



Woodland Tennis Club

Spotlight on Art Williams



It is rare for someone with a passion for a sport to also take that energy forth into the community to promote the game and work diligently to share its benefits and joys. Such is the case of Art Williams, aka Mr. Tennis, Woodland resident and president of the Woodland Tennis Club.

Art Williams, this is your life. . . .

Art started playing tennis at Woodland City Park when he was about 14 years old. Each year while in high school, he entered Woodland Park and Recreation tournaments held on July 4th and September 1st and did quite well.

He attended Holy Rosary School and Christian Brothers High School. While at Christian Brothers, he ran cross country and track. He went on to also run cross country and track at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) helping to make team records in the Far Western Conference and a 4:16 best time, coming in second in the Conference mile in his sophomore and senior years. No wonder Art is so fast on the courts!

While a student at CSUS, Art was hired by Jack Slaven to be the tennis instructor and Park Sports director at Beamer and City Park during summers. He provided free lessons to hundreds of young people.

Upon graduation from CSUS, Art entered the Peace Corps, serving in the small village of Victoria, Yoro, Honduras. He helped the community to plan and develop a 12-room school. When he returned to Woodland, he played many years on Interclub teams in the Sacramento area and continues to participate in City Park recreation play and tournaments. Art sat on the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) Junior Tennis Council for a number of years to learn the organization's structure and gain insight into junior tennis. He helped his son Mark, who was a ranked junior in USTA Norcal, win a three week scholarship to the world renowned Nick Bolliteri Tennis Academy in Florida by selling memberships to USTA. Art joined the USTA Officials organization and was a tournament referee at Country Oaks tournaments. Of interest, he called lines for tennis greats Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

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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 at www.woodlandtennisclub.com/membership-on-line-payments.html.
2. If you prefer to send in you 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

Reciprocity of Membership with Other Tennis Clubs

Do you want to be a member of the Davis Tennis Club? As of January 1st, 2016 you may apply for an **associate membership**, the cost of which will be half the price of a regular membership. Members of the Davis Tennis Club may also become an associate member of the Woodland Tennis Club at half the price. Associate members may participate in all social events and play on Interclub teams. The only difference between an associate member and a regular member is an associate member does not have voting privileges.

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Social Activities Committee

Members of the Social Activities Committee:

Elaine McCain (Chair)
 Floyd McCain
 Marjie McWilliams
 Marianne & Roger Cook
 Margo Roeckl
 Paula Stewart
 Dave Dobson
 Elizabeth Lu
 Lenise & Dave Curtis
 Erika Virdi

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, Valentine Tennis Social, St. Patrick's Day Tennis Social, Summer Saturdays Tennis Socials, Halloween Tennis Social, and Turkey Tennis Social. Members of the Social Activities Committee also assist with the Cello International Tennis Academy tournaments and our own tournaments, such as the Frostbite. Ongoing information about WTC's Social Activities can be accessed on the "events" page at our website: www.woodlandtennisclub.com.

Summer Saturdays

Summer Saturdays are one of WTC's most popular event. We had three Summer Saturdays this past summer. The first Summer Saturday was held on July 25th. The high point winner for the men was Thomas Clemens and the high point winner for the women was Margo Roeckl. After tennis players enjoyed Bar-B-Q'd hamburgers and hot dogs. The second Summer Saturday was held on August 22nd. High point winner for the men was Jeff Harris and high point winner for the women was Diana Salcedo. After tennis, players enjoyed sandwiches from Subway. The third Summer Saturday was held on September 19th. High point winner for the men was Jeff Harris and high point winner for the women was Elizabeth Lu. After tennis, players enjoyed Pizza which was delivered by Steve's Pizza. Photos from these events may be viewed on the WTC website at www.woodlandtennisclub.com/wtc-photo-archive.html.



One of the June Summer Saturday winners Thomas Clemens.



August Summer Saturday winners Diana Salcedo and Jeff Harris.



These events were successful because of the dedication of this group - Roger Cook, Floyd McCain, Marianne Cook, and Elaine McCain.

Friday Night Tennis

Friday Night Tennis is held on the second 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 e-mail Elaine McCain at f.mccain@sbcglobal.net.

