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Remembering Max

Patrick Farrell—photo of Max by David Wade



Max Luther (1924-2011), longtime friend of Woodland tennis, coach and mentor to many members of the Woodland Tennis Club—both young and old, and steady keeper of the courts at City Park for the last half decade, passed away on August 8. In recognition of his dedication and generosity to the community of Woodland, the City Council presented his wife Betty and his daughters Laura and Stephanie a [formal proclamation](#) expressing the City's appreciation for his many contributions, particularly to senior tennis, both at Country Oaks Racquet Club and in the public parks, and *"his unselfish commitment to tennis in Woodland and to the maintenance of the tennis courts which was without parallel."*

In a ceremony on November 26th at City Park, with President Art Williams presiding and Max's family and many club members attending, the Woodland Tennis Club, with the generous support of donors, placed a memorial plaque on Court 2, in the hope that the gift of this gentle man's presence in our community will continue to be treasured.



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2011 saw the club grow to its current size of 92 members. For the fall season, we fielded four SATA interclub teams, **two of which won their divisions** (see below).

If you have tennis-related items that you would like to make available to others, by either selling or swapping, you can post a notice on our [new Swap page](#), free of charge, by sending the information to [Dave Dobson](#). We only ask that you let him know when the notice is no longer needed. There is also a [members page](#) to host your announcements and pictures related to tennis achievements. You can, of course, add comments, pictures, and announcements to the [WTC Facebook wall](#), as well, once you're a friend.



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- Art Williams
- Floyd McCain
- Pat Garrison
- Elaine McCain
- Dave Dobson
- Patrick Farrell
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We also have a new [membership registration](#) system that makes it easy for new members to join the club and for continuing members to renew. You fill out a simple form online, indicating any changes to your phone numbers, email address, or other profile information, and then pay your dues, either online through Google Checkout with a bank card or by sending us a check. As membership dues are collected for each calendar year, **it's now time to renew for 2012.**



Social Activities

Elaine McCain

Members of the WTC have enjoyed a number of tennis and social activities since our last newsletter in June, 2011. These events are planned and organized by the Social Activities Committee. These activities included Thursday Night Tennis, Summer Flex Leagues and the Halloween Social. Ongoing information about the WTC's social activities can be accessed on the [WTC website](#). The members of the Social Activities Committee are Marianne and Roger Cook, Lisa Lance, Dave Dobson, Marjie and Steve McWilliams, Paula Stewart, Kate Watson, and Floyd and Elaine McCain (Elaine, chair). If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding social activities that you think members might be interested in, please contact [Elaine McCain](#).

SUMMER FLEX LEAGUE—There were six flex leagues offered this summer and a total of 48 players participated. The feedback received indicates that the participants enjoyed playing in these leagues. The winners were as follows:

- Women's 3.5 Doubles: Kate Watson and Elaine McCain
- Women's 4.0 Doubles: Isabel Becerra and Sandra Farrell
- Men's 3.0/3.5 Doubles: Jerry Stacionis and Floyd McCain
- Men's 4.0 Doubles: Joel Harris and Dan Favorite
- Mixed 3.5 Doubles: Lee Moore and Karen Vinyard
- Mixed 4.0 Doubles: No winner because too few matches were played

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL—The only major social event since our last newsletter was the Halloween Potluck Social. This social started out with tennis at City Park. The players then took their dishes to the McCain's house, where they were joined by members who did not play tennis. The food was great. About 25 people attended the potluck. Prizes for creative, scary or unusual costumes were awarded to Phil and Mary Beck (clowns), David Wade (mummy), and Jeff Harris and Patty (Batman and Poison Ivy).



FROSTBITE TOURNAMENT—The Frostbite Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012. In the event of rain it will be re-scheduled to Saturday, January 21. This event attracts many players from the Davis Tennis Club as well as our own club. For further details and to register, [click here](#).

THURSDAY NIGHT TENNIS—Tennis on Thursday nights with a social afterwards continues to

be a popular event. A notice is sent out to all members who have expressed an interest in participating. Usually we fill all four courts. We play three rounds of timed tennis. After tennis there is a potluck where we share the food and beverages that everyone has brought, and catch up on club and tennis news.

SATA Interclub News

NEW OPPORTUNITY: WOMEN'S 50+ LEAGUE—Want to hear about a perk for women who are 50 and over? A few of us are interested in starting a new 50+ women's league to play SATA matches. We still enjoy competitive tennis, but find seeing at night difficult, and would prefer to play during the day. Additional women are needed to make a full roster of players. Play is on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at either the 3.5 or 4.0 level. This seems to be a perfect time for many of us. We are looking for more women to join us. Please contact Leone Murdock at 666-2761 or Karen Shepard at 662-5237 if you are interested or have questions about this new venture. It promises to be great fun! —*Leone Murdock*



3.5 MEN'S 4-PERSON—With a 6-1 record and with Thomas ending up as **the winningest player in the division**, this team finished the season in first place. The players, from left to right in the photo at left, are Stephen Mott, Pat Garrison (captain), Jose Figueroa, Sunny Mallinson, Dave Taylor, Thomas Clemens, and Jeff Harris.

