



Woodland Tennis Club

From the President



In this issue of our newsletter you are introduced to three new members of the WTC Board of Directors. They are Kellie Morgan, Kathy Payne and Scott Sheaman. Their biographical information is on page 3. This is the first time that the WTC has had three new board members at one time. I am pleased to have Kellie, Kathy and Scott on our board. They will serve a two year term.

WTC Board of Directors

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

New bathrooms are coming to City Park! Although a definite time table has not yet been established, the Public Works Department has advised me that a new restroom will be installed at City Park and the existing restroom will be removed. Hopefully, this will be completed during the summer.

Mark your calendars for June 24-26 as these are the dates for the CITA Open Tournament. You will see some exciting tennis as top notch players from northern California and elsewhere compete for \$2000 in prize money. Home Fix and the Woodland Tennis Club are proud sponsors of the tournament.

Phil Cello, who has a contract with the City to provide a comprehensive tennis program, made a presentation to the City Council in April regarding his plan for a tennis complex which would be built at the Community and Senior Center. Phil also made a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission. His proposed plan is to have twelve regular tennis courts and one stadium tennis court, a club house, and lights on the courts. The estimated cost for this tennis complex is 1.4 million dollars. However, the plan can be phased in with a smaller number of courts being built initially.

At their meeting on May 23, the Parks and Recreation Commission referred the proposed plan for the tennis complex to the Facilities Sub-Committee for review and evaluation. It may be a while before this sub-committee completes its work and reports back to the full commission. We are optimistic that the Parks and Recreation Commission will recommend to the City Council that the project proceed. At the present time no City funds are available for this project but it is possible that matching fund grants may be applied for. Most likely it will be up to the Woodland Tennis Club through fundraising to come up with the money to build the courts.

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\$2000 CITA and Home Fix Open Tournament

The WTC is pleased to host the second CITA Open Tournament. Home Fix and the WTC are the major sponsors of this tournament. Home Fix is a residential and commercial service, repair and maintenance company owned by Maria and Sean Thomas. The tournament will be held June 24-26 at City Park. Last year this event attracted 51 players from all over northern California and even some from other states.



May NTRP Tournament

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

On May 7 and 8 the courts at City Park were used for a NTRP Tournament. This is one of several tournaments which will be put on by the Cello International Tennis Academy. Michael Kwong and Sunny Mallinson were responsible for the Tournament desk. A number of WTC members played in the Tournament. They were: Nico Clemens (son of Thomas) who won the 3.5 men's singles division; Sunny Mallinson who played in the men's 4.5 singles division; Melody Meyer who won the women's 3.5 singles division; James Ousey and Monty Newborn who played in the men's 3.0 doubles division; Dave Dobson who played in the mixed 3.0 doubles division; and Art and Georgina Williams who won the mixed 3.0 division.

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, Friday Night Tennis, Valentine Tennis Social, St. Patrick's Day Tennis Social, Summer Saturdays Tennis Socials, Halloween Tennis Social, and the 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. On-going information about WTC's Social Activities can be accessed on the "events" page at our website: www.woodlandtennisclub.com.

Frostbite Tournament

We probably should have changed the name of the Frostbite Tournament in 2016 to the El Nino Tournament. It was scheduled to be played in January but had to be canceled twice because of rain. Rather than not have any tennis at all for people who had entered the Tournament, the Tournament Chairs decided to offer a "Flex Option" which allowed the participants to schedule and play the matches in their division at a time and place mutually agreeable between the opponents. A total of 30 players played in five divisions. The Tournament was open to members of both the Woodland Tennis Club and the Davis Tennis Club. The winners of the various divisions were as follows:



- Women's 3.0 Doubles – Stephanie Toste and Connie Toste
- Men's 4.0 Doubles – Peter Pascoe and Ron Reisner
- Mixed 3.0 Doubles – Elizabeth Lu and Monty Newborn
- Mixed 3.5 Doubles – Stephanie and Lars Miller
- Mixed 4.0 Doubles – Kelli O'Neill and Joe Sorensen



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 e-mail 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

Three Tennis Socials are scheduled this summer. They are called Summer Saturdays and will be held on June 18, July 23, and August 27. Summer Saturdays have become one of the WTC's most popular events. After morning tennis, players are treated to either a BBQ or some other delicious lunch, compliments of the Woodland Tennis Club.