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



Upcoming Events

Frostbite Tournament



The Frostbite Tournament will be returning to City Park this January. The date of the Tournament has been set for Saturday, January 23rd. This has been a popular event in the past and players from the Davis Tennis Club are invited to participate. Prizes are given to the winners of each division and players are treated to homemade pastries, coffee, fruit, etc. Signups will be available at the WTC website in early January. The fee will be \$15 per team.

Valentine Tennis Social

The Valentine Tennis Social will be held on February 20 at City Park. Signups will be available at the WTC website in early January. The WTC Annual Meeting will be held following tennis at noon.



WTC Annual Meeting

The WTC Annual Meeting will be held on February 20 at noon at Steve's Pizza, 714 Main Street, Woodland.

President Art Williams will give a short presentation of the 2015 club activities. Treasurer Karen Shepard will report on the club financial status. Four board members will be elected. Current board members Art Williams, Dave Dobson, Elaine McCain, and Pat Garrison are eligible for re-election. Anyone interested in being on the board should contact Floyd McCain before December 30th at f.mccain@sbcglobal.net or 530-666-2775.

Classified Ads on WTC web site

The WTC web site has a *Classified Ads* section for tennis related items. Postings of items for sale and requests for items will be accepted. The postings are moderated so a board member will review the request before it is posted online. Limited other items such as charity or community postings may be allowed and will be evaluated individually.

The *Classified Ads* can be found by selecting the "More..." link on the top banner at the right side of any page.

USTA Mixed Doubles Team



Members from the Woodland Tennis Club and the Davis Tennis Club played as a USTA 8.0 mixed doubles team. Veronica Dunn was team captain with 12 players from WTC and 5 players from DTC. The team won 3 of 7 matches and enjoyed playing with new mixed partners.

WTC Receives Two Grants to Support Tennis in Woodland

Earlier this year, the Woodland Parks and Recreation Foundation (WPRF) released a request for proposals to organizations wishing to apply for one of its grants. WTC applied for \$2,500 to provide scholarships and equipment at the 2016 high school tennis camp and the summer CITA.

The club is pleased to announce that \$1,500 was awarded to provide scholarships to qualifying youth for both programs next summer. Many thanks to Creed Watts, Ted Ferguson and Michael Kwong for their assistance in drafting and submitting the grant application.

This fall WTC became aware of another grant award possibility through the Sacramento Junior Tennis Fund (SJTF.) WTC was awarded \$2,200 for scholarships and equipment for tennis instruction targeting school-aged children at Dingle Elementary School. Kudos to Art Williams, Floyd and Elaine McCain, Michael Kwong and Christine Engel, City of Woodland Community Services Department for the success of this award.

Fall Interclub Tennis

Men's 3.5 Singles/Doubles

6-Man Team

We had an exciting season and finished in fourth place. We had several very close matches; our record for the season was 1 win and 4 losses. We lost our playoff match to Laguna Creek who finished in 1st place. The following members participated:

Pat Garrison, Co-Captain	Creed Watts, Co-Captain
Cristian Alvarado	Kyle Bates
Joseph Clark	Thomas Clemens
Ivan Garcia	Jeff Harris*
Chance Konkaem	Justin Leishman
Lars Miller	Jose Ramos
Derek Shepard	Dave Taylor

*Jeff Harris was undefeated in doubles

Contributed by Pat Garrison

SATA Online Player Registration

SATA has announced that effective with spring 2016 Interclub season they will implement online player registration. Players who wish to play on an Interclub team will have to pay a \$10 registration fee to SATA.

Women's Intraclub Doubles

The fall Women's Doubles Intraclub season ended on Tuesday, November 17th with doubles play followed by tacos at Maria's Cantina. As with the other matches the play consisted of teams of four players who rotated partners within the group. Each Tuesday had a different roster of players which allowed tennis between lots of teams.

The season started on September 8th and ran every other Tuesday morning through November 27th. We had a roster of 16 players, however, due to schedules and injuries usually 8 players were available for each match. A potluck lunch or lunch at Maria's followed each match.

The spring season will begin in March and run through May and we are discussing which day of the week is best for most players. We have a lot of fun and anyone who is interested in participating (even for a single match) can contact me at 530-219-3036 or notviwalker@yahoo.com.

