



# Woodland Tennis Club

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## From the WTC President

How time flies. We are completing our 4<sup>th</sup> year in operation since the closing of Country Oaks Racquet Club. We have come a long way in helping stimulate tennis in the community and providing stronger ties to the City of Woodland Parks and Recreation Department and Commission and the Woodland Joint Unified School District. We should feel proud of our continued expansion of our past efforts to assist the two high schools' tennis teams by our co-sponsorship of the summer tennis camp with proceeds split between the two schools. We were successful in having the Parks and Recreation Department incorporate a policy in their Facility Use Permit to acknowledge our in-kind contributions and community service. This past summer we had a successful mixed doubles flex league and now are looking forward to expanding it to a singles flex league during the winter. The Board continues to look for ideas on how we can expand and improve tennis for our members and the community. Please contact us with your ideas and your interest in assisting with any of our activities.

### Facility Use Permit Approved

The Parks and Recreation Department has approved our request for use of City Park courts at no charge to the WTC. Up until this past year the P&R Department has allowed use of the courts based upon our in-kind contributions to the City. With changes in the administration of P&R, a review was done to set up a policy for use of city facilities. After considerable discussion with the Parks and Recreation Commission and city staff, we were able to persuade the city to allow in-kind contributions as well as community

service to offset fees. We were recently notified that our request was approved.

### Prairie After School Program

WTC is gearing up to again work with the Prairie After School Program with Quick Start Tennis. Volunteers are needed to assist in this program. At the present time we are working with the UCD student Tennis Club. If you are interested in assisting please contact Art Williams at 666-4994 or artwilliams95776@yahoo.com. All volunteers must pass a background check and have a TB test.

Tennis Tips – In the past we have provided periodic tennis tips for our newsletter. As an alternative, we would like to provide a free early Christmas gift! The following links (click on them if you are viewing this online) exemplify some pretty amazing resources that the internet now makes available for tennis enthusiasts who are either interested in the mechanics underlying great technique or just like seeing displays of beauty in motion:

Roger Federer - slow motion

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNPaZj4yn00>

Justine Henin - slow motion backhand slice

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GzW401yri4>

Nadal - slow motion forehand

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rb3smnR6NSc&feature=related>

Venus Williams - serve analysis

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9nfGNZrtcM>

### **WINTER FLEX LEAGUE SIGN UPS**

Singles Flex League begins Jan 1 and ends Feb 28 in men's and women's levels 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+. Levels may be combined depending upon the number of entries. To sign up, contact Lyn Lamoure at [klamoure@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klamoure@sbcglobal.net) or 530-668-4585 by Dec 21st indicating your name, level of play, phone, and email address.

### **USTA MEN'S 3.5 LEAGUE**

This spring the WTC is partnering with the Davis Tennis Club to have a 3.5 men's USTA team. If you are interested in playing please contact Dave Taylor at 916-825-3161. All players must be members of the USTA, and a member of either the WTC or DTC.

## Time to renew your membership

It's the time of year again to renew your Woodland Tennis Club membership. The WTC is our voice in the community to solicit support for tennis. Benefits of membership include the opportunity for league play and participation in fun social events. The WTC contributes to the community by sponsoring junior tennis events, including the Prairie After-School Tennis Program. The WTC also makes a significant contribution to the maintenance of local courts. Please renew your membership and encourage your fellow tennis players to join our club. Please mail your check to:

Woodland Tennis Club  
P.O. Box 2283  
Woodland, CA 95776



The 2011 Application for Membership form is included as an attachment with this newsletter or may be downloaded from the WTC website. If any of your contact information has changed please notify Lyn Lamoure, Membership Coordinator, at [klamoure@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klamoure@sbcglobal.net).

## Annual Meeting

On Saturday, February 5, 2011, we will have our annual meeting and election of Board members. This year there are three positions up for election. These include Floyd McCain, Patrick Farrell and Lyn Lamoure. Each has indicated a willingness to run again for a two year term. Others interested in running for the Board may contact Art Williams, chair of the Nominating Committee. Please submit your statement of interest by January 5, 2011.

The following WTC members currently serve on your Board of Directors.

Art Williams, President  
Floyd McCain, Vice President  
Pat Garrison, Treasurer  
Elaine McCain, Secretary & Social Activities  
Committee Chair  
Lyn Lamoure, Membership Coordinator  
Dave Dobson, Website Coordinator  
Patrick Farrell

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the Woodland Tennis Club, please feel free to contact any of them. Their phone numbers and email addresses are in the Membership Directory.

