



Woodland Tennis Club

From the President



We have now hit the century mark – in members that is! Based on the most recent membership report from Kitty Schlosser, our Membership Director, we have a total of 107 members (this includes all members in a family).

According to Jeff Sissom, Parks Supervisor, the restroom at City Park will probably be installed by the end of December; recent rains may delay this date. Also, the courts are scheduled to be re-surfaced. The exact date is not yet known but it will probably be done in April.

Because the Parks and Recreation Commission did not meet in November or December they have not yet made a recommendation to the City Council regarding building tennis courts at the Community and Senior Center. We are still hopeful that the Parks and Recreation Commission will make an affirmative recommendation.

Finally, the WTC Board of Directors has authorized participation in the Luna Vista’s Rotary Club’s raffle for non-profit organizations which will be held in February 2017. Funds raised from this raffle will be used to benefit our youth tennis programs. In addition the WTC will participate in the “Big Day of Giving” which will take place on May 4, 2017. This is a worthwhile event and is only open to non-profit organizations; the Woodland Tennis Club is non-profit. Many non-profit organizations have benefitted from this fund-raising event and we hope that our club will also benefit from generous contributions.

Membership Renewal Time

The WTC membership year coincides with the calendar year so we solicit memberships each January. There are two easy ways to renew your membership:

1. Use the [online membership form](#)
2. If you prefer to send in your payment by mail, please use the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership Categories:

- \$35 Single membership
- \$50 Family membership
- \$25 Senior (60+) membership
- \$20 Junior/Student membership
- \$1,000 Lifetime membership

Associate members may also renew their membership in January. They must be a member in good standing of the Davis Tennis Club. Associate members may participate in all WTC social events and play on Interclub teams but do not have voting privileges. [Renew your Associate membership online](#) or use the form at the end of this newsletter and mail in your payment. Associate membership fees are half price of the regular membership fees.

WTC Fundraising

The WTC will be participating in some fundraising campaigns in the coming year. The funds will be earmarked for specific activities.

1. **Luna Vista Rotary Club Youth Raffle** - we will be selling raffle tickets in February for \$10 each with a chance to win a grand prize of cash or gift certificates to Woodland businesses. The funds raised from the raffle will be used exclusively for youth tennis in Woodland.
2. **Big Day of Giving** - this is a designated date on May 4th for non-profit organizations to accept donations. The funds raised will be designated towards tennis programs in Woodland. This will be our first time to participate in this endeavor and hope that some of you will consider WTC when you make your choices to donate.

The WTC website now has a “[Donation](#)” page which will accept donations throughout the year.

WTC Board of Directors

- Floyd McCain - President
- Kathy Payne - Vice President
- Kellie Morgan - Secretary
- Karen Shepard - Treasurer
- Scott Sheaman
- Elaine McCain
- Kitty Schlosser

Newsletter contributors:

- Floyd McCain
- Elaine McCain
- Michael Kwong
- Karen Shepard
- Art Williams
- Creed Watts

Edited by Kitty Schlosser

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Social Activities Committee

Members of the Social Activities Committee:

Elaine McCain, Chair
 Marianne and Roger Cook
 Lenise and Dave Curtis
 Paula Stewart
 Elizabeth Lu
 Floyd McCain
 Marjie McWilliams
 Margo Roecki

If you would like to be a member of the Social Activities Committee contact Elaine McCain, Chair at f.mccain@sbcglobal.net.

Members of the WTC enjoy a number of tennis and social activities planned and run by the Social Activities Committee. Activities include the WTC's Annual Meeting, bi-weekly Friday night tennis, Valentines Tennis Social, St. Patrick's Day Tennis Social, Summer Saturdays Tennis Socials, Halloween Tennis Social and Turkey Tennis Social. Committee members also assist with the Frostbite Tournament. On-going information about WTC's social activities can be accessed on the "Event's" page at our website.

Friday Night Tennis

Friday Night Tennis is held on the second and fourth Friday night each month. This event includes 3 rounds of competitive tennis and a fun and relaxing potluck of great food and drink afterwards. If you would like to be included in this event, please email Elaine McCain at f.mccain@sbcglobal.net.

