

WCPC 2019 July Newsletter

Did you have a nice 4th of July? The weather could not have been nicer. Many of our members played pickleball until 2pm. Some came and went but we had a busy day. **Liam Krauss** was so nice to bring a cooler of drinks for all of us. Not many left at the end of the day either! **Kathy Sostaric** brought grapes too! The following day, **Teresa Wenzel** brought some yummy cinnamon rolls and coffee cake and other pastries! **Rusty Lent** has been bringing his cookies or watermelon regularly too!

Court Cleaning

The courts were to be washed on July 3, but Lifetime could not get water pressure and it did not happen. We should hear from them about a new date soon.

SSIPPA - Best of the West Tournament in Concord

So many of our members played in this very well run tournament last weekend. You can look at Pickleballtournaments.com to see all the results. Medals for everyone in every category. We will have the results posted on our website soon. Two long days of play, but the check in was well run by **Pria Kumar** and **Carol Pillsbury**. Lots of good snacks available all day as well. All the games were round robin, so everyone played a few games! I caught up with **Monica Mitchell** who was volunteering, handling all the raffle ticket gifts and prizes. It was great to see her and catch up. We've all missed seeing her on the courts.

Bill Matherly and **Christine Sutinen-Gonzales** were volunteering to ref many of the games. **Michael and Shari Crane** did much of the work getting this tournament set up and running too. **Warren and Becky Anderson** ran some of the check in tables for turning in the scores. **Alan and Laurie Savage** were running the computers. So many other members were volunteering, **Chris Smith**, and many of the regular players in Concord. Thank you all!. **Karen Siemsen** and **Caroline Daniels** should be so proud of all they have done to get the courts at Willow Pass Park. They put in years of work. We all get to enjoy the fruits of their hard work with these fun and competitive tournaments being held there now!

New Tarp over the Picnic Tables

We are all enjoying the shade over those two tables now, thanks to **Tosh Kuritsubo**. He put it up high enough to stay out of everyone's way and provides much needed shade over the summer.

Bob Lymans 80th Birthday

Beverly, Bob's wife threw a surprise party for Bob on June 23rd out at their Discovery Bay home. All of his family, many kids and grand kids had wonderful things to say about Bob! I know that he has been working hard to hold fundraisers out there to add more pickleball courts. He has been playing pickleball for years and has helped our club with Rating Days and been a member for a long time. He was the first person I ever played a tournament with and was always so kind, when he would invite me up to the non volley line all those years ago! Happy Birthday from all of us Bob! I got to see **Randy Zierau** and met **Randi Laforge** who sends the Discovery Bay Pickleball newsletter too.

Anniversary Party and Picnic - Tribute to Bill Dougherty

What a great turn out for our party! Over 122 came and played or had a burger or hot dog and enjoyed the many many salads and sides and desserts. **Hormoz Baba** ran the Poker Chip play and kept players moving every eight minutes. Everyone seemed to like that. **Cece Kohl** and **Danielle Lucking** kept

everyone in the chips, Poker or the food kind! **Tosh Kuritsubo** and **Mike Gabrielson** tried to get the grill working the way it had days before. but the heat was not there. **Bill Marsh** and his wife **Sally** cooked 80 plus burgers at home and ferried them to the courts a few times before they got to sit down and enjoy their own lunch! Saved the Day!

We honored **Bill Dougherty and wife Joan** with a short speech about starting the club 10 years ago and gave him a gift certificate for dinner at Fleming's. This club started as Rossmoor Pickleball Club in **2009** with about 10 members, playing at Tice Gym. Bill worked for years building the membership and buying portable nets and balls, holding tournaments with very little money and some donations from those members. Bill spent countless hours helping all of us learn the game as he used one courts as a teaching court. After many years, in **2013**, he passed the baton the **Addie Mattox**. Bill still served as Treasurer of the Club. They convinced the City of Walnut Creek to paint lines on the courts at Rudgear Park after years of asking and many meetings. In **2014**, **Dick Hildebrand** became the President. He was the past Mayor of Walnut Creek and he and his **wife Lynn** continued to build the club. Bill served again as Publicity Chair that year. That was the year we split from Rossmoor and became the WCPC. We had 161 members by the end of **2014**. Dick stayed on again in **2015** and I came on the board with others that year. Dick convinced the city and Lifetime Tennis to put in four Dedicated Pickleball courts and got the members to donate money for the courts. We had the grand opening in June at Rudgear Park. We had 232 members at the end of 2015.

