

Inverness Tennis Club

Fall 2025 Newsletter

LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Well, we did it again! We played, partied, and enjoyed each other's company over a beautiful Labor Day weekend. Pickleball and tennis tournaments were the focus, but we also have to give a big shout out to Ivan and Sara Diamond, and Camille and Louis Ptak for throwing a fantastic poolside party for the club on Sunday evening.

Nick Whitney again organized a lively one-day pickleball event, with lots of round-robin games. When the dust settled on the action on the bright blue Cottages courts, the winners were:

- Mixed Doubles: Nancy Sur and Nick Whitney
- Open Doubles: father-son team Xerxes and Nick Whitney
- Women's Doubles: Cynthia Harland and Nancy Sur

BRAVO to all picklers!



Nancy Sur and Nick Whitney, Mixed Doubles Winners



Cynthia Harland and Nancy Sur



Xerxes and Nick Whitney

Women's Doubles Winners

Men's Doubles Winners

There were 11 exciting tennis matches played over 4 days.

Gold Men's Doubles drew the biggest turnout, with 6 teams. In that final, Chris Morgan and Tom Gardali eked out a victory over Nate and Bob Houghteling, 6-1, 6-1.

In **Silver Men's Doubles**, Andy Morse and Terry Aleshire snuck by Warren Sattler and Greg Long, 6-2, 6-1.

In **Men's Singles** (one match) Chris Balogh returns as champ after a spirited 6-3, 6-3 victory over David Briggs.

Mixed Doubles and **Women's Doubles** had some double dippers. In mixed, Tom Gardali and Julia Burke beat Louis Ptak and Suzy Grossman—a hard-fought match that ended up 6-0, 2-6, 6-2. In Women's Doubles, Suzy and Natalie Roe cozily defeated Julia Burke and Melissa Nelken, 6-2, 6-2.



Gold Division Finals: Chris Morgan and Tom Gardali (right) defeated Nate and Bob Houghteling (left)



Mixed Doubles Finals: Tom Gardali and Julia Burke (left) defeated Suzy Grossman and Louis Ptak (right)



Women's Doubles: Natalie Roe and Suzy Grossman (left) defeated Julia Burke and Melissa Nelken (right)

YOUTH TENNIS

There will be a tennis future in Inverness, thanks to the good efforts of Xerxes Whitney and Jim Patterson, experienced and creative youth camp directors, assisted by Tess Elliott, master recruiter, Bob Houghteling and JJ Whitney. In two successive weeks in July,

Jim and Xerxes energized 16 campers to pursue their tennis dreams...or at least to hit a two-handed backhand over the net three times in a row.



Xerxes Whitney and tennis campers on Second Valley Court



Jim Patterson and tennis campers on the Patterson Court

BOARD NEWS

Our season was capped off with a successful Annual Meeting at the Diamond's house, where two new board members were unanimously elected—Cynthia Harland and Ben Sigelman.

All current board members were re-elected for new staggered terms. And current officers were re-elected for 2025-26:

President: Bob Houghteling

Vice-President: Tom Gardali

Treasurer: Julia Burke

Secretary: Tess Elliott

The main discussion at the annual meeting concerned our stable finances (reserve of \$16,000), but with the need to raise funds over the next 3 years for serious court renovation, primarily at Second Valley. (New fence, new surface.) We are considering options, including a one-time assessment and raising dues. The board welcomes feedback.

A note---Six of the current ten board members have now served for over 8 years. We hope that we can infuse this fun board with new blood over the next few years, from both the pickleball and tennis communities. Please speak to Bob Houghteling if you are interested in learning about board membership. Fantastic perks and sky-high compensation.

Message from our Treasurer

Please remember to pay your Inverness Tennis Club dues if you have not done so already. This year, dues are \$200 for Active Members and \$100 for Social Members. You can send a check to Inverness Tennis Club (ITC) PO Box 516 Inverness, CA 94937, or you can pay online electronically through Quickbook:

[\\$100 Social Members](#)

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