4.0 WOMEN'S ROTATING DOUBLES—This team moved up from the 3.5 Division to the 4.0 Division. We found it to be very challenging. We played six matches and won two. Our two wins were against the better teams in the division: Fair Oaks (we won 6-3) and Rollingwood (we won 9-0). The two members of the team who played in at least one half of the matches and who had winning records were Isabel Becerra and Kate Watson. The members of the team were Vollie Anastasi, Isabel Becerra, Mary Beck, Marianne Cook, Nancy Erling, Sue Little, Marcaill McWilliams, Marjie McWilliams, Eddi Quiggle, Rosie Ramirez, Robin Schlosser, Lynne Schwartau, Karen Shepard, Paula Stewart, Karen Vinyard, Kate Watson, Lynda Welter, Leone Murdock (co-captain) and Elaine McCain (captain). We had some very good matches and enjoyed good food and beverages with each other and the members of the other teams. —*Elaine McCain*

7.5 MIXED DOUBLES—We're happy to present to you the fall season's **winner of the 7.5 mixed doubles division!** From left to right in photo: Stephen "Dr. Zoom" Mott; Patrick "Human Backboard" Farrell (co-captain); Sandra "Drop-and-Give-Me 20" Farrell (captain); Christie "Sharpshooter" Farrell; Sunny "Spitfire" Mallinson; Isabel "40-Love" Becerra; Jose "Hose it Down" Figueroa; and (not shown) Sue "Volley Queen" Little and Kate "Net Monster" Watson.



We sure had a wonderful season, filled with some challenging, fast-paced tennis, great food, and a whole lot of laughs. Here's to many more. PS: Remember to find and "like" the Woodland Tennis Club page on Facebook so you can get important updates about interclub results and the WTC! —*Sandra Farrell*

5.0 WOMEN'S ROTATING DOUBLES—This fall, the WTC's 5.0 Monday night rotating ladies doubles league had an interesting, challenging season. Because our home courts in Woodland didn't have lights for most of our matches, we became a traveling team. But, we still had fun. Lyn, Paula, Sarah, Rosie, Eddi, Vollie, MaryAnne, Mimi, Anita, Anneke, along with Sonia, Helen, Cathy, and Julie from Sacramento were the members of our hard-working team.

We may not have won our league, but we are known for our delicious refreshments!
—*MaryAnne Armstrong*

Members in the News



As reported in the *Daily Democrat* on October 12, 2011—In the Huntsman Word Senior Games in St. George, Utah, **Art and Georgina Williams** went through four rounds of competition to become the 70-74 **Challenger Division Mixed Doubles champions**. In the process, they defeated the 2010 champions, who were this year's runners-up. The Huntsman World Senior Games, which is in its 25th year, now attracts more than 10,000 athletes in 32 events. The tennis tournament had 396 entries in 45 divisions for players of age 50 and older. There were 10 mixed doubles divisions, with a total of 86 participants.

High School and Junior Tennis

Junior tennis in Woodland took a big step forward this past summer with the formation of the first **WTC sponsored USTA Junior Boys Tennis Team**. The team of 11 high school aged juniors competed in the 18 and under advanced division. The team was comprised of athletes from both Woodland and Pioneer High Schools. Although we were winless in our five matches, the team was a success in that every player gained crucial match experience. We hope to build on that experience with next summer's team and earn our first win. We would like to thank the members of the Woodland Tennis Club for sponsoring the team and for your continued support of junior tennis in Woodland.—*Creed Watts*

Each summer during the 3rd week of June, **Pioneer and Woodland High school and the Woodland Tennis Club** join forces to put on a week-long **Junior Tennis Camp**. It is open to the public and we take all levels of playing abilities, from beginners to advanced players. This coming summer will be our 4th annual camp. Campers receive lots of individual attention and get an opportunity to improve their game. We usually have anywhere between 10-12 coaches that donate their time. All proceeds go back to the schools to help their tennis programs. Last year we had almost 40 campers participate. The camp is held at Woodland High School and runs from 8:30 to 11:30. All campers get a T-shirt. It is a great opportunity for parents to encourage their kids to get out and play.—*Ted Ferguson*



The Woodland High School Girl's tennis team has just wrapped up its 2011 season. The season was one of many ups and downs for our Wolves. We were 0 and 10 in league, but our record does not show the great strides in development and progress that was made throughout the season. Janice Adams was our #1 ranked player. She beat Natomas in both of their match-ups and went to tie-breakers with River Valley. Our #3 doubles, Mariella Ochoa and Angela Goodwin beat Yuba City's #3 doubles in both of their match-ups, which was a great feat, being as Yuba City was number 1 in our league. Unfortunately, none of our girls advanced to section play-offs this year. However we are a young upcoming squad. Be on the look out for us in 2012!!—*Amanda Abele*

The Pioneer girls enjoyed a very successful season. Even though we finished in fourth place we saw tremendous improvement from our girls. By the time the TCC tournament came in late October, both Anna Ditler and Marissa Ditler reached the semifinals. The girls also played in the super doubles and won first place which allowed them to move on to the sections. Our

third doubles team of Dulce Mendoza and Nikki Nikitenko won their division and came home with medals. The Ditley girls won their first round at sections and then faced the number one team in the Sacramento area and lost 6-0, 6-2. We graduate 7 seniors this year, but have a solid core of players returning for next year. We had great support from our parents and the Woodland Tennis Club. Twenty five girls were a part of this year's team. Fifteen played on the Varsity and ten were part of our J.V. team. We continue to see growth each year in both numbers and quality of players.—*Ted Feguson*

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