

July 2017 Newsletter

Our National Parks are gifts passed on by other generations of those that protected and built them. Have you visited one lately? They may not have Pickleball but they are all worth the trip. I take my son to a different park, every summer, on our trip to Wyoming. Take a break and see one of our many wonders.

Wyoming is the place to be this summer, August 21st, is the first total eclipse in many many years. Every little town is booked, as are all the camp grounds, from Guernsey to Jackson Hole. When is the last time you've seen an eclipse? Maybe you better catch this one! I can remember in 1970 standing outside with my uncle, with two pieces of cardboard, hole in the upper piece and watching the eclipse on the lower cardboard. He also had double exposed film that we could look through to see it directly. Great memory.

Tice Valley Gym

Please check their schedule for Pickleball hours. It is varied throughout the summer with some kids camps and other activities. The number of courts has varied day to day also. They have schedules available on line and at the front desk as you check in.

ARC is Open

The new gym at the Methodist Church is now open with their three Pickleball Courts in a bright, air conditioned gym. They are located at 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo CA 94507. They are open now on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 9 AM to Noon.

They charge a daily use fee of \$4, morning or afternoon session. You can buy a multiuse pass and get a free visit for \$40. Check it out.

They will be open Mon, Tuesday, Wed., and Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM and 1 PM to 4 PM. This schedule will begin the week of August 7th.

They are closed for a Basketball Camp the week of July 31 thru

August 4.

Mark Your Paddles

By the way, all the lost paddles were returned to their owners. Everyone should mark their paddles. Use one of those free address labels you get in the mail and be sure and add your phone number.

Pickleball in Tahoe

Bill Dougherty is finally back out on the courts. He is one of the founders of our Rossmoor and Walnut Creek clubs. If you are interested in playing in Lake Tahoe this summer you can contact Bill at billandjoandougherty@yahoo.com

or call (530) 583-7467

West Shore at Kilner Park has 4 courts set up. They play MWF from 9 to noon.

Squaw has 3 dedicated courts that opened last fall.

Oakland Hills Tennis Club

Oakland Hills Tennis Club is having their Pickleball Grand Opening on July 23rd, 3 to 5 PM. Our own Jordan Briones and Rusty Lent are giving pointers to all that attend. This is a free event. Just go to their website to enroll. They will be offering an advanced class too. You can contact Miriam Garfinkel at mgarfinkel@gmail.com

The address is 5475 Redwood Road, Oakland CA 94619

Drills, Skills and Thrills

Rusty Lent and Kathy Toon will be holding these classes in Oakland also.

There will be a four week series of classes for adult beginners on August 5, 12, 19, and 26th, all Saturdays. It costs \$99 to enroll and will be held 10 AM to 12 PM. Go to their website to enroll.

There will be a 2 hour clinic on August 12 and an Advanced Intermediate Clinic also. Keep checking their schedule.

We wish Rusty well in this new endeavor in Oakland. He is a great player and a great coach for all levels. He makes it fun to learn the game! We have greatly appreciated all his help teaching our members and new players.

Free Referee Training

If you want to learn more about the game of Pickleball, sign up for this event. We have a free training day at Rudgear Park, scheduled for **July 29th at 9 AM**. Our district Ambassador, Steve Sutton will be running it. You can contact Katina Briones for more information or to sign up. Contact her at coachkatrina01@gmail.com

Big Thank YOU

We all owe **Eric Tate** a big thank you for running our evening Crazy 8's on Tuesday and Thursday evening. He has done a wonderful job of keeping everyone playing and keeping track of everyone's progress. Thank you Eric!

Upcoming Tournament

Sign up for the tournament in Concord in August, Golden State Championships. It is a sanctioned tournament. Go to www.pickleballtournaments.com

It will be held in Concord at Willow Pass Park, August 18 to August 20th. The deadline to sign up is August 4th. Volunteers are still needed for this event. Contact coachkatrina01@gmail.com if you can volunteer some time to this great event.

Reminders

Community Service Day in Walnut Creek will be held October 14th at Rudgear Park. New Picnic Tables and clean up of the area will be our job as a club.

End of Summer Party

Bob and Joyce Jensen have once again, offered their beautiful

home in Blackhawk for our party. **Save the date, August 26, 2017, Saturday.**

Engage Academy @Concord

Our own **Jordan Briones**, a Certified Pickleball Professional, will be assisting Matt Blom, Lucy Kovalova and Matt Wright and Robert Elliott, all USAPA National Open Medalists. Sign up for this clinic at www.Engagepickleball.com

The clinic will be held August 11-13, 2017 and the cost is \$500.

How to Determine YOUR Pickleball Rating

When you don't have to think about which shot to hit, you just naturally hit it, **you are a 5.0**

When you don't have to think about which shot to hit, but you can't successfully hit it 2000 times in a row, **you are a 4.5**

When you have to think about which shot to hit, and when you figure it out, you can successfully hit it, **you are a 4.0**

When you have to think about which shot to hit, but then still hit the wrong shot, **you are a 3.5**

When you have to think about which shot to hit, but by the time you decide on the correct shot it's too late to hit it, so you just go with trying to get it back over the net, **you are a 3.0**

When you don't bother to think about which shot to hit and most of the time don't hit it in the court anyhow, **you are a 2.5** and guaranteed to be having a lot of fun!