



Woodland Tennis Club

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From the WTC President

We again wish to thank all the WTC board, committee members, and volunteers who continue to work to bring tennis to the Woodland community. We are fortunate to have two new board members, Lyn Lamoure, who has picked up duties of membership chair, and Dave Dobson who continues to assist on our website. They join Floyd, Elaine, Pat, and Patrick who do the rest of the heavy lifting of club activities. We are particularly excited about expanding our junior program into Prairie Elementary, after a successful fall experiment of working in the PE classes for a week with approximately 300 children in 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Also, we have been working to support the \$15,000 USTA Futures Pro Circuit Tournament which begins June 9 at the Marya Welsh Tennis Center at UC Davis. As when this tournament was held at Country Oaks, we are looking for families to host players who are coming from many other countries around the world. Please let us know how we may improve tennis in Woodland. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in expanding our tennis activities.

Membership report

WTC continues to have a strong and enthusiastic membership. We currently have 61 members, some of which are single memberships and some family. We hope to continue to grow our membership and rely on you to be ambassadors of both the Woodland Tennis Club and the great sport of tennis.

The Woodland Tennis Club would like to welcome the following new members to the club:

Sandra Farrell and Stephen Mott
Jose Figueroa
Abbiemae Paez

Thank you for your continued support.
Lyn Lamoure, Membership Coordinator



Communication

The Woodland Tennis Club web site continues to evolve and improve ... we hope. The Calendar of Events, introduced recently by Kitty Schlosser, will give you a quick look at future events. Webmaster Dave Dobson counts on those viewing the site to bring any errors to his attention through the web site email.

It was brought to the board's attention that WTC should be on Facebook. It would be a great way for members to contact other WTC members, to upload pictures or videos and to comment to other WTC members. With that in mind Dave has created a trial version on Facebook, simply called WTC. It is under the category of Sports and Recreational, is secret, with no public content, i.e., no advertisements, and can only be joined by individuals who receive an invitation from a WTC Facebook officer. Members can see all content and it is not displayed on their profile. There are no fees to join.

Since the Board of Directors has mixed feelings as to the benefits of WTC having a Facebook presence, Dave would like to hear from any members who would like to join the Facebook WTC version. If there are enough people interested we will also need Facebook officers. The duties of an officer would be to check the content of Facebook for any inappropriate verbiage or pictures on a frequent basis and make sure all members are members in good standing with the Woodland Tennis Club.

Please contact Dave Dobson at dl-dobson@hotmail.com or daviddobson@woodlandtennisclub.com if you are interested in joining WTC Facebook and/or becoming an officer of Facebook.

The final decision as to whether WTC will have a presence on Facebook will be made by the Board of Directors.

HorizonWest UC Davis Tennis Classic

UC Davis will be hosting a \$15,000 Men's Pro Circuit tennis tournament benefiting the UC Davis Tennis Program from June 9-20th at the Marya Welsh Tennis Center at UC Davis. Attendance is free and includes a Wildcard tournament from June 9-11, a Qualifying tournament from June 12-14th, and the main draw of 32 players from June 15-20. For more information and updates check out the tournament website at:

<http://www.ucdavisprocircuit.org>

Woodland Tennis Club on the web:

<http://www.woodlandtennisclub.com>

Interclub tennis

7.5 MIXED DOUBLES

The Mixed Doubles 7.5 Team was captained by Floyd McCain. This was the team's first season in this League. Last season they played in the 7.0 League, which they won. This season the team played six matches; they won three and lost three. The members of the team who played were as follows:

Vollie Anastasi	Isabel Becerra
Pat Garrison	Andrea Clemens
Thomas Clemens	Lisa Lance
Sunny Mallinson	Floyd McCain
Bob Murdock	Rosie Ramirez

Two members of the team, Isabel Becerra and Sunny Mallinson, were undefeated.

7.0 MIXED DOUBLES

The 7.0 mixed doubles interclub team had a good season, with several new interclub participants. The members of the team were:

Patrick Farrell (Captain)	Elaine McCain (Co-Captain)
Jeff Hogan	Marianne Cook
Floyd McCain	Sandra Farrell
Stephen Mott	Christie Farrell
Jerry Stacionis	Sue Little
Jerry Walters	Lynda Welter

Woodland and McKinley Park were both 5 and 1 going into the final match of the season and were vying for the league championship. Even with the #1 team of Stephen and Sandra, with a 5-0 record, sidelined due to injuries, it was a close match, with Jerry Walters and Elaine scoring a two-set victory (at #2) and Jeff and Christie (at #1) and Patrick and Marianne (at #3) being edged out in tight three-setters. Two of the three players in the league receiving an award for being undefeated were WTC players Stephen Mott and Jerry Walters.

3.5 MEN

We had a great season. We ended the regular season in first place and lost our first playoff match to Davis 5 matches to 4. Davis went on to win the championship. The following members participated:

Pat Garrison (Captain)	Lee Moore (Co-Captain)
Dave Taylor (Undefeated in Singles 5-0)	
Thomas Clemens	Fermin Cabello
Nestor Aguilera	Sunny Mallinson
Jerry Stacionis	Jerry Walters
Bob Murdock	Keith Banwarth
Lars Miller	Dave Wade
Chuck Buck	

4.6 WOMEN'S ROTATING DOUBLES

After winning the 4.0 Women's Evening Doubles League two seasons in a row, members of the team voted to move up to the next higher League, 4.6. They played six teams in the Sacramento Area Tennis Association's (SATA) Spring Tennis League and won two matches and lost four. We feel we made a reasonably good start in a very tough League. Many of the sets were very close, and we look forward to doing better next season. Members of the team are as follows:

Elaine McCain (Captain)	Paula Stewart (Co-Captain)
Vollie Anastasi	Mary Anne Armstrong
Isabel Becerra	Andrea Clemens
Sarah Collinson	Lyn Lamoure
Lisa Lance	Rosie Ramirez

Eddi Quiggle (injured before the season) and Lynne Schwartau (substitute) did not play.

