



Woodland Tennis Club

From the President



Another year has flown by quicker than a John Isner serve! Woodland Tennis Club has had another busy year thanks to the efforts of our many volunteers. James Ousey did a fabulous job getting some of the matches played for the Frostbite Tournament in February despite uncooperative weather. Also in February, Floyd McCain worked hard to make the annual meeting and Valentines

WTC Board of Directors

Margo Roeckl - President
Floyd McCain - Vice President
Monty Newborn - Treasurer
Marjie McWilliams - Secretary
Maria Thomas - Membership
Stephanie Miller
Dave Dobson

Social go off without a hitch. Dave Dobson and Monty Newborn

joined the Board and Floyd McCain was elected to another term. The appointments of Marjie McWilliams and Stephanie Miller to the Board were confirmed by a vote of the membership as well. The St. Patrick's Day Tennis Social in March had the luck of the Irish with a break in the rainy weather making for a fabulous day on the courts! Vivian Walker did a wonderful job coordinating the womens' intraclub tennis program in the spring. Marjie McWilliams took over the Intraclub coordination in the fall, in addition to running the Thursday night tennis socials, keeping Woodland in the swing of things! Summer Saturdays included a retro tennis day complete with headbands, wristbands and some "classic" outfits and a surfin' Saturday beach party and round robin tennis social. The Club supported a Men's 4.0 SATA singles/doubles team in the spring and fall and two SATA women's single line doubles teams in the fall. Monty Newborn had a repeat performance of his Target Tennis Social in September, and October found Club members dressed up in scary, creative and funny costumes after an evening of tennis social play. November featured Turkey Team Tennis where players were formed into teams to compete against each other before digging into a turkey sandwich potluck with the traditional holiday trimmings. *(continued on page 4)*



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

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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.**

Social Activities Committee

If you would like to be a member of the Social Activities Committee contact
Marjie McWilliams at
marjoriebmcwilliams@gmail.com

Members of the WTC enjoy a number of tennis and social activities planned and run by the Social Activities Committee. Activities include: the Annual Meeting, St. Patrick's Day Tennis Social, St. Patrick's Day Tennis Social, Summer Saturdays Tennis Socials, Halloween Tennis Social, Turkey Tennis Social, and weekly Thursday Night Tennis. Members of the Social Activities Committee also assist with the Woodland Home-Fix Tournament and our own tournaments such as the Frostbite. On-going information about WTC's Social Activities can be accessed on the "events" page at our website: www.woodlandtennisclub.com.

Target Tennis



Eight members participated in the WTC's 2nd Target Tennis Championship on Sunday September 22, 2019. Lee Shebloski and Sunny Mallinson were the two finalists, in an exciting finals that went into overtime.



Turkey Tennis Social



The Tennis Turkeys were out on the courts to celebrate the holiday and play some tennis on a beautiful Saturday morning. Eighteen players formed three teams – the Gobblers, the Turkey Trotters and the Opponent Stuffers (each team selected it's own name and captain!) and played a round robin of men's, women's and mixed doubles. It was a tough competition. Gobblers Captain Dave C. lead his team to victory with a 4-2 record with Matt P. and Alonzo C. playing men's doubles, Elaine S. and Diane B. playing women's doubles and Dave and Lenise C. playing mixed dubs. The Opponent Stuffers, led by Marjie M, were a close second, also with a 4-2 record, but winning 2 less games than the Gobblers. Marjie and her partner Andrea S. were undefeated in women's doubles, while Jose S. and Dave W held down the men's doubles line and Marcail M. and James O. had two tough games. The Turkey Trotters, pictured below, led by Captain Dexter Q. ended up in third with Dexter partnering with Leandro in men's doubles, while Eddi Q and Julie M. played women's dubs and Sarah C. and Lee S. battling it out on the mixed doubles court. Elaine and Floyd, Monty and Sunny and Liz came out to watch tennis and join in the festivities. At the start of the potluck the athletes claimed their prizes and took a few moments to shower Sunny with some love and appreciation for all that he has done over the past few years for the Woodland Tennis Club and community. Very thankful for good health, good friends, and good tennis!



