



November 2024

## Board Members - 2024

President – Russell Seagal

Vice President – Bob Schwartz

Treasurer – Theresa Kennedy

Secretary – Judy Brown

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Activities Director – Manny Robledo

Social Directors – Linda De Villers

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Facility Director – Vacant

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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:

Have you noticed the new chairs on courts 2 & 3? Listening to our suggestions, VMS ordered new, sturdy, outdoor court chairs in distinctive navy blue so they don't get mixed up with the beige patio chairs (which belong ... on the patio!) In the new year we should be receiving 4 chairs per court, for a total of 40 chairs so that all the courts will be properly outfitted.

We also collaborated with them on revising the Tennis Facility's Operating Rules and are pleased many of our suggestions made it into the final version. We expect these rules to be formally accepted by GRF in December and then posted at the facility and on the Laguna Woods Village website. **Our players have already been following these rules for several months, so there's nothing new for you. Continue using the whiteboard for walk-on courts and the CourtReserve system, as you have been doing. Also, please be mindful that all courts have a 1.5-hour time limit when others are waiting.**

We recently sent an email announcing the General Membership meeting on Thursday, December 5th, at 12:00 noon at the clubhouse. The email included some proposed changes to the Club bylaws, which you should review. Changes were minor. However, we did vote to eliminate the position of Facility Director since we currently have been operating without one this past year. There has been no noticeable impact on our ability to push VMS on getting maintenance issues resolved. At this meeting we'll vote on the changes, listen to members on other issues they may want to address, and confirm Club Board leadership for next year. **We hope that members will step up to be nominated to serve as Social and Activities Directors. The Social Director is responsible for party planning at events, including food service, room reservations and entertainment. The Activities Director is responsible for organizing play for our one-day Compass and annual Club Championship tournaments, and running social Club events.**

## From the Social Directors:

**Holiday Bash: Saturday, December 7th, at Clubhouse 5 (5:15-9:00 PM)**

**Cost: \$30 for Club members, \$35 for guests, which includes: Dinner with wine, dancing to the music of Castle Jam Live, raffle tickets for 10 prizes and a special goody bag for every attendee.** Tables seat 10 guests. When you sign up, let us know the people you'd like to sit with, and we will try to accommodate requests. Sign up with the link in the November 9th email or use the sign-up sheets available in the clubhouse.



### From the Membership Director:

It's time to renew your membership for 2025 in the Laguna Woods Tennis Club. Print out the application/renewal form we sent via email — or grab a paper copy from the clubhouse — and attach your dues (cash or check) to your filled-in form and slip it inside the podium. Membership dues support numerous activities throughout the year, including tournaments, two fancy dinner dances, watch parties and pop-up social events. Funds also cover maintaining the member database, as well as coffee, tea and cocoa at the clubhouse.

The Board has decided to discontinue printing an annual Member Directory as a cost-saving measure. We will still provide a digital version via email every two months. Due to regular updates with new or departing members, it makes more sense to produce the directory in a digital format that can be transferred efficiently to you by email. We hope that all members will recognize the ease and common "cents" of this change. For those still wishing to have a printed copy of the first edition of the year, contact me by the end of January, and I will gladly get one for you.

And please welcome our latest member, Amanda Moe, [amandalewismoe@gmail.com](mailto:amandalewismoe@gmail.com). She's our first newbie who will receive a welcome can of balls — an initiative for "new" 2025 memberships.

### From the Activities Director:

Thanks to George Ozeki for running our Club Championships on November 4th - 9th. Even though the event fell soon after the Village Games, we had 13 categories of competitors. They battled wind and sun and morning chill but came together on the final day for a fun-filled barbecue and trophy presentation. Many thanks to Dennis Hannan for captaining the grill. Congratulations to the 13 winners who each received a \$10 gift card:

<b>Club Championship Results - 2024</b>	
<b><i>Women's Doubles</i></b>	<b><i>Men's Singles</i></b>
A. Sheryl Leicher and Gail Ashbrooke	Ron McGhie
B. Yoko Kurosawa and Sima Boyce	<b><i>Mixed Doubles</i></b>
C. Wendy Hames and Karen Osterstock	A. Grace Hallum and Mike Keese
<b><i>Men's Doubles</i></b>	AB. Jean Maroney and Hugo Hernandez
A. Chip Bao and Mike Keese	B1. Suzanne Frank and Dennis Hannan
B1. Randy Voorhees and Derrick Liang	B2. Sheryl Leicher and Ned Buckman
B2. Hugo Hernandez and Ricardo Ciriani	C. Leslie Mogul and Jim McVicker
C. Jim McVicker and Rich Johnson	



#### Upcoming Events:

- Drill Session with Russell — Sunday, November 24th at 3:00 PM. Call or text him to confirm, 818-681-4889.
- Board Meeting — Monday, December 2nd at 11:30 AM. You can join us in the clubhouse.
- General Membership Meeting — Thursday, December 5th at 12:00 PM. This is the annual meeting to vote for board members and address other issues and goals for the new year. **This is one to attend if you can!**
- Holiday Dinner Party — Saturday, December 7th at 5:15 to 9:00 PM, Clubhouse 5.

#### Things to Ponder:

As we think about the calendar of events for next year, what if we were to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren in one of our Sunday socials? The kiddos would be the ones playing either with you on the court or with you cheering on the sidelines. Please take a minute to email us, or use the Suggestion Box, to tell us **if you'd like to have a "Bring your Grandchildren/Great-Grandchildren to Play Day"?**

#### In Memoriam:

We sadly announce the passing of long-time Club member Margaret "Peggy" Jefferson, age 91. Sports, including tennis and golf, played an important part in her rich and vibrant life, which was filled with family, friends, church, travel and music. Married more than 60 years to husband Tom, Peggy continued to find joy in Laguna Woods Village after his passing in 2013. We will truly miss her sparkle.