvi
Dinah Sales
Renata Swickard
Nina Tran
Dawn Tsai
An Vu
Diane Weil
Matthew Wisinski

Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to **Rusty Lent**, and **Laurie Savage** for your very generous monetary donations to the club.

Rusty and Laurie have always been generous in kicking back a portion of Laurie's ball sales and Rusty for all the referrals he gets for lessons and clinics.

Thank you to **John Rubenfeld** for donating 50+ gently used balls and **Patty Spinrod** for the dozen new CORE balls to the club!

Have you noticed the nifty marker and eraser holder on the white board **OR** the magnetic "Next Up" marker? Thank you to **John Mojrordi** for problem solving and making those especially for us!



Spooktackular Poker Chip Play

Come share the Halloween spirit

Tuesday, October 31st There will be a costume contest so you best be

dressed because you will be **JUDGED!** **Since Dave W. has gone off and gotten married we can't wait to see who will take his place! Darrell ????**

Poker Chip Round Robin format :

Group #1 last names with the alphabet L - Z plays from 9:00 am - 10:15

Group #2 last names beginning with the alphabet A - K comes from 10:30 am - noon.

New Court Hours

The incessant noise and volume of players at the courts has become intolerable to the neighbors. The City decided on September 5th to further reduce the hours of play. The new court hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 8 AM to 1 PM

Friday: 8 PM to sunset

Thursday: Courts closed

Saturday and Sunday: 10 am to sunset



Annual Membership Meeting!!!

Mark you calendars! Our Annual Membership

meeting will be held **Friday, November 3rd at 9 AM!** This is when we cast a vote for **our 2024 Board**. Did you know there has been no change in our annual dues for the last eight years? After researching other clubs in the area the board voted to **raise the 2024 dues to \$60 per year**. This is also in anticipation of the cost to build new courts. You will be able to vote on these items via email if you are unable to attend the meeting. Our President, Tony Parisi will give a brief update on the club and the new courts. There will be pickleball play after the meeting. Food and drinks will also be served.



Sunday, December 3rd from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm is the date of our Annual Holiday Party held at the Hillside Diablo Room in Rossmore. Dinner and dancing with music provided by our own **Patrick Vaucheret's band "Rewind"** that 80's band". The invitation will go out **November 9th** and the deadline (with payment) will be **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 29TH**. There are only 130 spots and **NO RSVP's will be accepted after NOVEMBER 29TH !!!!!** More details to follow when the invitation is sent.



Drills & Thrills with Rusty Lent

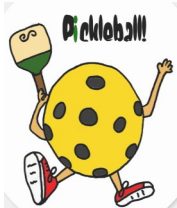
Our own IPTPA Instructor, Rusty Lent holds his Drills and Thrills sessions on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm at the Lafayette Tennis Club. Each session is \$40 for beginner and intermediate players or you can arrange for private lessons by contacting Rusty at lentfam@yahoo.com.



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.

REMINDER: EVEN IF THE COURTS ARE UNLOCKED THERE IS NO PLAY BEFORE 8:00AM OR 10:00 AM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.



Where Do All Those Balls Go?

Did you know that the club has used over 1200 balls year to date? That doesn't count the personal balls that players bring. This is a cost of \$3,000 per year that we spend on balls alone. With dues being \$20 per year that averages about 10 balls per member per year. We also take ball donations which has amounted to about \$850 year to date. Just in case you were wondering....

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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