A reminder email will be sent, usually on a Sunday morning, to sign up. You then respond to the e-mail that you want to play.

Summer Saturdays

Summer Saturdays are one of the club's most popular events. We had three Summer Saturdays this past summer. The winners of the first Summer Saturday held in June were: MANNY SOUZA and LENISE CURTIS. The winners of the second Summer Saturday held in July were: SCOTT SHEAMAN and MIMI MCMAHON. The winners of the third Summer Saturday held in August were: TIM SNOW and ELIZABETH LU. After tennis on each of the Summer Saturdays players were treated to a very nice lunch compliments of the WTC.

Upcoming Events



FROSTBITE TOURNAMENT – The Frostbite Tournament will be held on January 28 at the Woodland High School courts; it has been a popular event in the past. Players from the Woodland Tennis Club and the Davis Tennis Club participate. Prizes are given to the winners of each division.



VALENTINE TENNIS SOCIAL – This social will be held in the morning on February 18th. The WTC Annual Meeting will be held following tennis.

WTC ANNUAL MEETING – The WTC Annual Meeting will be held on February 18th at noon at Steve's Pizza, 714 Main Street, Woodland. Everyone is encouraged to attend. **Three Board Members** will be elected by the members present. Floyd McCain, Kitty Schlosser and Karen Shepard are eligible for re-election. Floyd and Karen are willing to serve another term, however, Kitty has indicated that she does not wish to serve another term on the WTC Board. So there will be one vacancy to fill. Anyone interested in being on the Board should contact Floyd McCain at f.mccain@sbcglobal.net or 530-666-2775.

Nugget Scrip Program Amazon Smile Program

Reminder...Nugget Scrip and Amazon Smile provide a no-strings donation to the Woodland Tennis Club. For information on how to sign up for these programs check a [previous newsletter](#) at the web site.

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Fall Interclub Tennis

Men's 3.5 Singles/Doubles Team

The team ended tied for 5th place with Davis. They played great tennis that is not reflected in the final standing and had a lot of fun. Captain was Pat Garrison and co-captain was Creed Watts.

Contributed by Creed Watts

Women's Intraclub Doubles

The Women's Intraclub Team played every Wednesday starting at 10:15 to about noon from mid-September until mid-November. Every other Wednesday they had a potluck and after the last match they had lunch at Maria's Cantina. Following are the members who played this season:

Kim Dotson	Diloshini Sereviratne
Mimi Lyon	Elaine McCain
Marjie McWilliams	Stephanie Miller
Kellie Morgan	Julie Morris
Kathy Payne	Caroline Pereira
Julie Kuo	Elaine Snow
Vivian Walker	Toby Warren
Lynda Welter	

Contributed by Elaine McCain

Mixed 7.0 Doubles Team

Because there were no teams that signed up for mixed doubles through SATA, Floyd McCain and Elizabeth Lu formed an intraclub team that only played at City Park. Sometimes they didn't have enough women players to play mixed doubles so they played men's doubles and women's doubles. A total of 19 members participated in the tennis. We had a potluck after every match. The players who played were:

Dave Dobson	Jeff Harris
Elizabeth Lu	Andrew Loiten
Michael Mott	Sunny Mallison
Lenise Curtis	Elain McCain
Joe Garrido	Melody Meyer
Patty Wilkinson	Monty Newborn
Martha Okamoto	James Ousey
Kitty Schlosser	Scott Sheaman
Steve Silver	Elain Snow
Tim Snow	

Contributed by Floyd McCain



Art and Georgina Williams Named NTRP Players of the Year

Art and Georgina Williams were recently named Players of the Year in the 3.0 Mixed doubles division in the Northern California Tennis Association Grand Prix for 2016 having accumulated 10,642 points in 14 tournaments. This year an Awards Luncheon was held at Gold River Racquet Club in Gold River in conjunction with the year end Grand Prix tournament. Eighty-two players on 47 teams participated in the 3.0 mixed division during the year. Art and Georgina won 4 tournaments and were runners up in 3 tournaments with an overall record of 9 wins and 10 losses.

They were also ranked #1 in the 3.0 mixed doubles which is based on 5,006 points gained in their top 3 tournaments.

