



Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

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September 2025

Board Members - 2025

President – Russell Seagal

Vice President – Bob Schwartz

Treasurer – Theresa Kennedy

Secretary – Judy Brown

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Activities Director – Vacant

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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:

I'm happy to announce that long-time Club member Joe Wida has been named Nominating Chair. He has already started reaching out to members to recruit candidates for next year's board. Please contact him directly if you have a burning desire (or even a spark of interest) to help lead the Tennis Club. Your help in this long-standing tradition is greatly appreciated by all!

Motivated by an email from Ned Buckman, we discussed how we could manage club business with a lesser commitment of time. At our September Board Meeting we voted to switch from monthly meetings in 2026 to bimonthly. In other words, once every 2 months for a total of 6 meetings/year. This requires changing our Constitution and Bylaws and is subject to membership approval. At the December General Membership Meeting, you will have the opportunity to vote on this change.

We sincerely hope that the 2026 Tennis Club continues to hold tournaments and social events for the benefit of members. We believe this work can be accomplished with the shorter meeting schedule. This change would mean 6 newsletters and 6 published minutes instead of 12, cutting the secretary's work in half. As a result, **Judy Brown is interested in running for Secretary again.** She has my support — and I hope your's too.

As I mentioned last month, the GRF Tennis Operating Rules are being reviewed. We have suggested an edit that further defines how organized leagues and groups can play at the facility when using two or more courts. The reality is they have approved some USTA league play at the facility outside of prime time. They also seemed receptive to allocating courts for rotation and other social groups much like the ones the staff employee used to run. We suggested they expand the "visibility" on Court Reserve to show any events they approve of so residents can plan around them if necessary. So, stay tuned for more information.



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From the Membership Director:

You may have noticed the refreshed photo display of members in the Clubhouse. If you haven't yet sent me your picture, it's never too late since we update the digital directory quarterly. I'd also like to thank everyone who came out to watch the thrilling Men's Final of the US Open — as well as all the helpers. Fun times!

Now let's welcome our new members to the Club:

* Annie Collins, amscollins1@gmail.com

From the Secretary:

Another 3 RecycleBalls boxes of dead balls have been returned, making 9 total. We have ordered 10 new boxes which you'll start to see at the facility. The recycling of ball cans and lids is also underway. We are so pleased to keep these programs going and appreciate your support.

Upcoming Events:

- * **Compass Tournament, Mixed Doubles Format** — Friday, September 26th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. Registration email with "sign-up link" was sent to club members on September 12th. If necessary to fill in the draw the entry will be opened to club members playing with a guest after September 19th. Sandwiches with chips, potato salad and dessert are included for players; \$7.00 for spectators.
- * **Tennis Club Board Meeting** — Monday, October 6th, in the Clubhouse, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Please feel free to drop in to see what it's like.
- * **Sunday Social** — October 12th at the Clubhouse. More details are to come as the date gets close.
- * **Club Championships** — October 20th to 25th. Prizes are increasing to \$15 gift certificates from local merchants. Even if you don't compete, don't miss the BBQ lunch on Saturday, October 25th. (A major thank-you to Bob and Jim for taking the time necessary to clean up the BBQ.)
- * **Russell's Drill Session** — Sunday, October 26th, at 3:00 PM. Call him at **818-681-4889** if interested.
- * **Holiday Party** — Thursday, December 4th, Clubhouse 7. Planning for this annual event is well underway so be sure to mark your calendars...it should be a fantastic way to end the year!