



# Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

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<https://lagunawoodsvillage.com/amenities/clubs/tennis-club/>

Comment Cards are available in the clubhouse if you prefer to drop us a note that way – Just fill one out and drop it in the podium slot at the clubhouse.

## Notes from the President:

They come from California but also from New York, Florida, Canada and across the United States. Roughly 100 players who are aged 75 to 90 and then some. Attracted to Laguna Woods Village every year to participate in the USTA Level 1 Men's Hardcourt Championships for Seniors. Ten of these players live here. You can catch them (if you can) on our courts — practicing, playing, competing, having a grand time. The tournament has a new director this year — our own Board Member Theresa Kennedy, filling the tennis shoes of long-time director (and participant) Ned Buckman.

This year the tournament runs from **Monday, May 19th to Saturday, May 24th**. For those of us not yet ready to be on the courts, spectating brings its own joy. The competition is keen and the players nothing short of inspiring. You are all welcome to come out and watch and cheer and share in the pride of hosting this national event. The first few days of play, all 10 courts will be occupied from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. As Thursday rolls around, it is more likely that there will be some court availability for residents' play. We cannot predict specific times. Please check the CourtReserve app for the status of the 3 reservable courts and swing by the courts for 'drop-in' accessibility.

Naturally, we want to ensure that our facility looks welcoming to the senior players and their guests. So, the Tennis Board members will participate in Spring Cleaning on **Sunday, May 18th at 1:00 PM** — you are welcome to join us. Special thanks to member Joe Wida for patching up and securing the protective fence covers (which frankly should have been replaced in time for the tournament...you follow me, GRF?). But that's a topic for another day.

Meanwhile, it's a suitable time to gently remind everyone who uses the tennis facility to clean up after yourself. So please remember to dispose of, and recycle, coffee cups, empty ball cans and used water bottles whenever you play on the courts.



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## From the Membership Director:

Thanks to all of you who have responded so favorably to our TeamReach initiative for facilitating matches among members and guests. We're delighted to let you know we've added a new group for Women's Singles/Doubles (the code is LWWT2025). If you haven't tried it yet, here's how:

1. Visit the App Store or Google Play Store and download the TeamReach app for your respective phone.
2. Group Code — enter **LWWT2025** for the Women's Group or **LWT2025MB** for the Mixed Group and select "Join." You can join both groups one at a time by entering the codes separately. "Pending Approvals" will be cleared in a few days.
3. Register your name, phone and login information.
4. Once you have joined the group, select the Scheduling icon to view existing matches that have **vacancies**; you can click on the > to see the players already signed up at that time and select "Yes" if you want to join.
5. **Remember that the TeamReach app has nothing to do with reserving a court.** After all players have been filled in for the scheduled date/time in the app, you can use the CourtReserve app for courts 8 - 10 or the Whiteboard near Court 5 for walk-on courts.
6. Once you've committed to a particular match, please show up on time. **If you must cancel, be sure to change your "Yes" to "No." Please try to find a sub and don't forget to contact the other players.**
7. In the app, there are additional icons for messaging group members, viewing existing group members, adding your photo, etc. **If you want to receive messages from other group members when you are not logged into the app, go to Settings > Notifications on your phone and select "Allow Notifications."**
8. You are not committed to playing every week at the same day/time.
9. Contact me, Jim Quigley, **732-789-4617** if you have any questions or you would like me to add a specific day and time to the group's schedule.

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Facility Clean-up** — Sunday, May 18th, at 1:00 PM.
- ◆ **Russell's Drill Session** — Sunday, May 18th, at 3:00 PM. Call him at **818-581-4889** if interested.
- ◆ **USTA Men's Super Senior Tournament** — May 19th - 24th, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Come watch and be inspired by these top players ages 75 - 95+ (Also, please let us know if you can help Social Director Suzanne Frank with daily snack prep or clean-up. Very much appreciated!)
- ◆ **Compass Tournament** — Wednesday, May 28th. Once again we are featuring a Mixed Doubles Tournament on a different day of the week so those with Friday commitments can participate. Look for email registration in your inbox around May 17th. Tennis Club members receive priority sign-ups for the first week of registration. Come for the hamburgers and multiple side dishes.
- ◆ **Tennis Club Board Meeting** — Monday, June 2nd, in the Clubhouse. Rumor has it there will be birthday cake — come join us!
- ◆ **Social Sunday** — June 22nd at the Clubhouse. Bring a dish and your racket and we'll supply the rest.
- ◆ **Summer Tennis Club Dinner Dance** — Saturday, July 12th, at Clubhouse 7. Get dressed up and enjoy fine dining, then get your exercise dancing to the tunes of the Rock of Ages band.



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### In Memoriam:

For those of you who have asked about the passing of Richard Hawkins, his wife, Dorothy, has provided wonderful photos and remembrances, which you can access from this link: [Richard Hawkins](#)

### Things to Ponder:

We've been wondering about what to do with all the sad old tennis balls that are too worn out for competition. Thanks to new member Dawn Williams for her suggestion of recycling and repurposing these wayward balls. Though many of our used tennis balls wind up in the ball machines and hoppers, too many wind up in the trash. We've learned it takes 400 years for tennis balls to decompose! Yikes! We also have a problem with balls winding up in the ball machines that are complete duds or even wet, and these can damage the machines. So, we'd like to get your input on what to do about all these balls that have lost their bounce. Please take a minute to email us, or use the Suggestion Box in the clubhouse, to give us your thoughts:

- Would you participate in recycling old tennis balls by placing them in dedicated boxes located on the courts?
- Would it increase your enthusiasm to learn these balls can be recycled for a variety of products — even used in the construction of tennis courts!
- Have you heard about tennis ball recycling efforts? Or do you want to learn more about alternatives to trashing tennis balls?
- If you use the ball machines, would you be willing to segregate duds/wet balls when you come across them, provided you have a convenient place to discard them? (Not the trash bins.)
- On a related topic, would you be willing to place metal ball can lids in a convenient location on the courts, so they could be recycled too?