Contributed by Art Williams



Grants received by WTC

The WTC received two grants with funds to be used in 2016. Our thanks to Karen Shepard for writing the grant applications.



Junior Tennis Fund Sacramento (JTFS)

The JTFS is a collective giving organization that supports public youth tennis in the greater Sacramento area. The WTC received \$2,500 from JTFS which was used to provide scholarships to the Summer Youth Tennis Camps.



Woodland Recreation Foundation (WRF)

The WRF awarded WTC \$1,500 to be used for junior tennis programs which included the annual weeklong tennis camp in June and the ongoing Woodland CITA Summer Tennis Academy. Per the grant and application criteria, income eligible youth were selected for scholarships to attend either of the two programs.

The following are testimonials from two of the scholarship recipients:

“I am immensely grateful for the grant given to me by the Woodland Recreation Foundation. The summer program was an amazing experience. Thanks to this opportunity, I was able to improve my tennis skills with a senior academy that I would not have had access to were it not for this generous grant.”

“I was given one of the most special and amazing opportunities in being able to be a part of the Tennis Summer Academies. I am so appreciative that my skills in tennis have blossomed so much! The supportive coaching made it easier for me to really excel and also have lots of fun while doing it. Not only am I thankful for the great memories, but I am also thankful for the gain in my confidence when playing tennis. The academies will benefit me extremely when I start Tennis season at Woodland High and when playing on my free time! Thank you so much for this great and beneficial Woodland Recreation Foundation scholarship and for this spectacular opportunity!”

Based on the success of this WRC grant, WTC plans to apply again for youth tennis outreach funds when requests for proposals are invited in the spring of 2017.

Contributed by Karen Shepard

Junior Tennis Camp

Thwunk! Thwunk! Thwunk! Those are the solid sounds of tennis balls making contact with racquets. It's the sound youth strive to hear at the 2016 junior tennis camp held at the Woodland High School tennis courts this summer. And it's the job of coaches Brent Birdsall, Ted Ferguson, and Creed Watts to help the kids with their skills and improve their play during this week of drills and competition. Volunteers at the tennis camp included Michael Kwong and Sunny Mallinson, Woodland CITA Academy, Daniel Garcia, a 2016 Pioneer High School graduate and former tennis team player, and Scott Sheaman, WTC Board member. More than 28 youth attended the program.

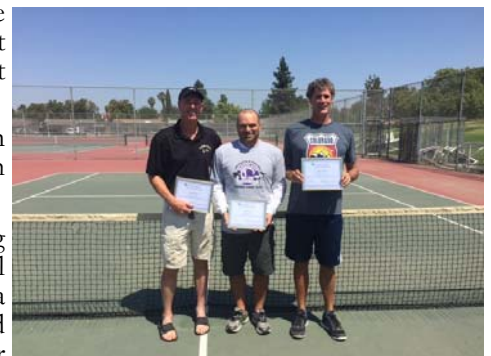
Every June at the conclusion of the school year, Coaches Birdsall, Ferguson, and Watts volunteer a week of their time to organize and run the tennis camp every morning for three hours. They average 25 youth per camp and the ages range from 11 to 17 years. Coaches Ferguson and Watts also coach the boys and girls teams at Pioneer High School and Coach Birdsall coaches both teams at Woodland High School.

In the eight years the coaches have been running the tennis camp, more than 200 youth have benefited from learning basic strokes, serving, scorekeeping and strategy. It is not known how many go on to play in high school, college and recreationally as adults. The coaches hope that it has been quite a few over the years.

Evaluation included daily observation of skills taught; post-camp recap and evaluation of each participant; daily games to implement and practice skills learned; Friday tournament play. All youth were observed to have improved their forehand, backhand, serving and volleying skills at the end of the week-long session and were able to keep score accurately and exhibit at least minimal rallying skills to keep the ball in play.

The proceeds from the fees that are paid for the tennis camp are divided between the two high schools after expenses have been deducted. This year each high school received \$850.00 to apply to its girls and boys tennis programs.

This year the WTC board voted to recognize the coaches for their longstanding dedication and presence in organizing and implementing the highly successful camps. They were thanked at the last WTC Summer Saturday tennis social with a certificate of appreciation and a gift. Creed Watts, accepting his certificate, noted that the coaches are appreciative of the support WTC has given not only the junior tennis camps through the years, but also the tennis teams at both high schools.



