



Summer Quarterly 2023

WALNUT CREEK

PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

A Message from your Board

Happy Summer Everyone! June didn't feel like summer with the unseasonably cool temperatures, but the weather certainly heated up soon enough. A lot has been happening with the courts but with any city government, the progress has been slow. On June 5th, Kevin Safine presented the PROS Commission three possible location recommendations for the new pickleball courts. **Option 1:** the parking lot next to ballfield #1 at Heather Farm Park vote:

Unanimous, Option 2: the basketball courts next to the Clarke Swim Center vote: **3 YES, 2 NO** and **Option 3:** behind the baseball diamond next to Tice Creek Gym : vote **5 YES, 1 NO**. The PROS voted on all three with Heather Farm being first, Tice Creek Gym second and the basketball courts being the least ideal. The next steps will be to present the costs associated with the three proposed locations to the City Council. It's not over yet, but a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this process.

Tony Parisi, Luis Moura, Eric Benson, Brad Falk, Mark Nollsch, Melinda Shaver, Jill Shinkle, Steve Martin, Lisa Regal and Teresa Wenzel.

On a lighter note, we had our Summer Barbecue and Membership Meeting at the Stanley Dollar Park at Rossmoor on June 4th where our President, Tony Parisi gave an update on the courts and the processes that have been taken with the City Task Force and the Stewart Avenue Task Force. More to follow...keep reading

New Member Welcome!

WOW! We would like to welcome the 33 new members who have joined our club since January. Please make sure to welcome these new members if you have an opportunity to meet and play with them at Rudgear!

Chad Basilico	Haywon Lieh
Carol Berlier	Derek Minno
Missy Cantor	M. Kaitlyn Pinson
Sylvia Carr	Mike Prochaslca
Sam Chatterjee	Debra Pulver
Milo Conejo	Jeff Pulver
Jill Dresser	T. J. Reynolds
Jared Fameitau	Donald Rubenstein
Dennis Goins	Erin Sabey
Mayukh Guha	Rina Shah
Mindy Hamway	Doug Sharp
Randi Hepner	Dan Spaulding
Brett Holden	Jeff Spiegelman
Shaun Hui	Jan Stafford
Joe Iovino	Heidi Timken
Marison Kimura	Andre' can Der Bergh
Karen Leach	



THANK YOU to those members who have renewed their 2023 dues. Your support of our club is greatly appreciated!

Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to **Rusty Lent**, and **Laurie Savage** for your very generous monetary donations to the club. Rusty has always been generous in kicking back a portion of his lesson funds for all the referrals he gets. Laurie has been a real go getter by selling club members balls and giving back the difference.

Unfortunately, she can no longer purchase and sell balls for the price break we can get on the internet. **Thank you Laurie!!!**



Summer Lovin' Had Me a Blast!

Now that it's summer, please join Cece Kohl and Teresa Wenzel for lunch at the courts on Wednesdays. Bring your lunch and take an opportunity to catch up with friends or to just get to know one another. No reservations required and we welcome new players and members. Don't miss out!

A Word About Managed Play

The club manages play between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM Monday through Friday and from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. This means that the Sign in Table is out, the whiteboard is on the fence and a bucket full of balls. If these items are not out during these times, **PLEASE** put **everything** out and not just the whiteboard and balls.

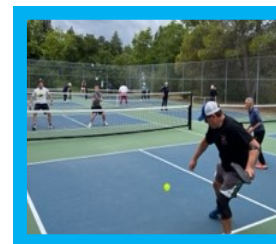
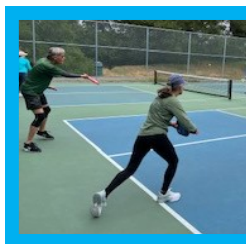
We **DO NOT** manage play after these hours. It does not matter how busy we are in the afternoons due to wet courts in the morning. We can not be responsible for managing play all day regardless of a board member being at the courts. This means if you choose to play when play is **NOT** managed, the paddle on the fence system is in place and you must provide your own balls.



Cinco de Mayo Poker Chip Play!

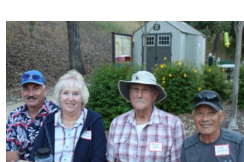
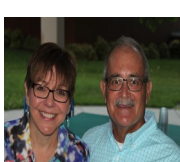
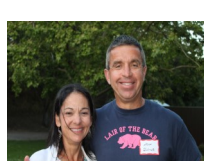
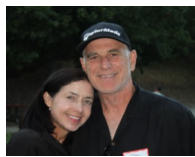
On May 5th, the club hosted a Cinco de Mayo Poker Chip Play. **Darrell**

Hoh came dressed to celebrate. **Lisa Regal** decorated the courts to the hilt and **Cece Kohl** organized and provided snacks and libations for all. **Thank you for making this such a fun event for our club!**





On June 4th, the club hosted it's Annual Summer Party and Annual Meeting. with over 145 members, spouses and significant others in attendance. El Molina catered the event with delicious Mexican cuisine. It was great to see everyone, socialize and realize some of us were no longer incognito. Awards were presented on behalf of the board by **Cece Kohl and Lisa Regal**. **Teresa Wenzel** was awarded the "Worker Bee" award for always being at the courts and remembering everyone's name (first and last). **Darrell Hoh** was presented the "Sweetheart Award" for being so sweet to blow the courts off every week, fixing gates that get broken and coming dressed for any Poker Chip play occasion. **Tony Parisi** gave the club an update on what has been accomplished by both task forces concerning the move from Rudgear and where we might be relocated. Tony also thanked the task force and board members for all their work. There was Cornhole tp play and Pinatas with goodies! Thank you to **Cece Kohl and Lisa Regal** for organizing a wonderful evening and to all those who helped with set up and clean up.





Drills & Thrills with Rusty Lent

Our own IPTPA Instructor, Rusty Lent will be holding 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. **EVEN IF THE COURTS ARE UNLOCKED THERE IS NO PLAY BEFORE 8:00AM OR 10:00 AM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.**



New Court Hours

The incessant noise and volume of players at the courts has become intolerable to the neighbors. As a result of mediation with the City and the neighbors the new court hours are as follows:

Monday: 8 am to 1 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 am to sunset

Thursday: Courts closed

Saturday and Sunday: 10 am to sunset

As a board we have agreed to padlock the courts at 1:00 pm on Mondays for the City. Please be considerate of the board member or members who are locking up and not start a new game after 12:50 pm.

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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