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Annual Halloween Party

The Woodland Tennis Club's annual Halloween party was a smashing success. 12 people played a rousing three sets of tennis at City Park before they assembled for the potluck held at the McWilliams' home. A fine assortment of folks came for the party with delicious food being served as well as lots of "bubbly" which flowed well into the night

Awards went to Margo the tennis zombie- scariest. Sunny for most unique as a gnome, and Pat and Martha for most creative costumes - Penn One and Penn Two!



WTC Ugly Sweater Holiday Party

The first annual WTC Ugly Sweater Holiday Party was hosted by Cameron and Sarah Kane in their stunning 1876 Historical home. Our gracious host and hostess provided a full chili bar, appetizers, and free flowing libations. At the event Marjie McWilliams and Lee Seblowski partnered up to great effect as a doubles team ... on the ping pong table – undefeated throughout the evening. Fans of the duo are hoping for a repeat performance on a full size tennis court!



Elaine McCain and Sunny Mallinson teamed up as well, on guitars, to lead the merry makers in holiday caroling. It was quickly obvious that the WTC members should “keep their day jobs” playing tennis rather than try to make it big in the entertainment industry!

After the votes were counted prizes were awarded for the ugliest, most creative, and funniest holiday sweaters. Monty Newborn was the proud recipient of the Ugly Award. Monty reported being surprised by this accolade as he thought that he looked quite dashing when he left the

house for the party! Sunny Mallinson had the funniest costume, complete with tree, presents and Santa and the most creative sweater award went to Liz Lu complete with bows lights and ribbons. Rumor has it that Liz had a hand (actually two hands, a glue gun and a trip to Michael's) in the making of Sunny's sweater....



Some sweater wearing swingers Sarah and Cameron Kane, Marjie and Marcail McWilliams, Joyce Loeffler and Ken McNeill, Monty Newborn, Liz Lu, Sunny Mallinson, Margo Roeckl and the littlest Kandy Kane!

Needless to say, the event was a wild success and big thank you goes out to the Kane's for doing such an incredible job making our holiday bright!

From the President (continued)

Sunny Mallinson was also recognized and thanked at that event for keeping the Woodland CITA program up and running over the past several years as that program has undergone several changes in leadership. The year ended with a holiday party, hosted by members Cameron and Sarah Kane in their gorgeous and historic home.

The Club also showed its strong support for youth tennis in Woodland, providing much appreciated scholarships to both the High School Summer Tennis camp and the CITA Summer Tennis Camp program, as well as working with the City to obtain a Sacramento Junior Tennis Fund grant for free tennis lessons for kids in Woodland. Stephanie Miller did an amazing job of working with USTA to bring their NetGeneration program to Zamora Elementary School and is looking to expand upon that success and add another school to that program in Spring 2020.

The Tennis Complex SubCommittee submitted several grant requests to large donors but has not yet experienced the hoped for largesse. However, the Committee is still exploring options for large donors as well as planning to host a community fundraiser in 2020.

There is one volunteer who deserves a special recognition for her contributions to our community over the past year. Marjie McWilliams has been an active member for many years. She played on a dozen Woodland Tennis teams for more than a decade, completing 164 matches and co-captaining two teams over the years. In addition to being a presence on the courts, Marjie increased her participation in 2019 when she joined the Board of Directors. Always generous with her time and energy she agreed to serve on the Executive Committee of the Board in the role of Secretary and did a bang up job getting out the meeting minutes and sending out action items to keep everyone on the Board on track. She organized everyone for Thursday Night Tennis for 32 weeks – sending out e-mails, partnering players, finding subs – basically doing everything necessary so that the rest of us could go out and play tennis! Marjie was also instrumental in planning and participating in St. Patrick's Day Social, the Retro Tennis Summer Saturday and once again coordinated and hosted the Halloween Tennis festivities, opening up her home to the costume party afterwards. She took over coordinating the Wednesday Women's IntraClub group this Fall and in her spare time she completed her Doctorate degree from Colorado Theological Seminary. She is energetic, hardworking and always has a cheerful greeting and kind word for others. Next time you see our most awesome Social Chair and Secretary – give her a big thank you for all of her hard work making tennis happen for the rest of us!



