



NEWS & VIEWS

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Notes from the President

Hello all my friends and fellow players. This is Kevin Majd and it is my honor to serve as your new Tennis Club President for 2026. I hope to make a difference in the operation and improvements of our beautiful club and facilities. First of all I want to thank Russell Seagal for all of his hard work as the past president, and Theresa Kennedy who has been very helpful in the transition process. Thanks too to Judy Brown for staying on as a board member and continuing to create these newsletters. In fact, I am deeply grateful for the fine work of all the previous board members, including Bob Schwartz, Jim Quigley and Suzanne Frank, and applaud their many accomplishments over the past two years, including:

- **Simplifying the walk-on court process:** They introduced a consistent 1.5 hours of playing time on all courts when others are waiting, consolidated three sign-up boards into one centrally located and updated whiteboard, and helped VMS rewrite the Operating Rules to support these changes.
- **Reducing Board meetings from 12 a year to at least 6 a year:** This change brought us the full slate of officers and directors you see listed on the left. I'm so pleased to have this excellent team to work with!
- **Expanding the types of tournaments offered:** In addition to the traditional Mixed Doubles Compass Tournament, the Club now offers tournaments for Women's Doubles and Men's Doubles, and for C level players. And they aren't all held on Fridays!
- **Introducing social gatherings:** Members of the Club now get together regularly for Sunday Socials to share potluck dishes and to participate in pickup games with a variety of partners and opponents. We also have the



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Russell's Drills:

Sun, Jan 25, 3:00 - 4:30 PM,
Courts 9/10

Compass Tournament:

Sat, Jan 31, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

C Level Tournament:

Wed, Feb 11, 9:30 AM - 12:30

Sunday Social:

Sun, Feb 15, 2:00 - 5:00 PM,
Clubhouse

Board Meeting:

Mon, Mar 16, 11:30 AM,
Clubhouse

Indian Wells Watch Party:

Sat - Sun, Mar 14-15,
Day/Time/Place TBD

Women's/Men's Doubles Tournament:

Thur, Mar 26, 9:30 AM - 12:30

opportunity to attend Watch Parties for professional tennis matches such as Indian Wells and the US Open. The action is streamed on a big screen, and there are always plenty of snacks to enjoy.

- **Working with RecycleBalls:** This organization enables us to recycle our dead balls so they can be turned into tennis court surfaces and other green products.
- **Donating 10 scorekeepers for the courts:** This was not as easy as it may seem, since all donations must go through rounds of approval before GRF signs off. I am happy to announce that our scorekeeper donation was approved by the GRF board, and I will follow up with Peter Quan, our VMS contact, to ensure that the Maintenance Department does the installation.

We plan to continue these efforts — and more! **Please do not hesitate to call my cell number, 949-257-9461, with any ideas and suggestions.** I will do my best — with the help of the board members — to make it happen.

From the Membership Director:

We are busily updating the membership list in order to send out the first edition of the 2026 Member Directory, which will be emailed to all members around the end of the month. **If you haven't yet renewed for this year, there's no time like the present!** And this is also the best time to correct any outdated information or add or change your photo. We will print out this digital issue one time in booklet form to satisfy requests from the handful of members who prefer it — just let me know by email to tennisclublw@gmail.com. Updated digital issues will be sent quarterly.

From the Activities Director:

Be sure to check your inbox for the registration emails that will be sent for our tournaments and social activities. First up is the Mixed Doubles **Compass Tournament on Saturday, January 31st from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM** — note the new starting time (with a nod to late sleepers). Members have sign-up priority through January 24th, after which entry will be open to those playing with a guest (if needed to fill the draw). The entry fee of \$7 for players includes a BBQ lunch, which is just \$7 for spectators who wish to eat and watch.

From the Secretary:

Kevin asked me to pass along this reminder from VMS: In order to use a ball machine you have to make a reservation in the CourtReserve app and go to the office at Clubhouse 7 to get the keys to the ball machine shed. If you can't make or don't have a reservation, Clubhouse 7 office staff can make it for you. Here's another reminder:

The "views" portion of our *News & Views* newsletter comes from you! So please share your stories, your photos, your thoughts and thank-you's. Simply send us an email to tennisclublw@gmail.com.

From the Social Director:

After volunteering for so many events, it's exciting — and a little daunting! — for me to take on this new role. One thing that's for sure, none of the Tennis Club activities can take place without volunteers. We count on you and thank you in advance for stepping up to help. Whether it's the glamorous task of slicing tomatoes for burgers, or the down and dirty job of putting empty cans and used plates in the trash, someone's got to do it! If you are willing, please email me at tennisclublw@gmail.com. As you probably know by now, our first event is a BBQ lunch for the **Compass Tournament on Saturday, January 31st from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. We hope to see you there.

Parting Shots:

Enjoy these photos from the 2025 Tennis Club Holiday Party:



Left to right: Judith McCourt and her mother Mary Fairweather, Libby and Ray Freer, Marlene and Lester Sack



Above, left to right: Linda Bechky, Joe Brown, Ron Bechky, Judy Brown, Marina and Valery Levitanus. Below: Roy the Karaoke Man tried to get the fellas to follow his directions. It wasn't pretty. Just hilarious.