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St. Patrick's Day Tennis Social

On March 18, 2016 a number of members played in the St. Patrick's Day Tennis Social. It was a round-robin event and the goal was to end up on Court 1. The man and woman on Court 1 who won the last match were the St. Patrick's Day Winners. They were Margo Roeckl and Sunny Mallinson. After tennis the players enjoyed traditional corned beef and cabbage and a lot of delicious dishes brought by the players.



Spring Potluck Social

On May 13 the Spring Potluck Social recognizing Interclub and Intraclub Captains and Co-Captains was held at the McCain's home. The following Captains were recognized: Vivian Walker, Captain of Women's Intraclub Teams, Creed Watts, Co-Captain of the Men's 3.5 Team, Pat Garrison, Captain of the Men's 3.5 Team, Elizabeth Lu, Co-Captain of the Mixed Doubles 6.8 Team, and Floyd McCain, Captain of the Mixed Doubles 6.8 Team. The Co-Captains and Captains received gift cards in appreciation of their service to the WTC. Over 20 people, including Michael Kwong, attended the event. Those attending enjoyed the great food brought by the attendees and socializing with one another.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at Steve’s Pizza on Saturday, February 20th, 2016 and was preceded by a morning of Valentine Social Tennis. Each member who attended the meeting was given a raffle ticket and a number of prizes were given out at the end of the meeting.

Art Williams, President, summarized the activities of the WTC the past year and thanked the current WTC Board members, the past WTC Board members and committee members for their service to the club.

The following Committee reports were given: Kitty Schlosser - Membership; Karen Shepard - Financial; Elaine McCain - Social Activities; Dave Dobson - Website.

Floyd McCain, Chair of the Nominating Committee, recommended that the following members be elected to the Board of Directors for a two year term: Kellie Morgan, Kathy Payne, Scott Sheaman and Elaine McCain. The members present elected the four members nominated to be on the Board of Directors.

The members present also approved an amendment to the By Laws which provided that the Past President shall be invited to continue on the Board of Directors in an Advisory and Honorary position with no voting privileges.

Floyd McCain gave plaques of appreciation to: Dave Dobson, Pat Garrison and Art Williams who are leaving the Board of Directors.

Newsletter contributors:

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- Creed Watts
- Brett Birdsall
- Karen Shepard
- Scott Sheaman
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- Dennis Sadowski

Edited by Kitty Schlosser

Meet New Board Members



Scott Sheaman has enjoyed recreational tennis since his college days. After his retirement from UC Davis in 2012 he joined the Woodland tennis club and has played on the men's and mixed doubles ladders organized by Michael Kwong. He has also played on WTC SATA mixed doubles tennis teams and enjoys the

Friday night socials. Scott has been married to Monica Sheaman for 42 years and has two adult daughters and three grandchildren. In addition to tennis, Scott enjoys his extended family, playing basketball and pickle ball (of course only when it's too wet outside to play tennis).



Kellie Morgan started playing tennis in her late 30's at Country Oaks. After Country Oaks closed she didn't get back on the court until five years ago. The joy that she feels on the court keeps her coming to lessons with Michael, a doubles group twice a week and competing on the singles and mixed double ladders. Now that her

children are raised she has taken over the family restaurants Maria's Cantina, BlackPine Catering and Morgan's on Main. Family and the restaurants keep her busy - but making time to get on the court is a high priority to her. In fact her family and staff know that if she doesn't answer the phone - she's playing tennis.



