

## Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

### October 2024

### Board Members - 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:

To start with, I want to say thank you to George Ozeki for stepping up to help manage the Village Games for tennis this week.

Our club board has been able to get a few things done. Also, several board members are willing to serve the club next year. However, it seems we may fall short of filling the various director positions. With that in mind, we will be proposing a new way forward for next year with a leaner board and a reliance on volunteers to help support the events that club members desire for next year.

The end of the year is approaching. Planning for the upcoming Club Championship and holiday party are in full swing. If some help is needed, we may reach out to the membership to assist in making these events smooth and successful. So, please consider stepping up to help if we call on you!

After weeks of no repairs to the lights on the courts 1, 5, and 6, a call was made to the CEO. The inside joke we were passing around about how many VMS employees it takes to change a lightbulb finally led to a real plan of action for this maintenance request, and they should be fixed on Tuesday, Oct 15th. The plan to purchase chairs for the courts is still in the works. We've also been told that the employee position at the Clubhouse is now in HR and should be posted soon. While we were satisfied with the resurfacing on court 7, we are still pushing for repairs to courts 1,2, and 5.

### From the Social Director:

Right around the corner there is the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 7th, at Clubhouse 5. There will be fun food, fun dancing, a fun gift raffle, and more unscripted fun. Hope many of you can make it. Mark your calendar now and look for sign-up flyers and information on that coming to you soon.



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### Membership Director:

We will begin a membership drive on November 1st to ask current members to renew their support of the club in 2025. We also hope to increase membership and reach more of the new residents we see around the courts and welcome them to join us. I will be on hand at the clubhouse several days during the Championships to assist with completing the application form and ensuring we have all your latest information on file.

### From the Activities Director:

The Club Championships will be held at the courts from November 4th through November 9th. There will be coffee and morning snacks each day, and a barbeque after the finals on Saturday. The player entry fee will be \$10.00. Sign-ups will be managed online, and a link will be sent via email to all club members shortly. Please reach out to Manny at: <a href="https://www.love.org">lovejoy@comeline.com</a>, or call or text him at: 714-293-9363. He may also be able to help you find a partner if you need one.

### **Upcoming Events:**

\*Drill Session: with Russell, Sunday, October 20th, 4:00 pm. Call or text (818)681-4889 to confirm.

\*Club Championships: Monday, November 4th – Saturday, November 9th

\*<u>Holiday Dinner Party</u>: Saturday, December 7th, at clubhouse 5.

### Things to ponder:

The current board is considering reducing the number of board members elected to run the Tennis Club. We are finding it difficult to enlist members willing to serve as board members. We feel an effective way forward would be to recruit volunteers as needed to assist with the planning and execution of tennis club events. How do you feel about this plan to reduce the number of board members?

One of the big administrative tasks and expenses of the club is creating the annual glossy printed *Membership Directory*. Some of our members have remarked they only want an electronic version. What's your opinion about not printing it? Should we consider asking members when they join or renew if they want one printed and mailed (albeit not a glossy one) and send it to only those members? We would of course continue to update the member board in the clubhouse bi-monthly and send an electronic copy to all members via email link going forward.

### Tennis Club Webpage:

Check it out at: https://www.lagunawoodsvillage.com/amenities/clubs/tennis-club