

WCPC 2017 December Newsletter

Saturday Morning

Did you catch the Pickleball on CBS Sports Network at 10 AM on 12/23/17. The USAPA Nationals from Arizona was televised! Hopefully you recorded it and can watch some great Pickleball over the holidays. Sarah Ansboury did a nice job as commentator for the Men's Singles match too. It was very professional in the presentation too, explaining the court and rules.

Christmas Party 2017

The Jensen's home was just spectacular this year! Thank you **Bob and Joyce**, you really out did yourselves, again! The Apple TV viewing was amazing! This was the largest party we've ever had, so well attended! Every room was busy with friends trying to recognize each other in dressy clothes! It was great seeing **Barbara Anast** at the party and **John and Mary Kelly**. It's been a while! Thank you **Dan Young** for the smooth harmonica tunes! Nice catching up with **Rose Chait** and **Larry Farren**. It was also nice catching up with **Bill Dougherty and Joan**. He is the founder of our Pickleball clubs in 2009. He was seen talking to **Wayne and Judy Moon** and **Jim Heick**. They all knew each other in High School! Isn't that cool!! Thank you **Maggie Hochfelder** and **Miriam Garfinkle** for getting the Honey Baked Ham to the party! Thank you **Gary Smith** for carving it up so we could enjoy the sandwiches with all the side dishes and desserts, everyone brought! We lost our bartender that morning, due to the flu, so we have to thank **Eric and Liz Tate** for sending their son, **Jordan**, who was a real asset to the evening, very professional and so friendly to everyone. He even helped Bob tighten all the bar stools with a wrench at the end of the evening! What a mechanical engineer!! (His main focus at Cal). Thank you to **Rossana and Tim Jonathan** for helping us line up Jordan that morning in Concord! Quick thinking! You saved the day! We posted some pictures on our Facebook page of the party. If anyone has more, send them, and we will get them posted. Great evening!

Overheard at the Party

Jon Rego was just getting ready to go to Las Vegas for his Table Tennis championships. Now we know where your good kitchen play comes from! **Jordan and Katrina Briones** brought their son Josiah and let us know, Josiah was going to be a big brother by June 2018! Wonderful News! Congratulations! That will be right before your next sanctioned tournament! Wow! Jordan's dad **Batong** is excited too!

Tom Reicher is still working on getting Pickleball in Piedmont. Our club is always willing to help if we can, to promote Pickleball!
Someone asked about **Marianne Greene**, we are missing her now that she has moved away and hope she is enjoying Pickleball still. We know **Mike Luevano** is playing some great Pickleball in AZ and Utah. We miss you too!

Thanks for Ball Donations

Rusty Lent gave the club a huge bag of "Nail" balls he was no longer using and **Steve Ritz** donated some Franklin Balls to try out also. Thank you both for your generosity. And thank you Steve for holding the Christmas Paddle Sale too! So many of us needed new equipment and eye protection!

Ultimate Fieldhouse

The folks at the Fieldhouse are now working with Muir Orthopaedic Specialists. We will hear from them in January about participating in an Injury Prevention sports medicine program, if our members are interested.

Taking a Time Out

I finally ran into **Jim Heick** and found out he had fallen and torn his quadriceps muscle so he is rehabbing until February! Have to watch those socks on wood steps!

Rich Zavala had surgery on his left shoulder, so he's taking some time off also. **Gail** is taking good care of him.

I was hoping to see **Nancy Smith** at the party but she is still working hard to get her RA under control. She did get to Tice Gym recently! She and **Monica Mitchell** have that in common and we miss both of you very much and hope the next year brings some answers and wellness.

Pam Stewart also missed the party. She was in Europe but injured her right knee playing in Campbell recently and is having surgery next month.

Pasco Varnica, our Webmaster, has been fighting a heel issue. We hope he's better after the holidays! **Colleen** lets him know when it's time to go home! He also put links on our website to all the venues we play at so it is easier to check the schedules of play.

Shari Gonzales let me know her hubby Jesse fell and broke his wrist playing recently!

Baba Harrison was missed at the party because of a medical procedure earlier in the week too.

Let's hope the next year gives everyone the rest they need to come back out and play Pickleball. You are all missed!

Rudgear Park

It has been so cold outside, players are showing up later, 9:30 to 10 AM. The shadows from the pine trees on the multi use court are also an issue on the dedicated courts, long shadows this time of year. Hopefully we can work to remove move trees so the court with the portables is actually playable.

Playing in the shade is no fun and it is a safety issue with the fast pace at the non volley zone.

Tice Valley Gym

Tricia Murray who is our new Venue Director works the front desk some days! She heard that the parking lot was due to be reopened very soon! She will let us know! Thankfully without rain the walk from the other lot has been doable.

ARC/ Methodist Church

We got a note that they will be charging \$5 starting in 2018, for either morning or afternoon play. Rusty Lent is still running his drill day on Thursday afternoons. Check the website after the New Year.

Take a Minute

We hope everyone will look at the USAPA website and think about joining. They send out a great on line magazine every other month. If you are interested in tournaments check out Pickleballtournaments.com There are so many to sign up for now! Do it early or you won't get in. Both Livermore and Pleasanton have upcoming tournaments.

Have a great holiday with family and friends. Be thankful. We've all had another year! Let's say good bye to 2017 and look forward to the New Year.

Anything is possible!

Pickle On!