

2020 WCPC March Newsletter

I have really been enjoying my backyard! Many beautiful sunsets, all the treee's have blossoms on the branches, more everyday. My lilac bush has its first flowers, not yet blooming. My sterling rose bush has one bloom and ohh, the fragrance from those small flowers. The yard is looking better as I've had so much time, nothing better to do lately, to rake up debris and pull weeds and plant a few new flowers and bulbs.

The hummingbirds are buzzing in and out getting drinks of sugar water and many birds, including a woodpecker have been fighting over seed at the feeder. (Like those shopping at Costco?)

I've been walking and hiking the past our Rudgear Park courts, just to make sure they are still there.....still locked with signs and chains and very empty. Then I take the trail up Shell Ridge, the grass is up to your knees, and the only sounds are the wind, on some days and lots of song birds. Only nature there, no planes flying overhead.

My cat thinks something is wrong, because I am home so much!

I hope you all got the email from our Regional Ambassador, **Steve Sidwell**. He gave us good advice early on to stop playing pickleball to help stop the Covid-19 virus from spreading. **Teresa Wenzel**, our Membership Chair sent it out several weeks ago, on March 14th..Then many of our counties decided early to Shelter in Place with Social Distancing. Smart! We have our many governors to thank for the message to "stay home and shelter in place". **Governor Gavin Newsom** was right to expand it statewide also.

The **City of Walnut Creek** put up signs and locked the **Rudgear Courts** on Friday, March 20th. They also closed the tennis courts up near the parking lot, as well as the basketball courts. What a sad day for all of us pickleball players, but it will help stop the spread of the virus and help end the pandemic sooner. Hopefully, we can all follow the directives and stay healthy and keep family members healthy also.

New orders today letting everyone know we will be following all these procedures until May 3rd.....

And another quote from one of the many papers I am reading.....

NO ONE IS IMMUNE ----- ACT LIKE IT.

We miss you all, terribly! All of our "Pickle Pals" as Rusty Lent calls us! We want to see everyone of you back on the courts once we get through these long days at home. **Hormoz Baba** our President, wants to make sure, we will have something fun planned for "THAT DAY"!!! Our entire Board of Directors have you in our thoughts...Be Safe!

We will all appreciate our very regular lives from this time forward, We have never had a war on our own shores before, this will be our war, we will never forget how our lives have had to change..... please drop us a line and let us know how things are going at your house! Give us some ideas, how are you spending your days?

Welcome to all New Members

Please welcome these new members when you see them on the courts, hopefully someday in May!
Brian Adams, Milo Cornejo, Elaine Dexter, Judith Goff, Bee Kilgore, Jeanette Lewis, Neil McGovern, Scott Poppenhusen, and Jim Soderborg,

Foodies Food

Rusty Lent brought those great lemon bars and the same day Teresa Wenzel brought her lemon cheesecake bars and See's Truffles. Rusty brought coffee cake and we also had Girl Scout cookies too.

MIA or Injured Reserve

Milo Harris has been MIA. He has had hernia surgery and is fighting other health problems. We hope to see you sometime soon Milo. You are missed! **Elaine Hennessy**, so glad you are on the mend too. Nice catching up with you. Hello to your hubby, **Kevin!**

Roger Stone, who lives next door to our courts had his knee replaced in January and is still two months away from rejoining us on the courts. Hang in there Roger. **Bob Stoffberg** got the ok from his cardiologist and got his hip replaced in mid February. He is hoping for summer pickleball up in his Canadian hometown.

Steve Hutnick had a bad ski accident and among other injuries, his left thumb was fractured, had shoulder injury and sciatica going on. Were you "bombing" down the hill or what Steve? Hope you are better soon. **Ed Baxter** is still recovering from his surgery and hope he is doing well. **Eric Anders** was finally back on the courts, after having ongoing problems with migraines and other neurological issues. Hope they figure things out Eric.

We hope **Bob Walgran** is doing well, hope to see you someday soon. **Teresa Wenzel's** hubby, **Andy**, just retired and then had to have surgery on his foot. He is finally getting around a little bit more now.

Mark Litzau jumped for a ball while playing with **Brett Collier and Rusty Lent and Mark Bryant** and told me he pulled his hamstring. I just heard from him yesterday and he found that the muscle was torn away from the bone and luckily he could have emergency surgery in time to repair the damage. His 3 to 4 mile runs daily on top of the pickleball probably did him in. He will have a long recovery but was happily home with his wife Alicia who is also working from home during the shelter in place orders.

Info on Trust in Education

I spoke about **Budd MacKenzie's, Trust In Education** last month and many asked me about it. Check out the website trustineducation.org or you can email him directly at trustineducation@gmail.com. You can sign up for updates or monthly newsletters also!

Donations

Chris Reilly donated Onyx balls for the high school **Cece Kohl** was taking them to for their own pickleball games. The **WCPC** donated most of the Onyx balls we had also.

Steve Hutnick donated 12 Dura Fast 40's for our members. There will still be some left, when we get back on the courts.

Monika Wyborny took all the Lost and Found home to wash and give to **Budd MacKenzie** for his organization. Thanks Monika! **Teresa Wenzel** did a good job hanging all the items up for weeks and many things went home with their surprised owners.

