



Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

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November 2025

Board Members - 2025

President – Russell Seagal

Vice President – Bob Schwartz

Treasurer – Theresa Kennedy

Secretary – Judy Brown

Membership Director – Jim Quigley

Activities Director – Vacant

Social Director – Suzanne Frank

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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:

Thanks to the hard work of our Nominating Chair Joe Wida — and the willingness of our members to step up — we have an impressive slate of candidates for next year's board:

- President - Kevin Majd
- Vice President - Ray Freer
- Treasurer - Susan Rose
- Secretary — Judy Brown
- Membership Director — Amanda Moe
- Activities Director — Russell Seagal
- Social Director— Open

You can vote on this slate — or nominate someone else — at the annual **General Membership Meeting on December 3rd at 11:00 AM at the facility**. Don't miss your chance to influence the make-up of the 2026 Board, as these are the members who will lead the Club next year.

As for the current Board, we continue to work with VMS on various issues, advise what items need repair or replacement (such as patio chairs and fence covers), and step in occasionally as needed. For example, **the Board approved purchasing new court scorekeepers using Club funds**.

I was glad we offered another "C" level event this week and hope the new Board continues these events in the new year. Cheers to the top 4 players: **Mark Martin, Marshall Arlin, Kevin Cryan and Bob Schwartz**.

From VMS:

Remember, the best way to address items affecting the tennis facility **is to email Peter Quan at peter.quan@vmsinc.org or call 949-268-2275**. So if there's an inoperative card reader or ball machine, a sagging net, missing bathroom supplies or needed janitorial clean-up — report these to him.

From the Secretary:

Please **date** "Member Request" notices on the Clubhouse bulletin board, as they will be subject to removal after 30 days. We will be adding a "Sub List" to this section so that members who **need a sub**, and players who **want to sub**, can get together more easily.



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From the Membership Director:

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their Tennis Club membership for 2026. Even if none of your information has changed, **we still need to have your signed application/waiver on file**. Simply print and fill out the form (or grab one from the Clubhouse podium) and be sure to sign it before dropping it in the slot. Welcome to our new members:

- Mark Madson, clubrealestate@hotmail.com
- Marshall Arlin, mnarlin@gmail.com
- Steve Blair, stevenblair@hotmail.com
- Yun-Cheng Yen, myenpdx@gmail.com

From the Social Director:

The last Sunday Social was so much fun that we are doing it again — **Sunday, November 16th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM**. Next up, we are making final preparations for the Holiday Party on **December 4th at Clubhouse 7, starting at 5:15 PM**. For complete information on both events, check out the Tennis Club's November 5th email, with a Holiday Party reservation form attached. Please note that **we need your reservation in hand by Friday, November 28th**. Use the form to tell us your dinner selection and, if you wish, your table-mates. Then put on your dancing shoes and go for the glam!

From the Acting Activities Director:

Congratulations to your **2025 Tennis Club Champions!**

Women's Doubles A:	Mixed Doubles A:
Diann Shirley and Elaine Van Rensburg	Peter Cho and Elisabeth Marks
Women's Doubles B:	Mixed Doubles B:
Suzanne Frank and Nasrin Battle	Eric Sun and Suzie Pak
Women's Doubles C:	Mixed Doubles B: (Consolation)
Trish Black and Jennifer Marks	Art Feldra and Suzanne Frank
Men's Doubles A:	Mixed Doubles C:
Jeff McMichael and Duane Hiveley	Jim McVicker and Leslie Mogul
Men's Doubles B:	Men's Singles:
Eric Sun and Ted Chen	Rob Henry
Men's Doubles B: (Consolation)	
Rich Haskell and Chris Bowen	



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In Memoriam:

We are sad to report that our former tennis club member Sid Kirkpatrick has passed away. He was a jovial part of the club. He had been dealing with several health issues for quite a while. We are sharing his obituary with his many Laguna Woods Village friends: <https://everloved.com/life-of/sidney-kirkpatrick/obituary/>

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday Social** — November 16th at the Clubhouse, 3:00 - 6:00 PM. Come ready to play “drop-in” tennis and hobnob with tennis friends old and new. Bring an appetizer to share; the Club will provide balls, drinks, paper goods and serving utensils
- **Russell’s Drill Session** — Sunday, November 23rd, at 3:00 PM. Call him at 818-681-4889 if interested
- **Tennis Club Board Meeting** — Monday, December 1st, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Pop in to say goodbye to the 2025 Board!
- **General Membership Meeting** — Wednesday, December 3rd, at 11:00 AM. Show up to vote for next year’s Board and for the changes made to our Constitution and Bylaws
- **Holiday Party** — Thursday, December 4th, Clubhouse 7, 5:15 - 9:00 PM

Parting Shots:

Laguna Woods Tennis Club members have been notching victories in regional, national and international competitions. You’ve probably seen the plaque in the Clubhouse honoring our own players as 2025 USTA Southern California Section League Champions in 55 & Over Women’s 9.0 — but did you know that this Southern California team went on to win the National Championships! Give a cheer to the following Tennis Club members in the picture below who were on this championship team: **Deirdre Beckley, Elisabeth Marks, Kathy Bennett and Krystal Meier.**





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In other USTA competitions, the coveted Gold Ball was won by Tennis Club members **Norm and Gail Ashbrooke** in the USTA National Husband-Wife Open. They competed in the 70 + 75 combined age group. That victory came on the heels of Norm's outstanding results in Croatia, representing the US team. Let's let him tell it:

"Gail and I were in Croatia for 16 days. The first week I played on the US team representing players ages 75-79. There were 21 nations in our age division. The US came in fourth, so my three teammates and I received a copper medal. Spain, Germany and Canada won the gold, silver and bronze medals. It was an amazing experience playing on the red clay courts against the best senior players in the world. Our team defeated Ireland, Sweden and Australia before losing 2-1 against Spain, the eventual champions."

"During the second week, I played in the Individual World Championships. There were over 70 players in my age category alone. I was seeded 10th in the tournament, and in the round of 16, I defeated the No. 6 seed in 3 sets. In the quarterfinals I lost to the No. 1 seed from Spain 4-6, 3-6. The No. 1 seed was also the No. 1 ranked player in the world in my age category. His name is Jairo Velasco Ramirez, a former top-50 professional player. Altogether I played against competitors from 8 different countries: Ireland, Sweden, Canada, Switzerland, Spain, France, Austria and Argentina. It was truly a memorable adventure."



**US National Team,
Men's 75-79:
(left to right)
Marc Mazo,
Brian Cheney,
David Fish,
Norm Ashbrooke**