Kathy Payne has been playing tennis off and on for many years. She is a former elementary school teacher and the mother of two adult daughters, three stepchildren and a total of 10 grandchildren! The “off” years were while teaching, raising children and babysitting grandchildren. Kathy was a member of Park Terrace Swim and Tennis Club in Sacramento and later a member of Country Oaks here in Woodland as well as a member of a small neighborhood club. She says tennis keeps her “sane”! Kathy loves walking her lively pup Dolly, reading, traveling and gardening. She has been on the Woodland Healthcare Foundation and the Opera House Boards here in Woodland and has been a long-time supporter of the arts in Sacramento. She is married to Ashley Payne, a retired farmer/rancher with ties in Yolo County going back five generations.

Spring Interclub Tennis

Mixed 6.8 Doubles Team

There were five teams in this division. We played each team twice making a total of eight matches. Four of the matches were at home and four of the matches were away. There were some strong teams in this division. Rollingwood Tennis Club won the division with a record of 7-1. Our record was 3-5 and we came in fourth place. Members on our team were:

Floyd McCain (Captain)	Elizabeth Lu (Co-Captain)
Elaine McCain	Joe Garrido
Melody Meyer	Mimi McMahan
Michael Mott	Dave Dobson
Monty Newborn	James Ousey
Diana Salcedo	Scott Sheaman
Roger Cook	Marianne Cook
Jeff Harris	Patty Wilkinson
Craig Senders	Karen Senders
Tim Snow	Elaine Snow

Contributed by Floyd McCain

Men's 3.5 Singles/Doubles Team

The Men's 3.5 Team played against five teams which included Laguna Creek, Folsom, Natomas, South Gate and Davis. Their record was 2-3. Members of the team were the following:

Pat Garrison, Captain	Creed Watts, Co Captain
Jay Alvarado	Kyle Bates
Joseph Clark	Nico Clemens
Thomas Clemens	Daniel Garcia
Ivan Garcia	Joe Garrido
Justin Leishman	Lars Miller
Lee Moore	Jungho Son
Dave Taylor	



Women's Intraclub Doubles

The spring Women's Intraclub Doubles season began on March 2nd and ran every other Wednesday morning through the end of May. As with the other matches, the play consisted of teams of four players who rotated partners within the group. Each Wednesday had a different roster of players which allowed for tennis between different combinations of teams.

We had a roster of 16 players though, because of schedules and injuries, usually 8 players made any particular match. A potluck lunch followed about half of the matches.

The fall season will likely start in September. We have a lot of fun and anyone who is interested in participating (even for a single match) can contact Vivian at 530-219-3036 or notviwalker@yahoo.com

Contributed by Vivian Walker



It's a family tradition



In February, when the rains were coming fairly regularly, it was hard to find a dry time to play tennis. WTC junior member Annika Miller, daughter of Lars and Stephanie, helped dry the courts with the squeegees. Many of us remember her grandfather Max Luther and his dedication to court maintenance. She continues the family tradition.

"Like" us on



Elizabeth Lu is the new Administrator for the Woodland Tennis Club Facebook page. She will post upcoming social activities and other local tennis events on this page. Elizabeth advises that anyone is welcome to post tennis related items on the WTC page or add photos to albums.

If anyone has a question about the Facebook page they can reach Elizabeth through the Facebook page or directly at her email address enmlu@yahoo.com.



Pioneer and Woodland High School Tennis Team Updates



The **Pioneer High School** boys tennis team had an up and down season this spring. The ups included fielding one of the largest teams we've ever had. Over 20 players came out for the team, the majority of them new to the sport. Coach Ferguson did a great job introducing the 1st year players to the fundamentals of the game. Many of those 1st year players earned starting spots on the roster and made significant contributions to the team.

