



Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

July 2024

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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:

What a wonderful time we had on Saturday at the Tennis Club Dinner Dance thanks largely to our Social Directors Linda and Melissa. They stepped up and orchestrated a great large-scale event. Thanks also to a dedicated group of helpers; including Diann Shirley for the beautiful centerpieces and Manny Robledo for the lovely wine. We appreciate all of our Tennis Club members and guests who came out and had fun. Next up — the year-end holiday bash!

As you've probably noticed, we got VMS to add hi-vis tape to the legs protruding from the new bench/table sets and hooks to hang gear. Another issue is the erratic schedule of court washing. We have a commitment from VMS not to start before noon, but occasionally maintenance staff availability makes it hard to keep to the schedule. They assured us this was an exception.

We also appreciate your cooperation and patience with the temporary whiteboard for courts 1-6 and the lack of sign-in sheets by courts 9/10. If permanent solutions were in our control, they'd be done by now!

You may recall from the May meeting minutes that a local tennis team asked to use the tennis facility on weekday afternoons for approximately 10 months. We voiced our opposition as we felt it would negatively affect Village residents. We stayed engaged with CAC as the proposal was reconsidered. We are delighted to report the proposal has been rejected. Match Win!

Finally, I plan to lead **drills on Sunday, July 21st, at 4:00 PM**. My hope is to run them 1-2 times a month and to group together players who are at similar skill levels. Call **818-681-4889** to register/leave me a message if no answer.

From the Secretary:

Calling all writers and wannabes! We are seeking a Guest Columnist or two to submit tennis columns for publication in the Globe on August 22nd and September 17th. This can be a one-shot deal or a long-term commitment — just let us know. We are ready to support your efforts with feedback, professional editing and a dedicated audience.

From VMS:

The ball machine demo could have gone better, but the new Shot Maker machines are now in service. Keys are kept at Clubhouse 7. VMS has implemented security procedures requiring reservations, a signed liability waiver and a collateral item such as a state ID for each use. (You make reservations in CourtReserve: Select "Reservations" then "Book a Ball Machine.") For questions, contact Peter Quan at peter.quan@vmsinc.org or **949-268-2274**. Additionally, we've been told the process to fill the part-time position at the tennis facility is still in the works, but it takes time. They are reviewing the job description and it's working its way through their system.



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We also asked about a follow-up to our meeting on “groups” that Lorie used to manage in CourtReserve. VMS is considering a way forward for those groups that regularly require the use of more than one court. The goal is to accommodate players in a fair and consistent manner. On the issue of having a 1.5-hour time limit per court, the feedback has been positive. Having the actual “rules” rewritten to reflect that change is pending and may not occur until later this year when a full review is accomplished by VMS. We again asked for a separate sign-in station near courts 9/10.

From the Membership Director:

Big shout out to Joe Wida for his work cleaning up the club-owned tennis ball machine that has been unused for several years. He got it ready for sale — and we sold it on Craig’s List, with the funds benefiting the club. As always, we’re pleased to welcome these new/renewing members. You can see player levels and preferences on our website.

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- Frank Salata, fvs1492@yahoo.com
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- Jacqueline King, jacquelineheavy@me.com
- Tuong Nguyen, nguyenlantuong@me.com

From the Activities Director:

The results of the survey on our monthly tennis activity are at the end of this newsletter. To recap, most folks prefer having the Compass Tournament on Friday mornings as a catered event but would like to see three levels of play and Men’s and Ladies Doubles along with Mixed Doubles. Thanks to everyone who responded — your voices help us structure activities for widespread enjoyment. The more viewpoints we receive, the better!

From the Treasurer:

We’ve been exploring alternate ways to manage the database of our members and offer different payment options for membership dues and event entry fees. So far we’ve not found any cost-effective portal to manage it all. Obstacles include service fees on credit card payments, our nonprofit status, and the small and sporadic nature of our payments. At this point it seems smart to take the pulse of our members about this issue, which leads us to...

Things to Ponder:

Please take a minute to email us, or use the Suggestion Box, to give us your thoughts on online payments:

- Would you prefer to pay Tennis Club dues/fees **online by credit card**?
- Would you be willing to incur a **small fee for online credit card payments**?
- If the Tennis Club offered online payments, would you use it **Always, Sometimes, or Never (pick one)**?
- Or, continue to **pay in person with checks/cash**?

Tennis Club Webpage:

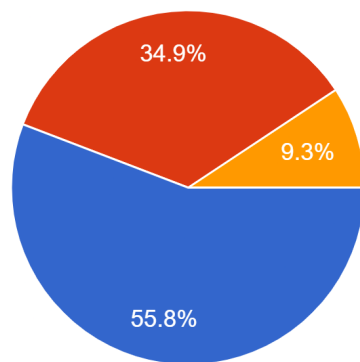
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Survey on Monthly Tennis Activity

Tournament Format

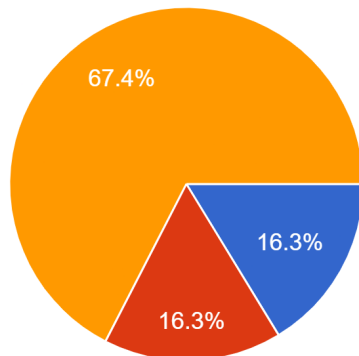
43 responses



- Competitive tournament with sign-ups as partners and tournament winners
- Social mixer with randomly assigned partners each round and no winners
- Pickup social with self-arranged matches among those who show up

Men's/Ladies, Mixed, or Both?