In **2016** I came on as President after the other guy didn't show up. The club paid to resurface the courts again as the cities choice of contractors didn't get the job done. We had a small board in **2017** but the membership grew to 375. In **2018** our board raised \$18,000 from our very generous members for four more dedicated courts. We had the Grand Opening of all the courts on the Labor Day weekend, **September 4, 2018**. I relied on **Bill and Joan Dougherty** and **Dick and Lynn Hildebrand** and **Thom and Stacy Spell Macpherson** and **Duff and Claire Danilovich** for a lot of support and help with "what to do next" and "how do we get that done." They all attended many PROS and City Council meetings, as did 100 of our members when we needed their help the most!

Today, with over 500 members and Rossmoor has about the same number, Bill's vision 10 years ago started what we have today! In **2019**, a thriving, fun loving, inclusive club! We have cleaned up our area of Rudgear Park during our Community Service Days in October, built picnic tables, cleared brush and debris, trees removed, new gates added and a filtered water bottle fountain with a dog bowl too! We think we have a great place to play Pickleball! Thank you Bill!

New Members

Lets welcome all our newest members:

Jeff Armstrong, Becky and Tad Beckelman, Chris Blick, Elaine Bonini, Ken Bucho, Julie Catalano, Steve Comford, Steve Cornelison, John Dickens, Mary Eilerman, Charla Gabert, Jack Gayle, Cynda Gabel, Roger Heule, Manny Laron, Candace and Sidney Lee, Simon Marlow, Pamela McKulla, Melissa Moehle, Luis Moura, Scott Muller, Surendranath Nellogi, Stephanie Papas, Lisa J. Roderick, Noel Ronato, Carmen Sanz, Rodgrigo Schreiner, Wolfram Sexauer, Carl Tuibl and father Carl Tuibl, Sr., Lee Van de Kerchove, Chip and Luke Wasson, Deborah White, Bruce and Darlene Wiskel, Jack Wolf, Steve Zalewski Jennifer Zemmer

Golden State Championships Coming Soon in Concord

This is a USAPA Sanctioned tournament, with \$15,000 in prize money! **Jordan Briones** and his **wife Katrina** are the inspiration behind this tournament. This will be held on July 25th to July 28th. The sign up deadline is July 10th!

It is a chance to see some of the best players in the game, **Kyle Yates, Ben Johns, Irina Tereschenko, Christine McGrath** and others. Some of the best local players, **David Wage, Aaron Nissen, Proposal**

David Velardo and of course **Jordan Briones** will all be playing too. You can still sign up to play or volunteer to help. Check out Pickleballtournaments.com!

Katrina Briones is also looking for folks to help house some of the pro players coming to the tournament. She also needs more portable nets, if you have one or more. You can contact her at coachkatrina01@gmail.com.

Tahoe City Kilner Park Debuts New Courts

If you are traveling to Tahoe this summer, check out the new dedicated courts at Kilner Park! The grand opening is on July 10th, with clinics and later some Pickleball Olympics. You can check out Tahoe City Parks and Rec for more information! Four new dedicated courts and more with portable nets! **Bill Dougherty** has been helping out with this also!

Visitors with Drones at Rudgear Pickleball Courts

We had some interesting visitors, **Ky and Bonnie Coffey** who are Worldwide Home and Pet Sitters. And they also play Pickleball every where they travel and take great photos of the courts with their drone business. Check it out:

www.coffeys2go.com Click on the pickleball blog and scroll down to "Approach Shots Near Alamo, CA There are also nice shots of the Willow Pass Park courts too!

End of May Visitors, Great Players!