**Ted Ferguson, Creed Watts, and
Brent Birdsall**

Contributed by Karen Shepard and Michael Kwong

CITA Summer Tennis Academy

The 8 week summer tennis program had a great turnout this year. Sixteen players (12 yrs and under) attended the Junior Academy and 24 players (12-18 yrs) attended the Academy. Instructors were Michael Kwong (tennis pro) and Sunny Mallinson. Daniel Garcia, a 2016 Pioneer High School graduate, also assisted as a volunteer.

The Junior Academy used the green dot low compression balls which are recommended by the USTA for children under 12 years old. Most of the Junior Academy kids can slice a serve, top spin their forehand and backhand, and know basic tactics for singles and doubles.

The Academy is mainly made up of high school tennis players who play either for Pioneer, Woodland, or Davis High School. They are generally more advanced and we introduced them to more specialty shots such as swinging volleys, drop shots, angle shots, top spin lobs, and drop volleys. They were taught when to use these shots and how to implement them into their own game. Evaluation consisted of daily drills, daily match play, and observation to determine improvement. All of the youth were observed to have improved their skills over a four day a week, eight week session percent. Friday tournament play against other regional parks and recreation programs afforded the youth an opportunity to apply the skills they learned.

It is a very fun class to teach as these players are self-motivated and some will have an opportunity to play college tennis in the future. This summer Elena Neale-Sacks, our first college tennis player, left the Academy to play Division 3 for UC Santa Cruz as a freshman. This is a great achievement for her and we wish her all the very best!

Contributed by Michael Kwong and Karen Shepard



Francis Ford Coppola Winery Fairfield Challenger



Michael Kwong, Head Tennis Professional, and Matt Seeberger, Tennis Professional, participated in the \$100,000 Men's Challenger which was held at Solano Community College in Fairfield on October 9-16. They played doubles and had to qualify to get into the tournament. In their qualifying match they played Eric Crepaldi from Italy and John Lambie from the United States. They won this match 6-2, 2-6, 10-8.

By winning their qualifying match they then played in the main draw doubles which had 16 teams. They played Darian King and Frances Tiafoe.



Both teams displayed excellent tennis. Michael and Matt won the first set, 6-4, lost the second set 5-7 and then had to play a 10 point super tiebreaker which they unfortunately lost 8-10. A number of Woodland Tennis Club members came to watch Michael and Matt play. It was exciting tennis.

Contributed by Floyd and Elaine McCain

2017 Membership Application



Type of Membership (circle one): New Renewal

Check appropriate Membership category
(new members joining after July 1st pay half price):

- Single \$35 Associate \$17.50
- Family \$50 Associate \$25.00
- Senior (60+) \$25 Associate \$12.50
- Junior/Student \$20 Associate \$10.00
- Lifetime Membership \$1,000 (includes special recognition)

Please make check payable to:
Woodland Tennis Club

Mail to:
Woodland Tennis Club
P.O. Box 2283
Woodland, CA 95776-2283

Name: _____ Level of Play _____
(Beginner, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0)

Address: _____ Home phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____
(Most club correspondence will be done by email.)

For Family membership, please list family members: Level of play

Name _____	Adult	Junior	Senior	_____
Name _____	Adult	Junior	Senior	_____
Name _____	Adult	Junior	Senior	_____

We share our member contact information **ONLY** with other club members so they can contact each other to arrange matches. Your contact information will be included in our Club Directory unless you opt-out.

Opt-out of directory:

The Woodland Tennis Club is made up entirely of volunteers.
Please indicate any areas of the club that you would like to provide assistance:

- Membership committee
- Newsletter
- Fundraisers
- Interclub team organization
- Tournaments
- Website
- Social activities
- Junior tennis activities
- Other ideas: _____

Woodland Tennis Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging and expanding participation in tennis for all ages and abilities throughout the community.

Thank you for supporting tennis in Woodland!!!

The Woodland Tennis Club accepts donations to promote tennis activities in Woodland. If you would like to make a donation please indicate the amount:

\$ _____