

To All Our Members:

July is a great month for Pickleball and travel and road trips! It is a nice time of year to catch up with neighbors and old friends. So many of my friends are now playing Pickleball around the country. Don't forget to use the USAPA web site to look up places to play on your travels! I drove through Park City, Utah and found a Meet Up group that played there. Even, Cheyenne, Wyoming has permanent outdoor Pickleball courts and Leagues now! The sport is growing everywhere!! A big welcome to all of our new members!

New Court Surface

How is everyone liking the new court surface at Rudgear Park? Have you tried the courts out yet? I think it has improved the game and addressed the safety issue, to slippery, no more! Our club can accomplish a lot when we put the time in! I think it's great!

Web site

A reminder to new members to check out the **walnutcreekpickleball.com** web site. We have pictures from parties and information about upcoming events, member information, past or current newsletter's and minutes of meetings, etc. Also, don't forget to pick up a Member Directory at Tice Valley Gym or Rudgear Park.

Where to Play

Tice Valley Gym has their August Schedule out now. There is no drop in play the first week of August, but play as usual the rest of the month. MWF 9 to noon and Thursday noon to 3 pm. There is a white board in use on busy days, sign up with a foursome and wait your turn to go on an open court.

Rudgear Park has drop in play going on every morning. Most days we have 4 permanent and 4 portable courts available to use. Everyone tries to use the "two winners stay on and two new players come on to play" rule. If it is very busy with many waiting, it is usually four off and four new players go on. Rudgear has been very busy on weekends with very high level play and new players coming and joining the club every week! When it is very warm, many players just want to take a break from play and cool off.

Lessons

Lifetime Tennis has lessons on Tuesday and Friday mornings, so sometimes we are down to two of the permanent courts. Thank goodness we have the other 4 portable nets and courts. If you are new to the game check the City of Walnut Creek web site out for information.

Drill Day with Rusty

First, I want to thank Rusty Lent for all of the time and effort he has been putting into our Drill Day on Thursday morning at 8 or 9 am, depending on his schedule. He has been researching new ways to drills and ideas to help everyone. He also donated more balls to the club!! He brings snacks! He brings awards!! You can't ask for a more outstanding member or friend!!

I would also like to thank Val Robertson and Jeane DeKolver and Thom Macpherson and Jordan Briones for helping out with the drill days. This last week was an unusual day, but everyone seemed to enjoy their time on the courts and others waited until the drills finished up. Thanks to all for understanding. We are so very lucky to have this instruction coming from our high level men players and Val and Jeane, who are very good coaches too!! We are all learning better ways to play and new techniques.

Also, a big thank you to Thom Macpherson for donating more balls to our club!! We do go through many, many balls!! Please remind any non members to make ball donations, which helps our club.

Baby Shower

We had a very fun day of play, then had a baby shower luncheon, with many, many, gifts given to Jordan and Katrina Briones for their son, who will arrive sometime in August. Stacy Spell and Thom Macpherson brought tables and tablecloths and all the sandwiches and even a Baby Cake made of many diapers and toys, including pickleballs!! It was just so much fun!! So many members gave gifts! Jordan and Katrina thank everyone for all the support and kindness. Isn't it great to have members of all ages in our club? I love our diversity!

Missing Friends

So we have many friends we are thinking about! Don Grant is still on the injured reserve list and we hope he is recovering from his surgery. Tim Tamura is still out and we miss seeing him playing with all his friends at Rudgear. Nancy Smith has been out for several weeks now and we hope to see her back sometime soon too. Thanks to everyone for helping set up and take down the equipment at Tice, something Nancy did for our club, day in and out!! Addie Mattox had surgery and we wish her well.

It's also nice to Dan and Julia Young back, no injuries, just hiking and doing other sports! Cross-training!!

Pickleball Central

Don't forget to use our WCPC code when ordering anything from Pickleball Central. It is CRRPC. You get a 5% discount and the club gets the same benefit

at the end of the year.

USAPA

Don't forget to join this association. They have so much information and send out current info all the time. When you sign up and play a USAPA sanctioned tournament, you will already be a member. You will also get a USAPA rating when you play a sanctioned tournament. They always have new info on the current balls being used in tournaments, those approved or not on the list any longer. Check it out!

Save the Date

Our club will have their "**END OF SUMMER PARTY**" at Bob and Joyce Jensen's home in Blackhawk on

September 24th, Saturday at 5 PM. Look for the Invitation and RSVP, coming sometime soon. Torrey Wall, who manages our web site, will be sending them out!! Thank you Torrey!!

Community Service Day at Rudgear Park

Please put this date on your calendar and sign up! **October 8th, Saturday from 8am to noon**. We are so lucky to have Dick Hildebrand as a member, past President of the club (and past Mayor of Walnut Creek). He talked to Cindy Silva and helped us get this project planned with the City of Walnut Creek. It will certainly improve the areas around our courts and seating areas, including new picnic tables and rock and bender board areas. We will help put tables together and rake leaves and prune small bushes around the courts and clear the areas, as they should be. The Public Works Department comes in before and removes the larger bushes, dirt removal, etc.

Your team leaders are Tosh Kuritsubo and Thom Macpherson and Kris Hunter. Sign up with any one of us! We will need about 40 people, which will include neighbors in the area of the park also.

Thank you Tosh and Thom for helping run this project!!

Again, THANK YOU all for comments and concerns that are either sent to the board or discussed in person. We are all members of this club and want the same things, fun pickleball, competitive pickleball, comradery, a good work out, some time to rest and catch up, while we watch a game, kindness to everyone. So many members brings snacks to share! What a club! I am not always perfect in what I try to do, but the board wants the best for everyone in our club. Keep playing Pickleball!!!

See you when I get back from my road trip!!

Kris Hunter

WCPC President