Mondays & Wednesdays

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Mondays

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Tuesdays

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Greetings from the Cello International Tennis Academy (CITA)!

2019 was a great year of tennis for CITA Woodland. The year was filled with junior academies, adult clinics, private lessons, and even tournaments. Some of our highlights for the year included free youth tennis clinics, sponsored by JTFS, and hosting three sanctioned tournaments - an adult USTA tournament, the \$2250 HomeFix Woodland Open tournament and a SATA junior tournament. We hope to make 2020 a great year as well!



Here are our adult clinic times

Or check out our website to see what else we have to offer in 2020:

citawoodlandtennis.com

We are also especially thankful for all the support from our partnerships with City of Woodland, Woodland Tennis Club, Junior Tennis Fund Sacramento (JTFS), Sacramento Area Tennis Association (SATA), and the United States Tennis Association (USTA). Without this support our tennis would not be possible.

Contributed by Tommy Purcell

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WTC Board Positions Available

There will be three vacancies on the Board of Directors this coming year. Maria Thomas is leaving after doing a fabulous job as Membership Coordinator; Margo Roeckl will be leaving the Board because of work and travel commitments in the coming year; and Stephanie Miller is stepping down but will continue to coordinate and volunteer at Zamora School with the Net Gen program. If you are interested in serving on the Board please contact Floyd McCain, who is Chair of the nominating Committee, by January 15 at F.mccain@sbcglobal.net or 666-2775.

Luna Vista Rotary Raffle

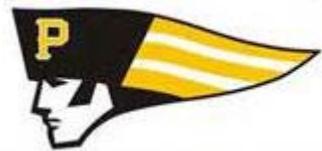
The Luna Vista Rotary Club of Woodland is once again conducting their raffle to benefit non-profits in the region. The raffle sales begin in February 2020 and tickets will be sold until the first week of April with the drawing taking place mid-April 2020. The **Grand Prize is One Week Condo Vacation at the Luxury Mazatlan Resort, Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay.** Tickets available at the Annual Meeting and the drawing will be April 14th. Other prizes include a catered private dinner for 4, a guided bass fishing tour, fine wines and gift cards to local businesses.

If every member of the Woodland Tennis Club were to sell 10 tickets at \$10 each, the club would earn approximately \$9,000! The Luna Vista Rotary gives back 90% of each ticket sold to the non-profits. The Rotary Club does this raffle as a "gift" to the community. The 10% they take is merely for the administrative costs of the raffle.

Watch your email, information will be sent to all WTC Members and Associate Members in January.

Contributed by Maria Thomas

High School Tennis



Pioneer High School Girls Tennis

Pioneer girls tennis team ended the year on a high note as they qualified for playoffs by coming in second place in the GEL. They finished with a 8-2 league record and 10-4 overall. We also placed two doubles teams in the section tournament held in Granite Bay at the Johnson Ranch tennis club.

Pioneer girls tennis team had 23 girls participate this year, 13 on the Varsity and 10 on our J. V. team. We are losing 4 seniors but have a very solid team coming back next year. Coach Ferguson was very impressed with the girl's dedication and improvement throughout the fall. The season began in August and finished in November with playoffs.

We are always thankful for the WTC support. The girls are encouraged to participate in the June Camp and continue to improve their skills by playing in the offseason.

The Boys season begins in February with a very solid team returning from last year.

Contributed by Ted Ferguson

Upcoming Events

January 25 - Frostbite Tournament

Check the website for more information and to signup. A flyer will also be sent by email.

February 22 - Annual meeting and tennis social

WTC SATA Teams

Woodland Hit Squad Women's 6.5 Single Line Doubles

Woodland fielded two single line doubles women's teams this fall – so just one pair of doubles players each week. The single line doubles format worked perfectly for the Woodland Teams. Since only one pair plays each week the teams did not overwhelm the limited court space at City Park. It was much easier to schedule since only two people played each match. Carpooling was simple for away matches and the League does not have a potluck post-match. It was also fun to have the same partner in order to develop a consistent playing style and strategy.