Lifetime membership is available for \$1,000 and includes special recognition.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### High school tennis

Woodland continues to produce strong teams in girls high school tennis. Woodland Tennis Club members Estefania Toscano, Christie Farrell, and Abbie Paez helped the Pioneer High team come out on top in the Tri-County Conference (TCC) last year. With Christie and Estefania, who was also the TCC singles champion, joining a long list of graduating tennis players, coaches Brent Birdsall (Woodland High) and Ted Ferguson (Pioneer) had rebuilding seasons this year. Fortunately, they had several of the participants from the 2010 WTC Wolves & Patriots Summer Tennis Camp, including, not only Abbie (returning at no. 3 for Pioneer) but also Marissa and Anna Dittler (at no. 1 and 2 respectively for Pioneer), who joined Woodland High's no. 1, Emina Duric, on the all-TCC singles team. Emina also kept the TCC singles title in Woodland.



2010 Junior Camp group photo

## Interclub tennis

### WOMEN'S 4.5 EVENING ROTATING DOUBLES

The Fall SATA Women's 4.5 team, captained by Mary Anne Armstrong and co-captained by Paula Stewart, came in 5th place out of 6. Matches were close and we will be at it again next season. It is important to know that if there was a vote for best food in the league, our team would have won! We finished the season with a beautiful sit down team dinner party at Mary Anne's home. The following members participated:

Mary Anne Armstrong captain  
 Paula Stewart co-captain  
 Sarah Collinson            Lisa Lance  
 Rosie Ramirez              Vollie Anastasi  
 Eddi Quiggle



A happy group!

### WOMEN'S 3.5 EVENING ROTATING DOUBLES INTERCLUB

The 3.5 Women's Rotating Doubles team had a good season. We had several new members on our team, including Cate Frey, Robin Schlosser, and Kate Watson. Two people had an especially good season. Karen Shepard finished the season winning 10 sets and losing 2. Kate Watson won 9 sets and lost 3. The team finished the season with 3 wins and 4 losses. We played a lot of good tennis and look forward to next season. We encourage any interested women to come out to join us. It was great having new teammates and would like to have more. Our team was made up of:

Mary Beck                      Leone Murdock  
 Marianne Cook                Robin Schlosser  
 Nancy Erling                  Karen Shepard  
 Cate Frey                        Karen Vineyard  
 Sue Little                        Kate Watson  
 Marcaill McWilliams        Lynda Welter  
 Marjie McWilliams

### MEN'S 3.5 SATA FALL INTERCLUB

We had a great season. We had several very close matches. Our record for the season was 2 wins and 4 losses. The following members participated:

Dave Taylor – Captain  
 Pat Garrison –Co-Captain  
 Fermin Cabello  
 Sunny Mallinson – Undefeated in Singles  
 Nestor Aguilera  
 Joel Harris – Undefeated in Doubles  
 Jerry Walters  
 Lee Moore  
 Bob Murdock  
 Dave Wade  
 Chuck Buck

### 7.0 MIXED DOUBLES

The 7.0 Mixed Doubles Team had their last match on Sunday, November 28. The season was to have ended on November 6, but because of rain three matches had to be rescheduled. This made for a long season. Our team ended up winning six matches and losing two, which put us into second place. There were a lot of good teams in this division, which resulted in competitive matches.

The following members participated:

Floyd McCain –Captain  
 Patrick Farrell – Co-Captain  
 Christie Farrell  
 Sandra Farrell – Undefeated  
 Cate Frey  
 Sue Little  
 Sunny Mallinson  
 Elaine McCain  
 Stephen Mott  
 Bob Murdock  
 Estefania Toscano  
 Karen Vinyard  
 Jerry Walters

Woodland Tennis Club on the web:

<http://www.woodlandtennisclub.com>

## WTC Social Activities

Members of the WTC have enjoyed a number of tennis and social activities since our last Newsletter in June. These events are planned and organized by the Social Activities Committee. The activities included Thursday Night Tennis, the Summer Flex League, a Halloween Potluck Social, an Exchange with Antelope Racquet Club and our Frostbite Tennis Tournament. Ongoing information about WTC's social activities can be accessed on our website: [woodlandtennisclub.com](http://woodlandtennisclub.com). Members of the Social Activities Committee are as follows.

Floyd and Elaine McCain (chair)

Marianne and Roger Cook

Paula Stewart

Marjie and Steve McWilliams

Lisa Lance

Any other member who would like to join the Social Activities Committee is welcome. We welcome new people and new ideas. Please contact Elaine McCain at [f.mccain@sbcglobal.net](mailto:f.mccain@sbcglobal.net), or 666-2775.

