



Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

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Board Members - 2025

President – Russell Seagal

Vice President – Bob Schwartz

Treasurer – Theresa Kennedy

Secretary – Judy Brown

Membership Director – Jim Quigley

Activities Director – Vacant

Social Director – Suzanne Frank

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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:

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the Tennis Club Board for 2026. Indeed, according to our bylaws, **we will appoint a member as Nominating Chair at our next board meeting, and that person will spend the next several months contacting members to recruit candidates for all current positions.** Since most of us have served on this board for the past two years, we are ready to let someone else start the journey.

Here's a recap of the Board's primary responsibilities:

- Plan and run tennis activities and social events
- Engage with VMS staff for facility improvements
- Represent the interests of Club members
- Manage the membership database
- Distribute our member directory and skill level listing
- Manage Club finances
- Create and email a monthly newsletter
- Update Club webpage
- Ensure Club bylaws serve our members
- Purchase supplies and keep the coffee-tea-cocoa bar stocked
- Serve as Club ambassadors for new residents/new members
- Manage the annual USTA Super Seniors Tournament
- Manage Globe articles written by Club members

Hot Topic: The 2026 GRF budget process is underway. Unfortunately, they have eliminated the planned tennis court resurfacing we were told would happen next year. You may comment on this issue by reaching out to the GRF Board on or before their next scheduled meeting (September 2nd). If you want details, contact Theresa and she can point you in the right direction to share your concerns with the GRF Board. Also, they have decided to no longer fund the part-time employee for the tennis facility.

One last thing: VMS staff will begin reviewing the Tennis Operating Rules for any updates soon. If you have input please let us know. We need to respond to them in early September. The current rules are posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse, or you can view them from this link:

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From the Membership Director:

Just a friendly reminder that Club membership is only available to residents of Laguna Woods Village. That's why your resident ID number is required when you join and when you renew. It's only fair that Club benefits — including discounted rates for tournaments and dinner dances, monthly newsletters and other communications, and free access to the coffee-tea-cocoa bar — should be enjoyed by residents who have paid their dues to become Club members.

Speaking of which, let's welcome these new members to our Club:

- * Ann Ratterman, atratterman@yahoo.com
- * Ken Stuart, mi2caloc@gmail.com
- * Tom Ratterman, tom.ratterman@outlook.com

From the Secretary:

I for one will be glued to the TV watching the US Open from August 24th to September 7th — and not just catching my favorite players in action on the hard courts. I'll be on the lookout for those familiar green and yellow RecycleBalls boxes like the ones you've been filling up at our tennis facility. Since 2020, RecycleBalls has been collecting balls used during the US Open tournament so that its partner Laykold, the official surface of the US Open and several other tournaments, can incorporate the used balls in its production methods. Admittedly, it's unlikely we'll see players or even ball kids recycling the balls on live TV — but isn't it a nice thought? **Meanwhile, thanks to our conscientious players, we have now returned 2 more boxes to RecycleBalls, for a total of 6 boxes, or 1,200 dead balls. The last few boxes of our initial order are out and about in the tennis facility ready to be filled by you!**

Upcoming Events:

- * **Russell's Drill Session** — Sunday, August 31st, at 3:00 PM. Call him at **818-681-4889** if interested.
- * **Tennis Club Board Meeting** — Thursday, September 4th, in the Clubhouse, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. If you're toying with becoming a board member, please come check us out. (Changed to Thursday because of Labor Day on Monday.)
- * **US Open Men's Final Watch Party** — Sunday, September 7th, starting at 11:00 AM, in the Multi-purpose Room at Clubhouse 5. The Club will provide refreshments and the broadcast for you to enjoy. An email RSVP will be sent soon.
- * **Compass Tournament, Mixed Doubles Format** — Friday, September 26th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. Registration email will be sent a couple of weeks before the tournament. Lunch is included for players; \$7.00 for spectators.
- * **Sunday Social** — October 12th at the Clubhouse. More details to come as the date gets close.
- * **Club Championships** — Third Week of October (20th to 25th).