



WALNUT CREEK

PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

A Message from your Board

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with your family, friends and loved ones! The last quarter of the year has been a busy one for our club.

In September, the neighbors spoke during the Public Comment portion at the City Council meeting about the constant noise and the impact the Rudgear pickleball courts are having on their quality of life.

On October 18th, after it was presented that our play be moved indoors to Tice Valley Gym, the club and community came out in full force to the City Council meeting to protest the suggested move to appease the neighbors. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy lives to attend the meeting to either show support or speak during the public comment portion. It was standing room only and we definitely got the City Council's attention that pickleball was not

going away.

On November 16th, Tony Parisi, Mike Gabrielson, Maren Smith and Read Powell met with a mediator, Kevin Safine, Karen Heaston -Martin and several of the neighbors to negotiate a temporary solution for play until a new permanent location could be found. The negotiation came to a reduction of 17 hours of play at the Rudgear Courts. Please see the new hours on page 4. The courts will be padlocked outside these hours of operation.

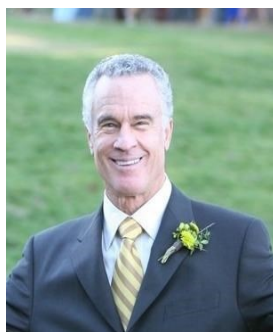
On December 19th, the PROS Task Force met to discuss short and long term solutions. The task force included members of the PROS Commission, City staff, Walnut Creek Raquet Club, Walnut Creek Pickleball Club and the neighbors. The next meeting will be on January 18th where City staff will present the possible short term solutions that will have the least impact on the interest groups. Stay tuned!

New Member Welcome!

WOW! We would like to welcome the 56 new members who have joined our club since July. Please make sure to welcome these new members if you have an opportunity to meet and play with them at Rudgear!

Rich Ambrosini
Clayton Bodell
Lauren Bryant
Clay Collier
Bridget Cox
Katie Davis
Margie Dean
Theresa DeWalls
Stuart Donalson
Ingrid Driscoll
Kent Godfrey
Adam Goodyear
Peter Guadagni
Lowell Haky
Blake Haley
Kildine Harms
Derric Haynie
Shana Haynie
David Heaton
Mary Kaye Jansen
Steve Jang
Nino Jemo
Trisa Kent
Ethan Knoll
Leslie Lafredo
Mary Ledezma
Laura Lencioni
Patrick Lencioni
Carlos Marquez

Juliana Matson
Zach Maurer
Robert Miller
Virginia O'Rourke
Steve Paulson
Barbara Pyne
Amit Raghavan
Chris Reddam
Suzanne Reeve
Lorelei Rodgers
Anthony Romano
Sal Saad
Gary Satterfield
Adam Silverman
Debi Smith
Craig Songster
Dawn Stom
Rick Sypriano
Roxanne Tesar
Alison Trules
Damon Turner
Donald Walsh
Dom Walterspiel
Sandy Watkins
Beth Willson
Martha Ann Wishnev
Davin Wong
Paul Wong



In Memorium

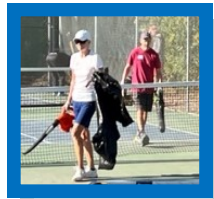
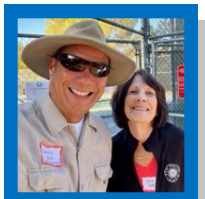
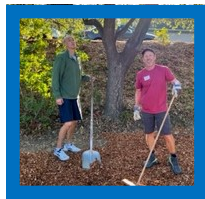
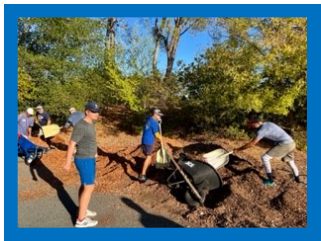
On October 7th, Duff Danilovich, one of our wonderful members passed away after a brief illness. Duff was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, teacher and friend. He will always be remembered for his positive outlook on life, his joy of living life to the fullest and his deep love of family and friends. Duff's Celebration of Life was held on November 6th at the Lafayette Community Center and was standing room only. His presence will be missed and he will live through all whose lives he touched. The club would also like to thank **Rich and Gail Zavala, Rusty Lent, and Julie and Randy Chandler** for your generous donations in Duff's memory.