Another 'up' was the leadership shown by our veteran players. They worked hard to improve their games and took the newer players under their wings and shared with them their passion for the sport. The season was highlighted by our top 2 players, Daniel Garcia and Alex Lopez, teaming up for doubles and taking 2nd at the league championship tournament and then making it to the 2nd round of the section playoffs. The 'down' was missing the team playoffs for the 1st time in 5 years. We ended up in 4th place with a 6-6 league record. In spite of this, Coach Ferguson and I are encouraged by the progress our team made this year and look forward to seeing the continued improvement of all the new players.

Contributed by Coach Creed Watts

The **Woodland High School** tennis programs are growing! After several years of declining numbers both the boys and girls programs increased their number of participants last season. While neither program had great success in league, the coaching staff is encouraged about the future. WHS has the smallest school enrollment in the TCC, but is generally competitive despite its small size.

The girls program is returning a significant number of experienced players but the boys will be starting from scratch due to heavy graduation losses.

The programs are pleased to be bringing non-traditional players to their teams and are being successful with growing the game amongst first time players.

Contributed by Coach Brett Birdsall

Drop In Tennis Information

WTC member James Ousey researched the opportunities for drop in tennis in our area. We shared this information with our members via email and received a reply from Dennis Sadowski and Grace Vaughn with several additional options. This is a summary, the complete information with links to the locations is available on the web at [Drop In Tennis Information](#).

City	Location	Date/Time	# of Players	Player Profile	Skill Level
Sacramento	McKinley Park	Monday, Wednesday, Friday/9 am	15-20	75% men; 25% women	2.8 to 3.5
Vacaville	Three Oaks Community Center	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday/8 am	12-16	all men	3.2 to 3.8
UC Davis	UCD courts, Mayra Welch Tennis Center	Saturday/8 am	10-15	90% men aged 60-80	3.0
UC Davis	UCD courts, Mayra Welch Tennis Center	Saturday/7:45 am	12	90% men aged 50-75	3.5
Davis	next to Davis High School	Friday/8 am summer, 9 am winter	8-15	50% men; 50% women	2.6 to 3.2
*Davis	UCD courts, Mayra Welch Tennis Center	Sunday/8:30 am	10-16	mixed; aged 30-75	men 4.0-4.5; women 5.0
**Davis	next to Davis High School	Monday/9am	unknown	unknown	unknown
*Davis	Walnut Park	Thursday/6 pm	6-10	mixed; aged 30-75	men 4.0-4.5; women 5.0
**Davis	next to Davis High School	Tuesday & Thursday/7:30 pm	unknown	unknown	unknown
**Davis	next to Davis High School	Wednesday/9 am	unknown	unknown	unknown
**Davis	next to Davis High School	Saturday/9 am	unknown	unknown	unknown
WTC Friday Night (need to sign up)	Woodland City Park	Friday/6 pm	8-12	50% men; 50% women	2.8-3.0

Lessons - You do not have to sign up for a whole month of lessons to participate at City Park in Woodland. For a fee of just \$10 per lesson, paid when you drop in, you get access to world class instruction from USTA rated 5.5 instructor Michael Kwong. The program is part of the Woodland Parks and Recreation department in conjunction with Phil Cello Tennis. Look over the website and find the lesson that fits your schedule at [CITA Woodland Tennis](#).

*added by Dennis Sadowski

**added by Grace Vaughn

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Below is an interesting article taken from the book
“Why do clocks run clockwise? and other Imponderables” by David Feldman.

Why is the scoring system in tennis so weird?

Tennis as we know it today is barely over a hundred years old. A Welshman, Major Walter Clopton Wingfield, devised the game as a diversion for his guests to play on his lawn before the real purpose for the get together — a pheasant shoot. Very quickly, however, the members of the Wimbledon Cricket Club adopted Wingfield’s game for use on their own underutilized lawns, empty since croquet had waned in popularity in the late eighteenth century.

