

To All Members:

I am sorry for not getting the newsletter out last month. My 2011 Laptop had seen its better days, so I had to replace it and get back up to speed. I will be working on that for a while.

New Volunteers

The club would like to welcome back our member, **Thom Macpherson**, who has taken over the Equipment Management work from Ron Blasquez. for 2017. Thank you Thom for volunteering to help keep all of us playing with our portable nets and balls for indoor and outdoor play!!

A big "Thanks" to Ron Blasquez for all of his hard work and "Macgiver" skills for this past year!

Val Robertson will be taking over our Facebook page. Send her any information or pictures you want to share. Thank you Patty Andrews for starting the page last year!

2017 is in full swing now, with all the rain, most players have been finding indoor courts to play on at Tice and at the Fieldhouse. The days of playing at Rudgear have been very hit or miss. The courts are better about 10:30 AM when it is warmer and more light is on the courts. They do take time to dry during the rainy months.

Membership Renewals

We have had over half our members renew already! Thank you so much!. We appreciate your financial support for the expenses the club incurs with the portable nets and maintaining the equipment we have. You are also supporting, replacing the balls at each venue. Tice players like the lime green Jug balls and it is nice to go from court to court, using the same ball. It makes playing the game much more fun. The club does not mind helping non members, using our equipment or balls, but please ask them to make a donation. We are all building the sport of Pickleball and making it enjoyable for all.

Cut Off Date for Member Directory

Remember, the cut off date for the Membership Directory that is printed out and given to each member, is **February 28th**. If you want your information listed in the directory, please get those membership forms printed and the money sent in to Kris!

You can print the membership application off the web asite at

www.Walnutcreekpickleballclub.com

Don't miss out on being included!

Thank you **Lynn Hildebrand** for all your help with these directories!

Tice Valley Gym

The February Schedule is out. Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays from 9 AM to 1 PM. Fridays 9 AM to Noon. On some past Mondays, we have ended up with all nine courts, which has been a plus for everyone showing up. The WCPC took another net donated from **Mike Luevano**, over to the gym, so we have three portables there now for those days. Thank you Mike for the use of your net! Good luck at those SEVEN tournaments in Arizona!!

Fridays have been an issue with only having three courts available. Tosh Kuritsubo called to let me know that on Friday, Feb. 10th, we will also have 3 more courts until 10:30. The following Friday, Feb. 16th, we should have 6 courts. I would call Tice Gym on Fridays, to check before you go. Their phone number is:

(925) 256-3572

Also, Thank you **Linda Bower** and the **Rossmoor Pickleball Club Board** for donating 4 dozen bags of balls for play at Tice. Very soon we will see more members from Rossmoor playing at Tice, while their courts are being redone.

Thank you **Mike and Annette Cohn** and others for your feedback from Tice.

The Fieldhouse

The monthly schedule just came out today. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. There is No Drop In on Friday, February 24th. Please take note. We usually have 6 to 9 courts there, mostly using 6 courts. They did find a white board that we used last week, when we had so many show up, which worked well.

A big **Thank You to Steve Blick** for bringing his own net to the Fieldhouse. He is leaving it there with another from **Thom Macpherson and Stacy**, making 6 portables that are kept there this winter. We are using the dark green Pickleball Plus balls and the Onyx Pure 2 Indoor balls there that are orange color and stand out well against the black screens between the courts.

Rudgear Park

We have had a few good days down there with 2 or 3 courts being used. The rains have sent many to the Concord courts which dry more quickly. Keep in touch with those you like playing with and make plans about where to go.

Pickleball Demo and Clinic

Nicole Havlicek from the Oakland Hills Tennis Club held a Pickleball Demo and Clinic as a way to get interest and courts in Oakland. Many of our members went over to help support her efforts. She and our member, **Tom Reicher** from Piedmont are working hard to bring Pickleball to their hometowns.

PROS Commision of Walnut Creek

I went to speak at the December 5th meeting during the public comment period. I expressed the WCPC interest in having more Pickleball courts at Rudgear Park. They are needed sooner than later. I have kept track of the numbers playing there this last year, which shows how well Lifetime Tennis and our club have promoted Pickleball for the City of Walnut Creek. We use portable nets there every week during most of the year, except the winter. We are already providing nets for the public, gladly helping everyone that shows up to play.

I believe that we need the City to step forward to help make these courts a reality.

I am hoping our work with Lifetime will push the City forward to grow our sport.

Web Master

The club will be looking for a new Webmaster very soon as Torrey Wall will be leaving that position. She will probably be chasing those fuzzy green balls more often as well as playing Pickleball!

Does anyone in the club know how to work with and update Wix websites? Let us know.

Nice Surprises!

Thank you all for the kind comments the Board has received for extending the hours at Tice and at the Fieldhouse. We appreciate getting the positive feedback. We are working hard for our members.

It was nice to see **Nancy Smith** at Tice this week after an extended absence! She looked great and always has that smile for everyone!

Thank you **Rust Lent** for the generous donation over and above you dues, when you renewed your membership! It is the start of a fund to get more courts at Rudgear!

Thank you **Mark Bryant** for the extra ball donation contribution at the Christmas party!

Giani Givogri sent a nice note, joining again and will be back in Northern California, playing soon!

Thinking of You

Our thoughts are still with the family of Bob Gallagher.

Barbara Anast has had many losses this past year. We are thinking of you too.

We hope Don Grant will be back from his next surgery soon. His colorful outfits will be missed.

We hope May Wong will feel better after her surgery in February.

Tournaments

The First Palm Desert Senior Games is being held Feb. 10th. Good luck to Bob Lyman and his bother Chuck, Mike Luevano, Denny Erardi, Lori Tokitomi, Rosario Ysip and Pat Chung.

Simi Valley Presidents Cup comes up Feb. 18-20. Many of our members are playing including, Batong and Jordan Briones, Glen Lucey, Mike Luevano, Terry Nemoff and son Caden, Patricia Strazzi. Bring home the hardware, Gold Silver and Bronze!!

Good luck to all!

Reminders

Don't forget to join the USAPA. They have a great web site with lots of information. You also receive their On-line Magazine six times a year and Newsletters too. Members have access to other info on the site.

Check out www.Pickleballchannel.com for free video tips, that are also sent.