43 responses



- Only Men's and Ladies' doubles
- Only Mixed Doubles
- Alternating Men's/Ladies and Mixed Doubles during event

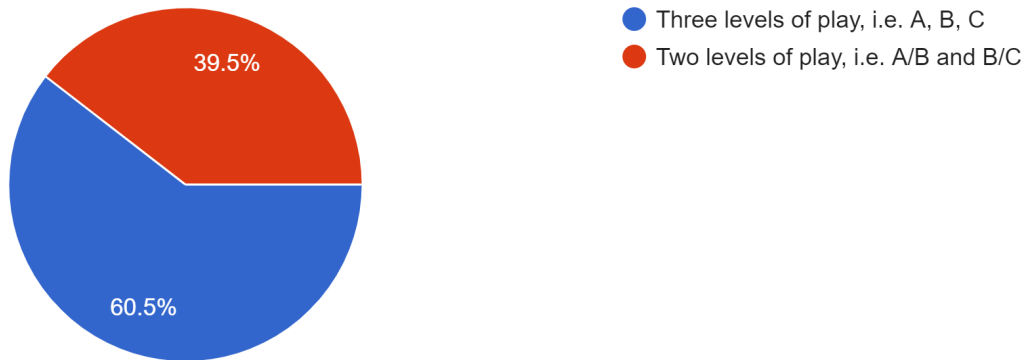


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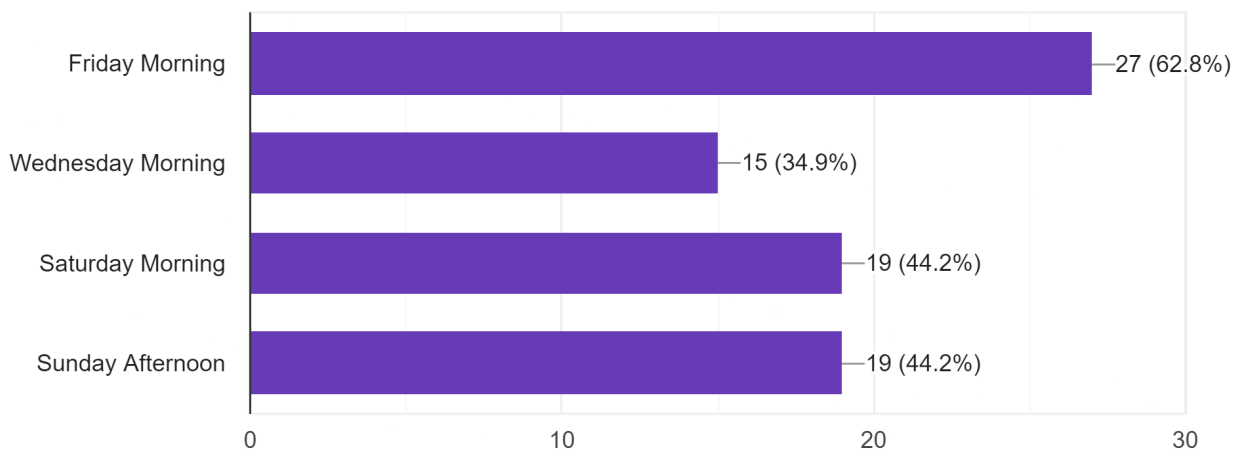
Level of Play

43 responses



Day of the Week (choose all that work for you)

43 responses



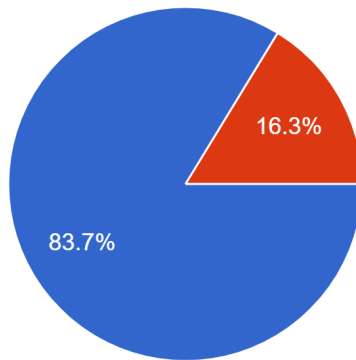


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Catered or Potluck

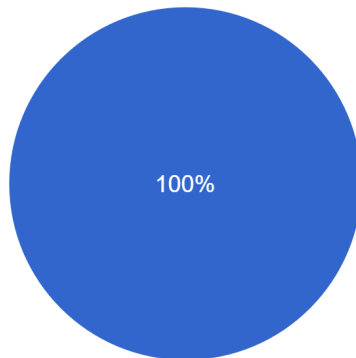
43 responses



- Catered for \$7
- Potluck requiring you to bring an appetizer to participate

Does the cost of food keep you from participating?

43 responses



- No, \$7 is reasonable given the value and convenience of not bringing a dish