2022 WALNUT CREEK Community Service Day

Thank you to those club and community members who came to the courts on October 8th and helped beautify our courts. All the build up of debris was cleared away from the courts by the fence, new tan bark was spread and two of the picnic tables were moved to the other side of the shed. The courts look amazing! Those members who came to help were: **Steve Bagot, Tom Caldwell, Kathy Callahan, Andrew Chang, Manny DeGuzman, Brad Falk, Whallen Fong, Carol Gifford, Sharon Gutierrez, Derric Haynie, Shana Haynie, Darrell Holt, Amir Jabbari, Carol Manuel, John Rubenfeld, Melinda Shaver, Patty Spinrod, Kevin Storms, Nancy Tietz, Amy Tsai, Cat Vaucheret and Don Walsh.**

Thank you to the following community members for volunteering to help! **Paul Adcock, Rizwul Azam, Donna Baum, Jake Baum, Heather Elder, Jack Elder, Tom Mackinson and Kevin Pohlson.**

Also a huge thank you to **Darrell Hoh**, our Venue Director for heading up this huge project and board members **Cece Kohl, Hormoz Baba and Dave Weingart** for all your help!



Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to **Bill Davies** for your generous donation to our club for balls! It's always appreciated as we go through over 600 balls a year. A big thank you and shout out to **Kent Godfrey** for purchasing, donating and trading out the new rollers to dry off the courts and **Doug Pearson** for our new squeegee! With all the rain these were much needed tools to dry the courts!

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Our annual membership runs from January 1st though December 31st. Dues are still \$20. The grace period to renew your membership expires on February 28th. After that date you will have missed the opportunity to receive club emails and to be in our on-line and printed member directory. You can pay via **Paypal** on the club website, by **check** (made payable to WCPC and mailed to 30 Arbor Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 or **cash** when you see me at the courts. Please let me know if any of your information has changed as well. If you are injured, have moved out of the area or just aren't playing anymore and don't plan to renew please email **Teresa Wenzel** at atmwenzel@earthlink.net to stop receiving the pesky renewal emails.

Sign In

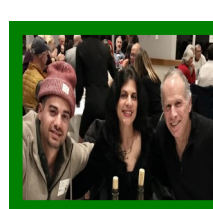
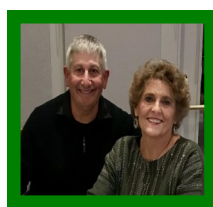
We know it's a Broken Record BUT it's Important to Sign In!

As a club we keep track of the number of players who play at the courts from 9 am-1 pm on a daily basis. The attendance will speak for itself when we go to the City of Walnut Creek to ask for more courts and in our negotiations for a new location. **It is CRITICAL that we have an accurate head count!** We ask you, as members to be mindful of this important detail when you come to the courts to play. Before you put your name on the whiteboard, we ask you to please sign in first! If the table is not out **BUT** the white board is, please go into the shed and put the table out. Our board members are not down at the courts everyday, so we depend on our members to help us out with this!

happy holidays!

Walnut Creek Pickleball Club Holiday Party!

The holiday party was a huge success with over 128 members, spouses and significant others in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food catered by Sunrise Bistro and Honey Baked Ham ! There was dancing to our in house band Remedy and a good time was had by all. It just felt good to be back together again and to see everyone dressed up for a party! Thank you to **Cece Kohl** for masterminding this entire event and her elves, **Lisa Regal, Cindy Gershon, Laura Townsend, Bill Kish (Laura's husband), Bob Walgren, Teresa and Andy Wenzel, Tony Parisi and Mike Gabrielson** for your part in helping to set up, serve and cleanup. Thank you to **Maggie Hochfelder** for getting the delicious ham for us!





Drills & Thrills with Rusty Lent

Our own IPTPA Instructor, Rusty Lent will be holding his Drills and Thrills sessions on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm at the Lafayette Tennis Club. Each session is \$40 for beginner and intermediate players or you can arrange for private lessons by contacting Rusty at lentfam@yahoo.com.



Important Reminders Parking

Please remember when you are at the Rudgear Courts to please avoid parking across the street from the courts on Dapplegray Lane, Gladwin Drive and on Stewart across from the park. The neighbors have been making complaints to the club and the City. **EVEN IF THE COURTS ARE UNLOCKED THERE IS NO PLAY BEFORE 8:00AM OR 10:00 AM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.**



New Court Hours

The incessant noise and volume of players at the courts has become intolerable to the neighbors. As a result of mediation with the City and the neighbors the new court hours are as follows:

Monday: 8 am to 1 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 am to sunset

Thursday: Courts closed

Saturday and Sunday: 10 am to sunset

As a board we have agreed to padlock the courts at 1:00 pm on Mondays for the City. Please be considerate of the board member or members who are locking up and not start a new game after 12:50 pm.

2023 Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors is an elected board that volunteers to serve our club and membership. It is the goal of our club for all our members to have fun and enjoy playing the game of Pickleball. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to any of us listed below.

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