

WCPC 2018 September Newsletter

We are in that time of wonderful days and evenings in Northern California. So lucky we all live here. Many thoughts about all the areas burning, so many fires here and across the West. The smoke can be a hindrance during the days when we want to play pickleball but what wonderful sunsets.

Hoping for the best for those on the East Coast this week. Mother Nature can be unpredictable and this storm looks huge.

Grand Opening of Rudgear Pickleball Courts

Labor Day! What a great day for our club! So many from the City Council, **Cindy Silva, Kevin Wilk** and PROS Commissioners, **Fred Weston and Art Oller** attending. Also, **Kevin Safine**, the Director of Arts and Rec and **Isabella Galang** from Lifetime Tennis showed their support too. We had over 100 members show up to play and have breakfast! I think the City fathers have a much better idea about the popularity of our sport now! It looked like we needed more courts!! Thank you to all the board members, **Bill, Hormoz, Danielle, Tosh, Mark, Cece and Teresa**, who decorated and made so many of the yummy snacks, breakfast burritos and mimosas! Thank you to everyone who also brought food! **Maggie Hochfelder** brought her frittata, **Angeli Stanwick** brought her decorated pickleball paddle cookies and biscotti. Very yummy! Thank you to all the donors (listed below) that made these courts possible.

Information from the Board

The WCPC Board has added three Members At Large to assist with running the club. **Teresa Wenzel** and **Cece Kohl** and **Mark Nollsch**. Teresa has been helping run the play at Rudgear and track our playing numbers, she also helped **Tosh** with tee shirt sales, collecting money and getting the shirts out. Cece Kohl has also been helping at Rudgear over the summers. She is finally retired from Monte Vista High School and has time to help us too. Mark Nollsch came to a meeting one night and he has joined us as well. He knows about non profits and may be helping us become one. Thank you all for everything you are doing and for joining the board!

Next Board Meeting is September 28th.

Welcome Our New Members

Jim Boots, Leo and Suzette Cabatu, Brandon and Jeff Cordtz, Rick Covella, Dave Fuson, Liam Krauss, Cherie Leines, Mark Lubiszewski,

Carol Manuel, Dan Mitchell, Dee Morris, Ed Oceana, Mike Paluck, Barbara Reamy, ,Kathy Rice, Michael Saputo, Alan and Laurie Savage, Kathy Wollcoch, Bob Ziegenhagen. Welcome All!!

WCPC Member Donor List

Please thank all these members! They are the ones that made our four new dedicated courts possible. The Board wishes to thank each and every one of you! You have given all of our members the best gift any pickleball player could ask for.....MORE COURTS!

Eric Anders, Warren and Becky Anderson, Patty Andrews, Nan Arkwright, Ed Baxter, Eric Benson, Linda Bower, Maureen Bormolini, Llsa Broadsky, Mark Bryant, Laura Cahalen, Suzan Chu, Pat Chung, Phillip Clark, Russel and Jackie Cowgill, Duff Danilovich, Vicki Davis, Bill and Joan Dougherty, Jan Gabe, Cindy Galbraith, Terry Gordon, Linda Gray, Milo Harris, Kevin and Elaine Hennessy, Darrell Hoh, Kris Hunter, Bob and Joyce Jensen, Gordon Johnson, Mary Reed Johnson, Rand Kemp, Tosh Kuritsubo, Rusty Lent, Sara Lautenbach, Bob Lyman, Thom Macpherson, Bill Marsh, Joe Marzouk, Budd McKenzie, Mary Nelson, Bev Nikoli, Frank and Sue O'Connell, Melinda Olea, Monita Pang, Tan Pham, Jon Rego, Jim Richards, Len Saputo, Walter and Beverly Schlehuber, Melinda Shaver, Phillip and Diane Sherard, Karen Siefert, Kathy Sostaric, Stace Spell, Patty Spinrod, Stan Springle, Bob Stoffberg, Robert and LeAnn Strong, Sylvia Sum, John Swindell, Tim Tamura, Greg Warner, Jerry Wertzer, Bob Whitman, Nick and Alice Wong, May Wong, Dan and Julia Young, Rosario Ysip, Rich and Gail Zavala.

I hope no one has been left off the list!

New Numbers

Teresa Wenzel, is still tracking our numbers, total players to date 7789, with an average of 36 players a day. And this is just the number for those signing in. Please remember to do so, every time you come to Rudgear. I am sure our numbers will grow, just as our membership has. We now have 438 members! I asked Linda Bower about Rossmoor membership the other day and they have at least 460 members now! Just amazing!

Heartfelt Story

This comes from **Monita Pang** and involves two of our members.

A battered woman came to Monita's church with her four sons. She had a car accident, totaling the vehicle and was driving a rental. The pastor of the church was helping advise the woman. Monita relayed the woman's story to some of her pickleball family of friends, at lunch one day. The following evening, our members called Monita and said they had a car they no longer needed, as their son was off to college. They wanted the woman to have their car. They delivered the car to the woman at church the following day! Monita told me this story because she was so proud of our members, showing true humanity and unconditional love to those in need. The woman's boys were starting school and going to day care. Her great needs were met. What a great gift! What great members we have in our club!