Beverly Schlehuber donated more dry erase pens for our white board. Thank you **Beverly and Walter!** Hope you "kids" are doing well.

PPR Instructors

Last month I left out one of our members that is a high level tournament player that is also a PPR certified instructor,

Carmen Sanz. Many apologies Carmen!! She teaches with Rusty Lent at some of the clinics he holds at Tice Valley Gym. She is also instructing pickleball at the courts in Lafayette doing clinics there and does teach on several days at Heather Farm's, for Lifetime Tennis/Activities. She is a busy mother too.

Lafayette Recreation

You can check out LafayetteRec.org or call 925-284-2232 for information on Pickleball for Newbies. It will be held

April 15 to May 27th on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30. Our member, **Carmen Sanz** is the instructor.. The cost is \$123 for the classes.

You can also get a Pickleball Pass to play drop in on Monday and Wednesdays from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM for \$40.

The pass is good from Jan. 6th to Dec. 28th.

The Lafayette Community Center Rink is located at 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, CA 94549.

I am sure they will be updating information soon.

Other News

I got to celebrate **Dan Young's** 70th Birthday with Duff **Danilovich** and Dan's wife **Julia** and a few of their friends at lunch at Kansai on March 3rd. Always nice to celebrate these milestones.

Rusty Lent said he is staying busy everyday in his "home getto gym". Funny name! We've always known he is a gym guy with all those muscles! He is trying to stay home and burn off some of that enthusiasm that his wife **Joanne**, lives with every day!

Many thanks to **Glenn Lucey** for all the video's you continue to post on Facebook! Watching all those great points with your different foursomes makes it seem, like I have been actually at the courts, watching you all play!! Anything to get me closer to the pickleball courts!!

Put Off For Now

We were going to announce our newly scheduled **WCPC Club Tournament** to be held on April 25th and 26th. We now know this will need to be rescheduled and will let you know in the future.

We also were scheduling another poker chip play day for **Cinco de Mayo**. We were hoping to hold our **Club Membership Meeting** on the same day at 8:30 A M. We will let you know if any of these go on as planned, otherwise all will be delayed to another day, hopefully later in the month.

WCPC Member Code of Conduct

The club has had this code posted at Rudgear Park. Many of you have seen them, but here they are if you have not. Our members are the epitome of fair play and courtesy, but always a good reminder for new players or visitors:

1. I will only engage in sportsmanlike conduct and encourage others to do so.
2. I will only engage in behavior that promotes and maintains the health, safety and well-being of others.
3. I will treat others with respect and courtesy on and off the courts.
4. I will not "coach" others unless asked to do so.
5. Know and follow the rules of the game.
6. Communicate with your partner to avoid contact.
7. Stop play immediately if a ball rolls onto the court.
8. Observe the Golden Rule, do unto others as I would have them do unto me.
9. Pay attention to the sign up board. Be ready to play.
10. When busy keep warm ups short. When the game ends leave quickly and let others know the court is open.
11. Call your own foot faults at the non-volley zone line and the service line.

12. Eye protection is recommended.

All club members agree to abide by the Guidelines in this Code of Conduct upon joining the club and when renewing annual membership. Failure to adhere to these Guidelines may result in disciplinary actions.

April is National Pickleball Month!

Sure hope we get back to playing soon so we can celebrate it!!

March 31th the USAPA will make decisions about the **sanctioned tournaments**.
August 1st is the Registration for the **2020 Margaritaville National Championships** in Indian Wells in November.

Be Part of History!

It is time to fill our your **Census 2020 Forms** and get them sent back in. You can also do them on line too. You want to be counted. After years of genealogy research I can tell you, so much information about my family's past and ancestor's past history, is all right there in those census forms dating back many hundreds of years. Many times reading the hand writing of the census taker is the bigger issue. Stand up and be counted!

Just A Note Of Thanks

We want to thank all of our members that have already rejoined this year. We all all missing our Pickle Pals and it seems so odd to not be catching up everyday at Rudgear! We hope you are all home safe with family and pets, getting those projects done that we have been putting off because we play pickleball every single day, if we can! We miss you all and will see you some time soon. Take care of yourselves. Practice those drills against a wall at your house if you can. This to shall pass and we will be back to our favorite sport with our favorite friends!

Am I repeating my self? We really miss you all!

One More Text

This is from **Pete Sciarretta** and **Kim Bouffard**. They drive over to our Rudgear courts together from Benicia many days a week. Two of the most thoughtful people you could ever hope to meet.

I received this after a day of very high stress and worry and bad news. It lifted the weight of the day..... it was meant for all of our club members.

"Missing my WCPC friends.!!"

"It's only been a week but the WCPC has been such an important part of my life. The daily morning visits that Kim and I take to Rudgear are so much fun and invigorating.

Not just the pickleball that we all love but really the friendships that we would encounter everyday. The people there are like no other!

Rudgear is such a special place. It's almost spiritual, at least to me.

We miss that and never took it for granted.

Anyway, just know that Kim and I are thinking about all of you and hope everyone and their families are safe during these trying times.

Hopefully we can all be together and playing in the not too distant future."

Pete and Kim