The 6.5 Team – the Woodland Hit Squad – consisting of Margo Roeckl, Stephanie Deknikker, Julie Morris and Laurel Hassid. “The Squad” as they are colloquially known, finished the season with a 7-3 record behind Ed Mitchell who had a 9-1 record. Laurel and Julie teamed up to defeat the Ed Mitchell players, ensuring that there were no players in the league who were undefeated. Margo was ranked 4th overall in the league with Stephanie right behind her in 5th place, Julie was 8th and Laurel was 10th out of 21 players in the League so everyone finished in the top half! The Squad won 17 sets and lost 7 while the #1 team won 19 and lost 6. It was a very fun and competitive season.

Woodland Four Play Women's 8.0 Single Line Doubles

The Woodland Four Play 8.0 team was comprised of Margo Roeckl, Hyunok Lee, Ashley Michaud and Andrea Szontagh. The team ended the season with a 6-0 record with the four players taking the top 4 spots in the League. Four Play won every match in straight sets and the team won 76 games and lost only 29. In the interest of full disclosure there were only two other teams in this particular division and the Woodland Four Play definitely had much higher rated players compared to the other teams in the division. There was some great tennis played and everyone was extremely nice and fun to play with and against!

Sunday Men's Regular Singles/Doubles 8.0

The SATA Men's Team had a respectable 4th place finish in the Men's Regular Single/Doubles 8.0 League playing three lines of singles and two lines of doubles each week. A few more points here and there may well have been the difference between the team's fourth place finish and 2nd place. The Woodland Team finished with the same record as #3 West Sac, and had the same number of individual matches won/lost, but ended up on the short end of the third tiebreaker (individual sets won/lost) by ONE set. Sunny Mallinson and Co-captain Justin Lieshman were team work horses, who played an amazing 20 and 18 matches, respectively. Tom Brian joined the team mid-season and made up for lost time by playing 9 matches. Congrats to Sunny for finishing the season as the **#1 ranked player** in the 75-player league! Justin who was ranked #5 and Lars Miller who was ranked #16, also had strong showings. Sunny had an uptick in his ratings this season as did Creed Watts, Team Captain Paul Navazio and Tom Brian. Hopefully everyone will be ready to dust off their racquets come February to participate in the 2020 Spring SATA season.

All articles contributed by Margo Roeckl



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



Tennis Etiquette & Rules: Q&A

Players new to tennis and to interclub play will probably appreciate learning some of the nuances of rules and court courtesy. This newsletter plans to include a few tips in each issue which the club hopes will be helpful.

Question: In my doubles match, I was returning from the deuce side and getting aced out wide a bunch of times. My partner and I switched sides in the second set to see if he had better luck returning the serve. It took us long enough, but we finally realized why our opponent was getting such a good angle. She was serving between the singles and doubles alley. Is it allowable for the server to serve from that position?

Answer: A wise man once said that everything you need in life you learn in Kindergarten. So your opponent obviously used her coloring lessons and stayed within the lines. In doubles, the server may stand anywhere behind the baseline between the imaginary extensions of the inside edge of the center mark and the outside edge of the doubles sideline. (Rule 18)

Question: During my doubles match, both my partner and I went for a ball. Our racquets clashed, but I was able to make contact with it and hit a winner. Our opponents claimed that they won the point because our racquets hit each other. Were they correct?

Answer: Looks like you are and your partner needs to work on your communication. You are lucky you hit racquets and not each other! Although not ideal, as long as it is clear that only one racquet hit the ball, your return is legal. (ITF Rule 24)

Source of reference: [USTA web site](#)

If you have a tennis etiquette or rule question you would like us to research please send it to:

Karen Shepard at karenshepard@pacbell.net or Kitty Schlosser at kittyschlosser@gmail.com



2020 Membership Application

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

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

Please make check payable to:
Woodland Tennis Club

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

Type of Membership (circle one): New Renewal

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.

Plases 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 to like to make a donation please indicate the amount:

\$ _____