On May 31st we all got a treat as **David Wage** and **Aaron Nissen** and **Rich Lopez** and **Dave Velardo (Proposal Dave)** and yes he plays on his knees some of the time, came to play at Rudgear! These are some of the highest level players around and was it fun to watch! One time I was on a court next to them playing and I realized they had been dinking back and forth for a good 10 minutes! Ahhh, I thought to myself, there is the big difference, we only dink a few times at lower levels, they go on and on and on!

Heard around the Courts

Rob Baker, Pastor Rob received an Award for Innovation that made him very happy. He also invents some very tough shots on our courts!!

Cedric DeVries hurt his back again....".Zoro Zedric" let me know he couldn't make the picnic. We missed his wife too!

Sara Lautenbach has been working to feel better with her R. A. diagnosis. We've missed seeing her.

Lu Lynn de Silva still has her foot issues and we haven't seen her in ages. She said these medical issues are like "Whack-A-Mole!!" Pretty funny but true!

Sylvia Sum has been gone for a month. She had to take her father back to Germany after he had medical issues while visiting her here. We hope he's doing well Sylvia! Miss you!

Frank O'Connell had surgery at Stanford about a month ago and we hope he is doing well. You too **Sue!**

Elaine Hennessy just had shoulder surgery right after placing 5th at the National Senior Games in Albuquerque New Mexico. Her doctor wanted it done earlier but told her to go ahead and play. She and Denni Erardi, her partner placed 5th out of 50 teams! Great playing with a hurt shoulder! Congrats to both!

Julie and Randy Chandler were both sick with colds as they were getting on a plane to go to Scotland and Ireland. We hope they are feeling better and enjoying the sights!

Rand Kemp is a member and he was teaching pickleball for Lifetime last year and always brought his sweet golden doodle, Cooper, who loved tennis balls and leaning on you until you would pet him. We were really sad to hear he lost Cooper recently.

Tosh Kuritsubo also lost his kitty, Mother Cat, after 19 and a half years, recently. He is now trying to raise a one year old rescue and a kitten! That is keeping him busy!

Monika and Grant Wyborny lost one of their dogs recently and she brings, Bebe who is lonely without the other dog. It's hard to lose these, "family members"....

Bob and Joyce Jensen are enjoying their new grand child and they may be back in a few weeks for a visit! We've missed them both!

National Senior Games in New Mexico

We had many members and friends travel to Albuquerque a couple of weeks ago in June. There were so many participants, so many rounds of play. **Elaine Hennessy and husband Kevin** took 8th in the Mixed 55-59; **Elaine and Denny Erardi** took 5th in the Women's Doubles 55-59. Elaine did all that with a bad shoulder! **Kim Lackey** took 3rd in Women's Singles 60-64 and **Addie Mattox and Pat Carroll** took 3rd in Women's Doubles 75-79. Congratulations to all!

Donations

Dutch Zuurmond donated two dozen of the optic green Franklin X balls this week! Thanks Dutch, many players like the bright green balls! We go through so many balls every day.

Tips from Sarah Ansboury

Mental Side of the Game (copied from her blog)

1. Find out what ball will be used and spend time practicing with it.
2. When possible, practice productively with your partner.
3. Don't just drill or play, talk! Discuss strategy and court position the day before the event. Make sure you are both on the same page.
4. Set your intention as a team, define common goals, identify the weaker player and target them.
5. Quiet the Inner Dialogue, the Past is over, the Future is not now, Succeed in the Moment!

Rudgear Guidelines for Play

Please remember to put the table with the sign in sheets out. We track play everyday, and lately we could use 8 more courts. It's been busy! Put the ball baskets out on the courts and when it gets busy, please put the white board up, so everyone can get on the courts in some order.

Try to hang your bags lower in front of the "show court" where all the picnic tables are, then everyone can watch the games more easily.. Remember to park on the park side if possible. If you park across the street, avoid all the driveways, especially the short space directly across from the stairs. The woman transports a disabled person with a van and she needs room to get out. We want to keep all the neighbors happy.

Play can not start before 8 AM per the communities CC & R's. If we use the blower, try to do it closer to 9 AM if it is needed.

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