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WCPC November 2016 Newsletter

To All Our Members:

Ahhh.....November!! Beautiful fall colors or yellow and red everywhere! Our month to give thanks! I am sure we are all very thankful that the National Elections are over! It was months of unbelievable rhetoric and exhausting news stories! We have so much to be grateful for, especially, the wonderful diversity of the State we live in. The outcome was a surprise to many, the pollsters had no clue. There are very different parts of our country, generally not in our cities or on our coasts, but the middle. It is over now. We are still the same people. We will still treat all with respect and kindness. We can only do what we can, in our own universe. We must hope for more moderate leaders in the future. We are still..... all the same Pickleball players, still enjoying our club and still enjoying improving our games! Let's put our energy towards making a positive difference in our club, our families and our neighborhoods.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving will be here very soon. I hope everyone can spend time with family, friends, or neighbors and enjoy the holiday. We are all so very lucky to have, what we have, family, a home, our health and of course, friends and fellow Pickleballers. Happy Thanksgiving!

ULTIMATE FIELDHOUSE

"The Shade" or the Ultimate Fieldhouse has given us their new hours, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM. We will start with three courts over there and see how it goes. The cost is \$5. These are the November hours and days.

RUDGEAR PARK

Rudgear will still be drop in play on the rain free days. Players start a little later, because it's cooler and there is more sun on the courts mid day. Please remember to lock the shed after use. It was found unlocked this morning when Thom Macpherson went down there. Every member must try to help keep our equipment safely in the shed. If you have questions about the lock, just email me. We are using our portable nets down there most days, providing them to our players and the public. I will be going to the PROS meeting in December to talk about the future of four more permanent Pickleball courts at Rudgear and what our club can do to help the City of Walnut Creek make that happen. We are just keeping up with demand now. Many members have talked about doing another

fund raiser to get more courts. I will let you know about that in the future.

Rusty is still having fun with his **Drill Day** on Thursday mornings at 10 AM. They run about an hour with a little time afterwards for some pointers from Rusty. I know my game has improved from the last one! I would like to ask for any other volunteers that would like to help Rusty Lent on Thursdays. We still have a large group and we need someone to help while the weather is holding out. Let Rusty know if you can spend an hour with the group!

TICE VALLEY GYM

Thank you Tosh for letting me know about the missing lock.....again.

We are having problems over at Tice Gym, with the locker. Another lock is missing so we have no way to lock up the paddles or bags of new balls. We are trying to keep the nets in the closet next to the gym for easier access. Every member is responsible for getting them out and putting them away. If you don't know how, then ask someone to show you how to put up a portable net. It is really easy after you do it once. We will leave the paddle bag with the balls available, in by the nets for now. Hopefully, they won't disappear like the lock. Is anyone that plays at Tice regularly willing to be on a small committee to oversee equipment and play there? It is important to keep us informed about the number of balls, ball donation money, membership books, etc. Please contact Kris if you are interested in helping out.

In January 2017, sometime, Rossmoor will lose their indoor Pickleball courts. We may be seeing many more people dropping in at Tice. We will need to work with their club on the nets and balls. There is also a rate increase coming. It will be \$5 to play there, starting in January.

AFTERNOON PLAY?

Is any one interested in playing in the afternoons? Stewart Roberts would like to get a group together, for those working, that could play late afternoon. Contact him at wsroberts59@yahoo.com

DONATED PADDLES

Thank you Jeane DeKelder for donating paddles at Rudgear and at the "Shade". It is always nice to have a few newer paddles for new members to try out. Thanks Jeane!

CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER

Please remember to respond to the Christmas Party Invitation that was sent last week. You don't want to miss out on the fun! Bob and Joyce Jensen are once again our hosts for the party. Thank you Bob and Joyce!! Bring wine or whatever

and an hors d'oeuvres or appetizer or dessert and enjoy the evening!,

December 16th, Friday - 6 PM to 10 PM

RSVP to Kris at Shywyo@aol.com

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Don't forget to check out our web site www.walnutcreekpickleballclub.com for more information. There is a member only area for looking up other members if you need to contact someone. We still have Membership Books available if you have not picked one up yet. They are at Tice and Rudgear now.

We try to put new pictures from tournaments, etc. on the web site when we get them. Please send any new pictures you would like to share. It is a great way to get to know the members, too.

ENCORE SENIOR GAMES

The tournament was held this last weekend at the Ultimate Fieldhouse because of rain. Every one of the volunteers did a fantastic job, keeping everyone playing on the courts. It was a quick venue change and everyone pitched in and helped make it a wonderful, well attended event. So many of our members played and won! I am compiling a list to send out of all those medal winners. Congratulations to all of you, players and volunteers too!

The new Pure2 **Indoor** ball (larger holes) used was orange and everyone seemed to like playing with it. That was the first time many had used the ball. Everyone said it was a great color for the Fieldhouse.

WELCOME BACK

Cindy Galbraith and Bev Nikolai, you were gone too long! We are so glad to have you back on the courts! We are still missing, Tim Tamura, Gianni Givogri and hope to see both of you in the new year.

OTHER REMINDERS

Remember to check out www.Pickleballtournaments.com for more upcoming tournaments. There are so many listed in the spring!

Also, remember to use our WCPC Discount at **Pickleball Central** if you order any Christmas gifts. It is

CRRPC and it gives you a 5% discount.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS COMING

It is that time of year again! I will be sending out the new renewal forms for 2017. We would like to get all the renewals done by the end of February if possible.

Thank you to those of you that have already sent them in or handed them to me..... Bill deBoisblanc, Hormoz Baba., David Heaton and Vicki Morse! I

appreciate your enthusiasm!!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!

Kris