Contributed by Vivian Walker

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Mixed 7.0 Doubles Team

We fielded a strong team in this Division which consisted of five teams. The other teams were Broadstone, Fair Oaks, Life Time Fitness (Roseville) and Serrano Country Club.

We played each team twice, once at home and once at the opposing team's home.

Teams from Serrano, WTC, and Broadstone finished with the same record: 5-3. Serrano won first place because they won two more individual matches than WTC. Second place went to WTC because we won one more set than Broadstone. All of the teams were very competitive and it was a very close season.

Team members:

Elizabeth Lu, Co-Captain	Floyd McCain, Co-Captain
Vollie Anastasi	Roger Cook
Marianne Cook	Dave Curtis
Lenise Curtis	Jeff Harris
Elaine McCain	Michael Mott
Mimi McMahan	Paul Navazio
Melody Meyer	Monty Newborn
Julie Morris	James Ousey
Margo Roeckl	David Wade
Diana Salcedo	
Lynda Welter	
Patty Wilkinson	

Contributed by Floyd McCain



Team members pictured
 Back row L-R: David Wade, Monty Newborn, James Ousey, Floyd McCain, Elaine McCain, Patty Wilkerson, Jeff Harris
 Front row L-R: Margo Roeckl, Elizabeth Lu

Below are two ways you can help fund the Woodland Tennis Club:

Amazon Smile Program

For those of you who use Amazon Prime for online shopping, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of every order placed to the Woodland Tennis Club.

When first visiting AmazonSmile (<http://smile.amazon.com>), you are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. We hope you will select the **Woodland Tennis Club**. There are no strings for you, the shopper, or for WTC. This is just an easy way to make your purchases benefit the club. Remember, your Amazon Prime purchases must go through AmazonSmile in order to get credit for WTC.



Contributed by Karen Shepard

Nugget Scrip Program

Since 2014, the Nugget Scrip Program has given the WTC a “no strings attached” total of more than \$200 in cash. Members who shop at Nugget and Food 4 Less show their scrip cards at checkout and the club is credited with up to four percent of the purchase total. Each time you purchase groceries you are helping the club grow financially. How easy is that? Cards can be obtained from WTC board members Elaine and Floyd McCain, Kitty Schlosser and Karen Shepard or from the Nugget corporate office located next to the Woodland Nugget Market.

Contributed by Karen Shepard



Michael Kwong Update



The CITA Woodland tennis program has had a successful 2015; Coach Sunny and I are very proud of all our students! We had many of our beginner children moving up to the intermediate groups. The Junior Academy, which has the best under 10 year old players in Woodland are beginning to develop very nicely and are successfully learning advanced techniques. Watch out for these kids in a few years! The Senior Academy which has many High School team players did exceptionally well. We are proud to mention CITA Woodland now coach the number 1, 2, 3 and 6 Pioneer HS girls team members, number 1 from Woodland HS girls team, number 3 from Davis HS girls team, number 3 from Christian Brothers HS girls team, number 6 from Davis HS boys team and a top 20 Northern California under 12 years boy. We also have a few academy members actively playing USTA tournaments which we never had before. As a coach this is very encouraging and a step towards our goal of developing college level tennis players in Woodland.

We continue our fun ladies doubles classes in the morning and have moved on to lobbing, poaching and even the Aussie "I" formation. Our adult evening classes work on technique and strategy, with Sunny teaching fundamentals to the beginner and intermediates. The Woodland ladders continue to be active and it is enjoyable hearing about the score updates and matches. We have 85 people on the Men's Singles Ladder, that is a huge jump from the 20+ we had 2 years ago!

CITA Woodland is now 2 years old and we have experienced nice growth in the tennis program. Sunny and I are very happy to see the improvement in our students and smiles on the kids faces. It is exciting to think what will happen in a few more years time, but for now we will continue emphasizing learning, fun and enjoyment. Thank you to all the parents who continually support their children playing tennis, we realize this is both a time and financial commitment. Thank you to the tennis playing community in Woodland and Davis, without you our tennis program would not be successful. We appreciate your patience, especially if you are playing next to a lesson and the ball comes on to your court. Also a big thank you to the Woodland Tennis Club and the Woodland Parks and Recreation for your continued support of our program and allowing us to share the courts with you.

Happy Holidays to all.

