



Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

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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:

You must have noticed the new larger whiteboard that VMS finally installed. When it was first placed they changed it from a dry-erase board to a wet-erase board, which meant different markers and cleaning methods. We were able to persuade VMS to cover the entire board with Plexiglass. So, once again, players can use the existing dry-erase markers and eraser method. **Let me emphasize: Please engage your “muscle memory” to sign in (green sheet) and sign up (whiteboard) for all walk-on courts every time. And while we’re at it, always recap and put back the markers and eraser — and NEVER use permanent marker.** As always, we will continue to propose ideas and simple solutions to VMS, but sometimes things get lost in translation. That said, how ‘bout those new court chairs? Sturdy! Check out the before and after picture of our VP Bob Schwartz at the end of this newsletter – thanks, Bob, for all your help on chair delivery day!

Please be aware, we have been informed by the Landscaping department that they will be **closing all the courts once a month for 1 - 2 hours for trimming and gardening and presumably cleaning dust and leaves. For now, we’re told the work is scheduled for the third Thursday each month from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.** (We pushed hard for an early afternoon start time.) This activity is scheduled year-round. Though inconvenient, the work should hopefully cut down on the times players have to sweep away leaves and twigs before a match — it’s not unlike courts being closed for washing. (As a reminder, various courts are shut down for washing or water run-off from noon to 2:00 PM on different days. The schedule is posted in the locked case at Court 5 by the whiteboard.)

Finally, a reminder — the Clubhouse coffee bar is a benefit of your Club membership. It’s available for guests with a donation of \$1 per use. Obviously, we don’t want to put anyone in the position of policing this activity, but **if your guest is enjoying a cuppa, please issue a gentle reminder to “feed the kitty” — or treat them yourself.** We seem to be going through cups at an alarming rate, hence this request.

From the Recreation Department:

The deadline to sign up for the tennis portion of the Village Games has



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been extended to March 21st, and the play is scheduled for Monday, April 7th through Saturday, April 12th. **If you would still like to participate, you must sign up at the fitness room located in the Community Center on El Toro.** Note that having separate age groups depends on the number of entries received for the categories of singles/doubles/mixed doubles. Please let us know if you need help finding a partner — **call Russell at 818-681-4889 or Theresa at 949-243-5175 or George Ozeki at 562-547-3395.**

From the Activities Director:

Sign-ups are either underway or soon will be for our upcoming tournaments this month and for the Village Games. For the March 21st event, remember that exclusive registration for C-Level members ends March 17th, after which it will be opened to guests if not full. Likewise, online sign-ups for the March 28th Compass Tournament will be March 17th - 25th, after which guests may sign up if there are spaces available and they are partnering with members. For the Indian Wells Watch Party this Sunday, thanks to everyone who has signed up (via the March 3rd email) as this helps us know how many refreshments to order. **But if you haven't signed up, please feel free to join us anyway.**

From the Social Director:

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the food service and clean-up during our tournaments. Please call **Suzanne at 949-394-3820** if you can assist with any of the upcoming events listed below.

From the Membership Director:

Heading out the door by mail this week are the printed directories that a handful of members requested. By switching to electronic directories for the majority that prefer them, we saved almost \$1850 — money that is being used for the benefit of our membership, such as supplying snacks for Watch Parties and enhancing menus for our catered events. On another note, thanks to everyone who expressed interest in Team Reach. We now have about 35 B-level participants in self-organized Mixed Doubles matches via the app. If anyone is interested in overseeing a similar group for Women's or Men's Doubles — or wants more info on Team Reach — please call **Jim at 732-789-4617.**

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Indian Wells Watch Party** — Sunday March 16th at 12:30 PM in the Clubhouse 5 multi-purpose room. The Tennis Club will provide snacks, drinks and live action on the big screen via our subscription to the Tennis Channel.
- ◆ **'C' Level Mixed Tournament** — Friday, March 21st, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. The menu will be a sub sandwich variety.
- ◆ **Men's & Women's Doubles Compass Tournament** — Friday, March 28th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. The lunch menu is Asian food (\$7 for non-players).
- ◆ **Tennis Club Board Meeting** — Moved to Thursday, April 3rd, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse. Please join us!



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Before the heavy lifting work began – all smiles!



A bit tuckered out when we finally got done with courts 9 & 10!