We had a lot of fun this season in spite of all the rescheduled matches due to rain. We enjoy cooking and our opponents have appreciated the meals we provided. We look forward to next season, and including anyone else (qualified) who would like to join the team. Contact Elaine McCain for information or if you are interested: f.mccain@sbcglobal.net or (666-2775).

4.0 WOMEN'S DOUBLES

The 4.0 Women's Rotating Doubles team had a good season. This was our first season playing at this level and we had a great time. We learned that the competition was strong, and the tennis was a lot of fun. We finished the season with two wins and five losses. Team members were:

Isabel Becerra	Marjie McWilliams
Mary Beck	Marcail McWilliams
Andrea Clemens	Leone Murdock
Marianne Cook	Karyn Schultz
Nancy Erling	Karen Shepard
Sue Little	Karen Vinyard
Elaine McCain	Lynda Welter

We played a lot of good tennis and look forward to next season. We encourage any interested women to come out to join us. We will really miss Isabel and Andrea next season.

Edited by Kitty Schlosser

Newsletter content provided by:

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Elaine McCain	Pat Garrison	Floyd McCain	Dave Dobson
Creed Watts	Brent Birdsall		

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Prairie Elementary tennis

After about a year in the planning, the Woodland Tennis Club has partnered with students in the UC Davis Tennis Club to bring tennis to Prairie Elementary School. To assist in this program the WTC has purchased some Mini nets, and foam and low compression balls to set up a program to teach students an adaptation of the USTA Quick Start tennis. Along with four UCD students, WTC volunteers, Art and Georgina Williams, Floyd and Elaine McCain, and Patrick Farrell have been meeting on Friday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 to assist in the program.

High school tennis

Led by WTC member Tim Clemens (son of Thomas and Andrea) at #1 and WTC Tennis Camp graduate Brayden James at #2, both of whom made all league, the Woodland High boys tennis team placed second in the league, with a 7-3 record, and advanced to the playoffs for the first time in a long while. They lost in the first round to the defending section champs Del Oro. They are graduating two players from the team, but expect to do well next season, if they can keep their numbers up. Tim is also leaving, so losing him is significant.



Brayden James
and
Carter Reiff

The Pioneer High boys team ended the season with a 3-7 record. The two top players, WTC Tennis Camp graduate Kyle Richardson and Carter Reiff, helped guide the young team and provided invaluable leadership. With a large squad of new players mentored by a small number of returning veterans, the boys made great improvements and learned to play and love the game of tennis.

WTC Patriots and Wolves Tennis Camp

Building on two years of great success, the Pioneer and Woodland High tennis coaches, Creed Watts, Brent Birdsall, and Ted Ferguson, are teaming up with Woodland Tennis Club volunteers, Art Williams, Patrick Farrell, and Pat Garrison, to offer a summer tennis camp for junior players of all levels (ages 12-17). This activity is scheduled for June 14-18, 8:30-11:30 AM, at the Woodland High tennis courts. For more details and an application form check the WTC website at: <http://woodlandtennisclub.com/Announcements.aspx>.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Social Activities Committee

Members of the WTC have enjoyed a number of tennis and social activities this year planned and organized by the Social Activities Committee. The activities included Thursday Night Tennis (which is ongoing throughout the year), Saturday Morning Drop-in Tennis (coordinated by Marjie McWilliams, and now by Isabel Becerra), a Spring Tennis Potluck Social. Another event that is being planned is an Exchange with another club this summer. Future events include a Halloween Tennis and Potluck in October and the Frostbite Tournament which will be held in December. Further information can be accessed on our website after it is finalized. Members of the Committee are as follows.

Marjie and Steve McWilliams
Marianne and Roger Cook
Lisa Lance
Paula Stewart
Floyd and Elaine McCain (chair)

Any other member who would like to join the Social Activities Committee is welcome. We welcome new people and new ideas. Please contact Elaine McCain at 666-2775 or f.mccain@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday morning

Saturday morning tennis is a no-host, drop-in tennis event which is played at City Park starting at 9 a.m. Most play is doubles, round-robin style depending on player turnout. This weekend morning event is convenient for those who have busy schedules during the work week. It is also another perfect opportunity for WTC members to get to know other members and fellow tennis lovers. This flexible event makes it very easy for players to simply "show up" and play some good tennis.

Thursday night tennis & social

Another ongoing event is the Thursday Night Tennis and Social. Participants play three rounds of doubles based on a draw prepared by Floyd and Elaine McCain. After tennis, members enjoy sharing food and drink which they have brought. This is a popular event and continues throughout the year. Members who are interested in playing respond to an e-mail sent out by the McCains. The first 16 to respond are scheduled to play. Occasionally, during warm weather months, other parks are used if more than 16 people have signed up. If you would like to be included on the weekly notification emails, send an email request to the McCains at f.mccain@sbcglobal.net or call them at 530-666-2775.