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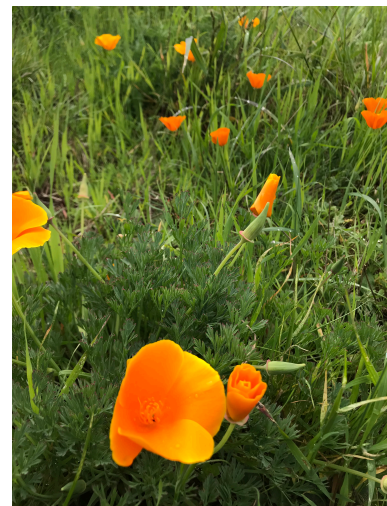
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Spring 2024 Newsletter



Happy spring, everyone! Our gardens and reservoirs are very happy, and now that the rains have stopped, we can enjoy our tennis and pickleball courts!

Court updates:

1. Thanks to the good work of Jack Williams and the crew from Eco-Gardening, the cracks were repaired and cleaned up at Second Valley this month.

2. Louis Ptak, please take a bow! Because of your generosity and design ingenuity, we have a lovely new combo shed and umpire chair at Second Valley. (See before and after photos below.)



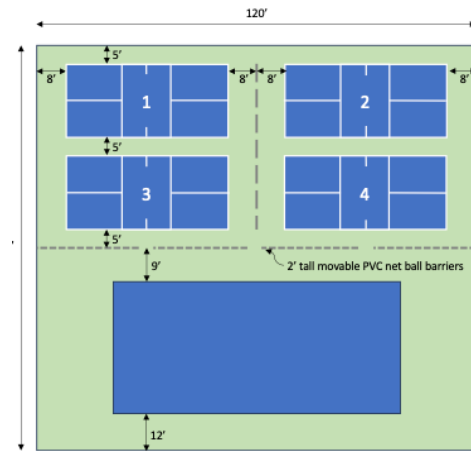
Old and New: Umpire Chair/Storage Shed at Second Valley built by Louis Ptak.

NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS

The club is committed to transferring pickleball play to new courts at the Cottages at Pt. Reyes Seashore in Third Valley. Our negotiations with the owners are proceeding successfully, but slowly. When they conclude, we will launch a fundraising campaign for this exciting project: CONVERTING AN OLD TENNIS COURT INTO FOUR NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS!

We are hoping to have the courts ready by July. We thank Skip Shapiro for his measurements and drawing, which prove that we will be able to make four loaves from one fish.

Below is an aerial view (left) of the existing courts at the Cottages, and one option for the conversion of one tennis court to four pickleball courts (right).



YOUTH TENNIS WITH XERXES WHITNEY

Once again, the ITC is fortunate to have experienced tennis instructor and longtime club member Xerxes Whitney offering a week-long camp for children ages 8 to 13, open to members and the Inverness community.

WHEN: June 24-27, 3:30-5:30 daily

WHERE: Vision Road tennis court

HOW MUCH: \$100. Scholarships and equipment available.

HOW TO SIGN UP: Please contact xerxeswhitney@gmail.com

Xerxes Whitney, a graduate of local schools and long-time tennis coach and Phys Ed instructor in the Healdsburg schools will again lead this one week camp, featuring fun exercises, drills, and games for beginning and intermediate tennis players.

Below are photos from the summer 2022 ITC tennis camp.



BREAKING NEWS:

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of Saturday morning regular Jim Read, the club now has a Tennis Tutor battery-powered ball machine available for free to members! The machine will be stored in the new Second Valley shed and its battery will be charged by a solar panel and 12V battery. Tad Minor and Malcolm Plaister have graciously agreed to be the ball machine coordinator. Thank you, Tad and Malcolm!

We will be holding two instruction sessions for this machine on Saturday May 11th and May 25th at noon at the Second Valley court.



Memorial Day Tournament

You will be receiving an invitation soon from tournament director Bob Houghteling to sign up for this members' and guests' fun tournament. Doubles only, mixed gender, with two divisions based on a secret formula of age, skill, and competitiveness.

Mark your calendars and plan to come out for this traditional event!



Pickleball Tournament

Nick Whitney is again organizing a pickleball tournament. There will be mixed doubles on Monday May 27th, and possibly also men's and women's doubles on Saturday May 25. Please contact Nick if you are interested at nickwhitney24@gmail.com. Members are welcome to bring guests!

ITC BOARD COMINGS AND GOINGS

We are thrilled that Tess Elliott, Jack Williams, and Nick Whitney have agreed to join the ITC board. Tess, editor and publisher of the Point Reyes Light, and her whole family are eager tennis players, and her son has competed in our youth tournament. Jack is a longtime member and champion player and has kept our courts spiffy for years. Nick has recently taken on the big job of organizing the pickleball tournaments. Thanks to all of you!

We also wish to thank Camille Ptak, who has stepped up to take on the role of social chair for the club. She will be trying to fill Peggy's shoes.

The board wishes to thank Peggy Dodge and Xerxes Whitney, who both stepped down from the board in February after years of service. At our annual meeting at the July 6 Tennis and Tacos social event, we will vote on these new members and the club officers.

DID YOU KNOW? GROUPS YOU CAN JOIN AT THE ITC

- Pickleball players gather every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 12:30 PM at First Valley.
- Regular groups of tennis players meet at 9 and 10:30 AM on Saturdays. While not exclusive, the "Roosters" group is mostly older gentlemen, while the "Owl" group that follows them is mostly spry and wily women players. Both welcome new players.
- An irregular group of 3.5 players has been playing at 1 PM on Saturdays. Please contact Bob Houghteling if you wish to join this group.

Message from our Treasurer

Springtime is when we begin collecting dues for 2024. We collect dues all summer and members must be current with dues to play in the Labor Day tournament.

We will also be sending out a fundraising appeal soon for the 3rd Valley Court improvements and members can combine dues with donations.

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. Look for an email from Inverness Tennis Club to pay online, or contact juliaburke94610@yahoo.com

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