### Thursday night tennis & social

This is an on-going event that takes place every Thursday Night. A notice is sent out to all WTC members who have expressed interest in the event asking them to respond if they want to play that Thursday. We usually fill all four courts, sometimes fewer, and often have too many participants and have to send them to other parks. After we play we have a sort of potluck, where we share the food and drink that everyone has brought. Thursday Night Tennis has been a very popular event.

### Summer Flex League

Fifteen teams participated in the Summer Mixed Doubles Flex League, which was played in July and August. There were two divisions of Mixed Doubles: 3.5 (eight teams) and 4.0/4.5 (seven teams). The winners of the 4.0/4.5 Division were Sarah Collinson and Matt Pirtle. The winners of the 3.5 Division were Marjie McWilliams and Jerry Walters. Players who participated were enthusiastic about the League, and enjoyed their matches.



### Frostbite Tournament

The last and biggest event of the year, the Frostbite has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 8, at Woodland High School. This should be a fun activity ending with lunch at Ludy's. There were 25 teams signed up for the original date; hopefully many of them will be able to play on the new date.

### Exchange with Antelope Tennis Club

Members had expressed an interest in an exchange with another club. Contact was made with several clubs. The Antelope Tennis club responded that they were interested and we set up the exchange. About a dozen members of the WTC participated. It was a fun event of tennis, lunch, and WTC members being in awe of Antelope's beautiful park tennis facility.



### Halloween Social

The Social started out with all four courts being filled, but it started to rain and the tennis stopped after the first round. Not to be deterred the Potluck participants took their food to the McCain's house where they enjoyed each other's wonderful food and excellent camaraderie. The following members received prizes for their creative and unusual costumes: Marcail McWilliams, Dave Taylor, Marjie McWilliams and Lisa Lance.



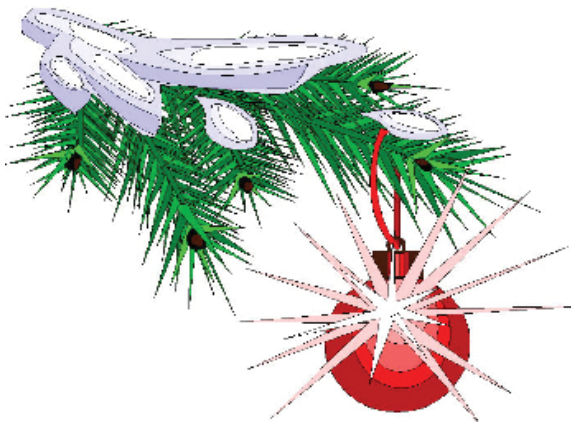
## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**KAREN SHEPARD** and her husband, Doug, were named September's "Woodlanders of the Month" for their volunteerism to the Woodland community, by the Woodland City Council. Karen is a part time English as a second language instructor at Woodland Community College. She serves as Secretary of the Friends of the Woodland Public Library Board, volunteers at the Juvenile Hall to assist immigrant youth and serves on the Board of Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network. She also serves on the Mission Committee at the Woodland Presbyterian Church. Even with all of her volunteer activities Karen still finds time to play on the Women's 3.5 Interclub Team. Congratulations Karen!

**ART AND GEORGINA WILLIAMS** were recently named "Players of the Year" in the 3.5 Mixed Doubles Northern California Grand Prix for being No. 1 with 9,273 points. They played in 19 tournaments and won 5 of them. They won the following NTRP tournaments: Sportsman of Stanislaus, in Modesto, twice, Central Cal in Sacramento, Clovis May Day, and Rio Del Oro in Sacramento. They were finalists in tournaments at McKinley Park, Natomas, Monterey and Green Valley. Art and Georgina began playing USTA NorCal tournaments in 1995. They have been "Players of the Year" every year since 2003. Art estimates that he and Georgina have played in approximately 290 tournaments since they started playing USTA NorCal tournaments in 1995. Congratulations to Art and Georgina!



Art and Georgina Williams



## Communications

The Woodland Tennis Club web site continues to evolve and improve ... we hope. Webmaster Dave Dobson counts on those viewing the site to bring any errors to his attention through the web site email or contacting him directly at [dl-dobson@hotmail.com](mailto:dl-dobson@hotmail.com).

The web site has remained pretty much the same this past year and we are looking for more input from members. All of the information on the site now comes from Board members; it would be nice to get some input from the general membership. Any pictures, unusual incidences or announcements that might be of interest to members would be greatly appreciated. A page will be created just for the general membership. A couple of pictures accompanied by a short explanation would be great or any information pertinent to tennis and of interest to other members. Generally the information and pictures would be changed out monthly. We of course cannot accept any commercial advertisements, just information pertinent to tennis and of interest to other members.

It appears that club members are not interested in a Facebook presence. I did not receive any responses and so it will be discontinued for now.

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