Long before Wingfield, however, there were other forms of tennis. The word “tennis” first appeared in a poem by John Gower in 1399, and Chaucer’s characters spoke of playing “rackets” in 1380. Court tennis (also known as “real” tennis) dates back to the middle ages. That great athlete, Henry VIII, was a devotee of the game. Court tennis was an indoor game featuring an asymmetrical rectangular cement court with a sloping roof, a hard ball, a lopsided racket, and windows on the walls that came into play. Very much a gentleman’s sport, the game is still played by a few diehards, though only a handful of courts currently exist in the United States.

Lawn tennis’s strange scoring system was clearly borrowed from court tennis. Although court tennis used a fifteen-point system, the scoring system was a little different from modern scoring. Each point in a game was worth 15 points (while modern tennis progress 15-30-40-game, court tennis progressed 15-30-45-game). Instead of the current three or five sets of six games each, court tennis matches were six sets of four games each.

The most accepted theory for explaining the strange scoring system is that it reflected Europeans’ preoccupation with astronomy, and particularly with the sextant (one-sixth of a circle). One-sixth of a circle is, of course, 60 degrees (the number of points in a game). Because the victor would have to win six sets of four games each, or 24 points, and each point was worth 15 points, the game concluded when the winner had “completed” a circle of 360 degrees (24X15).

Writings by Italian Antonio Scaino indicate that the sextant scoring system was firmly in place as early as 1555. When the score of a game is tied after six points in modern tennis, we call it “deuce” – the Italians already had a equivalent in the sixteenth century, *a due* (in other words, two points were needed to win).

Somewhere along the line, however, the geometric progression of individual game points was dropped. Instead of the third point scoring 45, it became worth 40. According to the *Official Encyclopedia of Tennis*, it was most likely dropped to the lower number for the ease of announcing scores out loud, because “forty” could not be confused with any other number. In the early 1700s, the court tennis set was extended to six games, obscuring the astronomical origins of the scoring system.

When lawn tennis began to surpass court tennis in popularity, there was a mad scramble to codify rules and scoring procedures. The first tennis body in this country, the U.S. National Lawn Tennis Association, first met in 1881 to establish national standards. Prior to the formation of the USNLTA, each tennis club selected its own scoring system. Many local tennis clubs simply credited a player with one point for each rally won. Silly concept. Luckily, the USNLTA stepped into the breach and immediately adopted the English scoring system, thus ensuring generations of confused and intimidated tennis spectators.

There have been many attempts to simplify the scoring system in order to entice new fans. The World Pro Championship League tried the table-tennis scoring system of twenty-one--point matches, but neither the scoring system nor the League survived.

Perhaps the most profound scoring change in this century has been the tie breaker. The U.S. Tennis Association’s Middle States section, in 1968, experimented with sudden-death playoffs, which for the first time in modern tennis history allowed a player who won all of his regulation service games to lose a set. The professionals adopted the tie breaker in 1970, and it is used in almost every tournament today.

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.

Behavior and Attitude

Even if you're playing badly, refrain from shouting or looking dejected in a friendly match. Undoubtedly, your attitude affects how you play, so try to have fun and stay positive. Additionally, it's disrespectful to your opponent to look miserable after every point. Give them credit if they are beating you, and keep your head up.

Don't talk in the middle of points. Your opponent may confuse your words and think that you are calling a shot out, so avoid unnecessary conversations. Talking is much more appropriate for a doubles team and is acceptable during a match.

Tempo

Do not deliberately slow the game down. Play at the pace of the server, which is a 10-12 second rest after the last point ended, and look ready. You're allowed to take 25 seconds in between points, but unnecessary lagging is frowned upon.

Likewise, servers should not rush to start each point, even if they prefer to play at an extremely fast pace. You should re-do the point if the server serves the ball before the receiver is ready. The receiver is out of luck, however, if he claims he was not ready after making an attempt at returning the serve.

Source of reference: <http://tennis.isport.com/tennis-guides/proper-tennis-etiquette>

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