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Spotlight on Art Williams (continued from page 1)

Art is a current member of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA.) He has attended numbers of clinics and conferences including a USTA National Community Development Conference and a USPTA World Conference. Beginning in 1995, Art played in competitive USTA tournaments, for many years, averaging about 15-20 per year.

His knowledge of and participation in USTA has given Art valuable tools and resources to use in identifying tennis opportunities for Woodland.

After retirement from his position at UCD as an analyst in Human Resources for 31 years, he became the first coach for Pioneer High School's tennis team initially a coed team and later a separate girls and boys' teams. After 3 years he volunteered from time to time, helping the current coaches.

After closure of Country Oaks Tennis and Racquet Club, he assisted in the development of the Woodland Tennis Club (WTC). He has served as president of the WTC for the past nine years.

As president, Art was instrumental in negotiating with the City of Woodland to eliminate court use fees by the club. In exchange, WTC has provided ongoing in-kind maintenance and community services at the courts. It has been a winning arrangement for the community, the City of Woodland and WTC.

Art provided the impetus to stimulate tennis interest in the community, including area schools. He was pivotal, with the assistance of other WTC volunteers, in bringing tennis clinics to the students at Prairie Elementary School. Prior to this organized event, many of the children had never held a racquet or played the game. Art's vision includes incorporating tennis into area schools after school programs.

Most recently, Art was a key player in the recruitment and hiring of the Cello International Tennis Academy (CITA) by the City of Woodland's Community Services Department to conduct tennis programs. Phil Cello of CITA hired Michael Kwong as the head tennis professional. In the last two years participation in tennis has increased tremendously. Michael can be seen almost daily on the courts instructing youth and adults.



Art and his wife Georgina were recognized by the USTA for being in the 300 Club, which means they participated in 300 USTA tournaments. Currently they have participated in 325 tournaments and 534 matches!

As WTC board members will attest, Art brings a fervor and commitment to the development of a tennis center at the Woodland Community and Senior Center. He continues to work closely with the Community Services Department and Phil Cello in presenting plans for further development. He faithfully attends meetings of the Woodland Parks and Recreation Commission and reports back to the board. And as one board member notes, "He has provided a dynamic vision and leadership for the club which supports and enhances the community of Woodland. He puts in countless hours attending City of Woodland and Yolo County meetings to gather information to keep the WTC Board updated on pertinent issues." In addition, Art makes certain that the WTC is represented at the Community Services Department Resource and Senior Fairs to highlight the positive effects of tennis on health and lifestyle.



In the current year, Art led the efforts to obtain grants to provide tennis instruction scholarships to youth in Woodland, the annual summer high school tennis camp and the CITA Tennis Academy programs in 2016. One program garnered \$2,500 from the Sacramento Tennis Fund to support the high school tennis camp with scholarships and CITA Tennis Academy program was awarded \$1,500 from the Woodland Parks and Recreation Foundation. Art recognized the opportunity to introduce the game of tennis to youth who might otherwise not be able to participate.

Lest one think that Art Williams is only about tennis, he works tirelessly to assist in the development of resources for dental clinic in Victoria, Yoro, Honduras where he served in the Peace Corps. He has been working with "Project Stretch," a non-profit dental health organization. This past June, he went on a dental mission to Honduras to small communities including Victoria. He helped to raise more than \$4,000 from local Woodland supporters, including two Rotary Clubs, which was combined with another \$8,000 from Project Stretch. He transported 2,000 to 3,000 toothbrushes and about \$12,000 worth of equipment to the clinic.

The club is honored to have Art Williams as its president and acknowledges all his efforts to make tennis a healthy, accessible, affordable sport for all in the Woodland community. Next time you see Art, be sure to thank him for his valuable contribution to tennis in our town.

2016 Membership Application

Type of Membership (circle one): New Renewal

<p>Check appropriate Membership category (new members joining after July 1st pay half price):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Single \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$17.50</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$25.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Senior (60+) \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$12.50</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Junior/Student \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$10.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership \$1,000 (includes special recognition)</p>	<p>Please make check payable to: Woodland Tennis Club</p> <p>Mail to: Woodland Tennis Club P.O. Box 2283 Woodland, CA 95776-2283</p>
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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!!!