Injured or MIA of Just Back

Vicki Morse is finally back on the courts after rehabbing after knee surgery. **Bill deBoisblanc, "Yo Yo Bill"** is also back on the courts after an injury.! He had his yo yo's with him the other day. Two hands, two yoyo's! What a Pro! **Jim Heick** is still nursing an aggravating injury that has kept him off the courts to long. **Walter Schlehuber** has had a sore back and sciatica, so **Beverly** has been coming alone. **Sara Lautenbach** fell at the courts and is nursing a damaged wrist/hand. We wish you all well and hope you are back on the courts soon. You are missed!

We have not seen **Bill and Joyce Johnson** in some time and hope they are doing well, same to **John and Mary Kelly**. **Jim Ellett** showed up the other day! We used to play at Tice together years ago. And **David Heaton**, "Volleyball extraordinaire and Badminton player" also came to Rudgear last week. By the way, our new member says "Hello David", **Lu Lynn deSilva!** She said the two of you used to play volleyball together years ago! **Annette Cohn** was back and **Cindy Galbraith** finally returned from Montana. We've been missing **Karen Kupetz**, **Stewart** has been coming without her lately. **Tricia Murray** is back in town from New York too! We have not seen **Christina Sutinen-Gonzales and Bell** in while either!! We hope to see you all again soon!

Rusty Lent has been giving his shoulder a rest and has had to put off lessons he teaches at the Alamo Methodist Church. We know everyone misses him!

We have not see **Brad or Jenise Falk** in a while, but I see in Alamo Today, **Jenise** is the President of **Friends of Discovery**, which provides funding for their counseling center. In the last 45 years, they have raised \$9.5 million to support community mental health. They run the Thrift Station in the Crossroads Shopping Center in Danville, also. Way to go!

Budd MacKenzie was gone most of the summer to Montana too. Now he is busy organizing donations to his **Trust in Education** organization that ships items to Afghan families and children. He is having a Packing Party on September 22 from 10 to 3 at the Lafayette Methodist Church on Moraga Rd. if you can help. Our club donates all our lost and found clothing to his organization. They are collecting shoes, boots, Winter gloves, hats, scarves, blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, clean toys, stuffed animals, back packs and more. If you have anything to donate, leave it in the shed at Rudgear and we will see it gets to Budd before the Paking Party!

Balls

We recently ordered new balls for Rudgear play, the Onyx Pure 2 and the Dura Fast 40. In no time at all over half the order of Dura balls had cracked and all the Onyx Pure balls were still on the courts. I wrote to **Pickleball Central** to complain about the Dura breaking so easily, saying, these balls need work. Great Company! They said they would send bags of replacement balls for our loss! Good Business!

It's so funny, the Onyx balls never die, they just get so dirty and the Dura break in a day! They need to find a ball in the middle!

Remember to use your club code, CRRPC when you order from Pickleball Central. Club members get a 5% discount on all orders.

Thank you to **Stan Springle** for donating Dura balls too! We've needed all of them!

Rudgear Park

It is drop in play every morning from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please sign in daily. We still need to blow off the courts or sweep up the tree debris on the back courts, daily. There are brooms in the shed. We want to keep the neighbors happy, so we don't use the blower every morning. Also, with so many coming to play now, be kind and don't park too close to their driveways. There is plenty of parking around the park.

We use the white board when it gets busy to keep play going. Everyone is enjoying the new courts, no waiting to get on the dedicated courts now and no more portable nets!! YaHOO!!

Sarah Ansbury, one of the top women pickleball professionals, came through Walnut Creek last week and came to Rudgear! She liked the new courts and many of us got games with her! What a great day!

Tice Valley Gym

The schedule is the same for September, Monday, Wed, and Thursdays, 9 AM to 1 PM and Fridays

9 Am to Noon. White board is used there also. Balls are in the red bag with loaner paddles.

End of Summer Party at Bob and Joyce Jensen's

Don't forget to put this on your calendar! September 23rd, 3 PM to 7 PM.

Sunday

Bob and Joyce Jensen

200 South Ridge Court, Danville, CA 94506

Everyone brings a side dish or salad and your own drinks, wine or beer. (no red wine). We are grilling

Tri Tip and will have rolls for sandwiches.. You must RSVP to attend. Let Kris know at shywyo@aol.com if you can attend.

Bob has a new bar on the deck and a ping pong table and a therapeutic hot tub, besides the swimming pool! Both **Jon Rego**, our local table tennis champ and " Yo Yo" **Bill deBoisblanc** will be at the party. It should be fun!!

Deadline is Sept 20th!

Community Service Day

Please volunteer if you have not signed up yet. You can sign up on line. On **Saturday, October 13th**, we will meet at Rudgear and put two more picnic tables together. We will be clearing an area for the tables near the ones we have and making a path to the new gate on the new dedicated courts, which will be installed sometime soon. We will be doing general clean up around the courts too.

There is a pancake breakfast served at 7:30 am at Heather Farms and you get a tee shirt if you go to that before we start at 9 AM. We will have drinks and snacks. Bring gloves and hats, closed toed shoes too. Rakes, shovels and tools. There will be another notice before the event.

Cindy Silva , Mayor Pro Tem, runs this City wide project every year. She has been a huge supporter of our club and pickleball. Let's give some time back to the City!

More Pickleball Courts Opening

Check out the **USAPA** website or the **Pickleball Finder** App. Courts have opened in San Francisco and Livermore. The game is growing and more courts are needed everywhere!

Check out **PickleballTournaments.com** too. Lots of local tournaments coming up! Discovery Bay is having another fundraising tournament soon too. Let's support their efforts!