



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:

Thanks to all the players, spectators and helpers who made our first Compass Tournament of 2025 a success. Kudos also to George Ozeki and our Club Vice President, Bob Schwartz, for keeping track of court assignments and match results. Congratulations to the winners, who were rewarded with their choice of tennis swag:

- ★ Chip Bao & Joanie Gonzalez
- ★ Hugo Hernandez & Jean Maroney
- ★ David Sherman & Yoko Kurosawa
- ★ Mike Chyi & Doe Krug

For the next Compass Tournament on **Friday, March 28th**, we plan something different — 8 teams of men's doubles and 8 teams of women's doubles. As a result of requests from "C" level members, we have scheduled an event for them on **Friday, March 21st**. Look for more details on both in your email box and newsletter next month.

Next up is our first Sunday Social of the year, **Sunday, February 16th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM** at the Clubhouse. You can let us know you're coming by using the email form sent on February 5th — or just drop in since the date is so close! Bring an appetizer or goodies to share and wear your tennis gear. We've got some courts reserved and will provide drinks, plates and utensils. This event is open to members and guests so come prepared to mingle and make new friends. You might even find a fourth for an upcoming match.

Finally, dates have been set for the Village Games. The tennis portion is scheduled for **April 7th - 14th**. The Recreation Department, which runs this annual Village-wide competitive event, handles registration, sets entry fees and lines up sponsors. The closing ceremony is set for April 24th, at Clubhouse 5. The Tennis Club will supply the tennis balls for the competition, which we will organize locally. Registration begins on **February 18th**, and VMS will probably give more details in their Friday night email blast. To sign up, you must **use the forms available only at the fitness room of the Community Center**.



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From VMS:

Recruiting is underway for the position devoted to tennis and other racket sports. At least one Tennis Club member expressed interest in applying for the part-time position. There's more good news to come regarding the new blue court chairs; they should be appearing soon. Then, the beige patio chairs can STAY on the patio. Also, the lights out on Court 6 have been fixed — for now! A new and bigger Whiteboard for placement by Court 5 is in the works. The Tennis Club continues to work with the Recreation Department on these and others issues that impact members.

From the Membership Director:

By now you should have received your digital copy of the annual 2025 Member Directory (sent by email on February 6th). Several members have requested that their home addresses not be published in the directory, and we think that's wise. Accordingly, we have limited the contact information in the directory to only email addresses and phone numbers. However, we still need to maintain address details and resident ID numbers in our database as we must register our members with the Recreation Department annually. The directory is intended only for your own use. We thank you in advance for not distributing it to others.

Welcome to the club: Carolin Thelen, carolinthelen@msn.com

On another note, I'm an enthusiastic user of the "TeamReach" app (<https://www.teamreach.com>) for scheduling ad hoc doubles games. It's simple to use once you get the hang of it, and best of all it's free. Please keep in mind that this is not a court reservation system — we have CourtReserve for that. Rather, it is a way to find games with other Laguna Woods Village players at a similar skill level that is convenient to your schedule. For more information about how it all works and what the possibilities are, **please email us** (tennisclublw@gmail.com) **or give Jim a call at 732-789-4617.**

Our resident Tennis Pro Allan Galera is available for private and group lessons for a fee. He may have time to lead **group lessons on Tuesday afternoons** if there is sufficient interest. If you and a few of your pals are interested — please email him at: octenniscoach@gmail.com or phone/text him at **714-552-2119** for more information on cost and availability.

From the Social Director: Upcoming events

*February 16th: **Sunday Social Play & Potluck**, 3:00 - 6:00 PM /BYOA (bring your own appetizer) to share

*Sunday, February 23rd: **Drill Session with Russell**, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, call him to confirm at 818-681-4889

*March 16th: **Indian Wells Watch Party** at Clubhouse 5 multi-purpose room. The Club will provide snacks and drinks. So, come prepared to view a great championship match and schmooze with other devotees of the game.

*March 21st: **'C' Level Mixed Tournament**; 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Menu will be sub-sandwich variety.

*March 28th: **Men's & Womens Doubles Compass Tournament**; 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Come for the competition and join us for lunch (\$7 for non-players). Asian food will be served. Helpers are always appreciated for set-up and clean-up. So, don't be shy!