



# Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

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## Board Members - 2025

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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:

Boy, that was fun! It's always a blast getting together with our members and guests at the annual Summer Dinner Dance. We ate, we drank, we schmoozed, and we danced the night away. I can't thank **Suzanne Frank** enough for pulling it all off seamlessly, and I know she wants to extend her thanks to her main helper, **Marianne Besseling**. Looking forward to the next occasion for dressing up and celebrating — **the Holiday Party on December 4th. Don't miss it!**

I'm happy to announce we have a new Pro for Pickleball and Tennis, **Beau Kojima**. He is available for private and group lessons (including beginner classes). Players can contact Beau at **949-295-2606** or [Beak\\_Kojima@yahoo.com](mailto:Beak_Kojima@yahoo.com) (note tennis or pickleball in your message).

We continue to chase maintenance issues with our friends at VMS. A circuit breaker has been tripping causing water fountains to produce warm water instead of cold. The fence covers still need replacement. Also, the skylight cleaning did not work out well as the visible dirt and stains have etched into the plexiglass. On the bright side, the bench and net on Court 9 were fixed promptly following our report. They have also replaced and painted the worn slatted bench near Court 5. Remember, if you notice any maintenance issues, contact Peter Quan at 949-268-2275 or email [peter.quan@vmsinc.org](mailto:peter.quan@vmsinc.org). We would appreciate being in the loop on items that you report, so please let us know when you see us or copy us by email to [tennisclublw@gmail.com](mailto:tennisclublw@gmail.com).

## From VMS:

Maintenance crews will be working in the parking lot by Clubhouse 7 the week of August 4th - 9th, so parking spots will be blocked off in various sections during the week. Parking will be limited for tennis and bridge players alike.

## From the Treasurer:

While I am still waiting on a couple of items to finalize the accounting from the USTA Super Seniors Tournament, we will end up with a profit for the club. I also wanted to share the exceptional report we received from the USTA based on their survey of players. The overwhelming consensus



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of the players' comments was that our volunteers and spectators made them feel welcome and supported. The players appreciated the facility, the food, the amenities and the California weather. Our staff members were praised as professional, knowledgeable and friendly. We received scores averaging 4.7 out of 5.0 across all categories. Thanks again to everyone who made this tournament a success!

### From the Membership Director:

By now you all should have received the quarterly update of the digital Member Directory and Skills Level report. And we're pleased to welcome the following new members to our club:

- Hadi Baradaran, [hadi.baradaran@gmail.com](mailto:hadi.baradaran@gmail.com)
- Jo Anne Gilliam, [joannegilliam@live.com](mailto:joannegilliam@live.com)
- Mario Mediati, [mmediati@gmail.com](mailto:mmediati@gmail.com)
- Sandra Jones, [spryor260@gmail.com](mailto:spryor260@gmail.com)

### From the Secretary:

Here's a quick update on recycling. Less than a month into our project, the Tennis Club has returned four full boxes of dead balls to RecycleBalls. **That's 800 balls kept out of landfill.** We are in good company because the organization has teamed up with Laykold, the Official Surface of the US Open. Not only does RecycleBalls collect the used balls from the tournament, but their crumb rubber product is being used by Laykold for shock-absorption in their court surfaces. Here at the Tennis Center, another recycling box is full of gently used balls ready to replenish the ball machines. We have **Joe Wida** to thank for restocking the machines and removing any dead balls so they can be recycled. He's not alone — we also are grateful to **Dawn Williams, Fran Duffy** and **Joe Brown** for their individual efforts to get this program off the ground. And let's not forget the conscientious but nameless players who quietly fish balls out of the trash bins and shrubs and place them in the appropriate recycle boxes. I'm looking forward to the time when that task is no longer necessary because all of our players will be heeding the motto, **"Don't Trash that Ball — Recycle it!"** Now it's on to recycling aluminum ball cans and lids!

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Russell's Drill Session** — Sunday, July 27th, at 3:00 PM. Call him at **818-681-4889** if interested.
- ◆ **Tennis Club Board Meeting** — Monday, August 4th, in the Clubhouse, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Come join us, especially if you are considering participating on the board next year. See how the sausage is made!
- ◆ **US Open Watch Party** — Sunday, September 7th, in the All-Purpose Room at Clubhouse 5. Times will be updated as we get closer, but it is likely a late-morning event. As always, the Club will provide snacks, beverages and the broadcast. You supply the cheers.
- ◆ **Compass Tournament** — Friday, September 26th, 9:00 AM- 12:00 noon.



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Parting Shots:

**Scenes from the July Dinner Dance, and Comments from Attendees:**



*“Food was delicious and company was great.”*



*“It was a great party.”*

*“We danced a lot.”*