

Happy February Walnut Creek Pickleball Club Members!

The new board has met for the second time this year and we are working towards kicking off a great 2016! There are 8 members and 6 of us are new to the board. We are excited to learn and get things rolling.

Last year's WCPC board left us in good standing and an agenda for this year for us to get started with. Thanks to all of last year's board for all the work they did. We're really appreciating and realizing what a great job they did.

Why be a member of WCPC? Did you know that the club provides balls and nets and managed play experience at both Tice and Rudgear? Club members have continued to find new venues for members to play, The Ultimate Fieldhouse in Shadelands, and grow the sport of Pickleball. There are many new Pickleball players coming to these venues and we need to let them know about WCPC and what it offers to their members. This year's memberships are due by February 29th if you want to make the published directory. We will email updated membership rosters throughout the year. Our goal is to welcome all new members and provide them with a great experience at our venues.

To support the new Pickleball players, recreational players and give competitive play for those that wish to advance their play we have put together a Play Management Committee. There are six members on the committee and they have presented to the board some of their ideas. Starting on Wednesday, February 24th, we will give one of those ideas a try at Tice. Board members will be there to help facilitate the change and to evaluate how it worked and here your ideas about it. We hope you can join us! Be sure to let us know what you think.

To provide continued communication with our members we started a FACEBOOK PAGE, Walnut Creek Pickleball Club Organization. We want all members to post anything Pickleball related that other members can benefit from. We can share information about upcoming tournaments, tournament results, and schedule of play, pictures and videos of members at tournaments. We will post on FACEBOOK upcoming WCPC events such as summer BBQ'S, interleague play, skill and drill clinics. Also on Facebook we have provided links to various Pickleball websites that provide tutorials, equipment, upcoming tournaments, etc. Please be sure to LIKE and get familiar with the Walnut Creek Pickleball Facebook page.

WCPC is actively working with the City of Walnut Creek. There is new management at Tice that we are contacting to establish a relationship. Members of the board with the past president, Dick Hildebrand, have met with the city to discuss ongoing issues with the surface of the courts at Rudgear.

Save the Date:

In April an invitation for all members to attend a Walnut Creek Pickleball Club meeting with the board. There has been a revision of the by-laws that will be presented and voted on for approval. It is an opportunity to let you know what the Board is working on and hear what you have to say.

In May or June, we hope to have a Rating Day with Steve Sutton, the Regional USAPA Representative. He offered to help us hold it sometime after the BASG.

June 11th- This is the one year Anniversary of the completion of the Rudgear Permanent Pickleball courts! We will be planning a party and BBQ at Rudgear Park on or near that date. The Sonoma Wine Country Games are about the same time, so we will pick a date that will work best.

August- Summer picnic, date and place to be announced.

As the weather gets better we will have information on club tournaments, drill practices, inter leagues, etc.

We found more bag tags and patches with our club logo, designed by Dan Young. They are \$5 just ask Kris or other board members.

Denny Erardi asked us to find out if anyone is interested in playing Singles on Saturdays at Rudgear. Please contact her at dcerardi@comcast.net.

Just a reminder, if you haven't already joined the USAPA, check it out. There is information on places to play, upcoming tournaments, rules, teaching videos and a monthly newsletter. If you are planning on buying any equipment go to Pickleball Central and use your WCPC discount code CRRPC. Members get a 5% discount and at the end of the year the club gets an additional 5% on each purchase as credit.

We hope to see you on the courts!

Happy Pickleballing!

The 2016 Walnut Creek Pickleball Board