## **Inverness Tennis Club**

# **Summer 2025 Newsletter**

## Summer is here in beautiful Inverness and it's tennis time!

Our summer season has kicked off with a bang! The Memorial Day tennis and pickleball tournaments attracted 26 tennis and 20 pickleball players, members and guests. Those are impressive numbers!

The only blemish on the weekend's festivities came when our new portapotty was delivered to the wrong court. Oh crap!

Our Memorial Day party was a great success, with almost a hundred folks enjoying the hospitality of Jim and Ann Patterson, the organizing acumen of Camille Ptak, and the oysters of Tomales Bay. We look forward to our annual Labor Day bash in September, and we will forego the July 4<sup>th</sup> Tennis and Tacos party this year.



We celebrated the success, the great turnout, and the lovely setting of our Memorial Day

party in Jim and Ann Patterson's beautiful backyard.

**MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS** 

Both the pickleball and tennis groups competed in fun tournaments over the three-day

Memorial Day holiday. Many, many thanks to Peggy Dodge for organizing the Sunday

afternoon pickleball tournament! And thanks to Ben Sigelman for creating a masterful

spreadsheet for the tennis tournament. You can see all the results which will soon be

posted on our website.

Congratulations to these winners:

Gold Division Tennis: Louis Ptak and Shane Grevin defeated Tom Gardali and Jack

Williams, 6-1, 6-4

Silver Division Tennis: Aaron Ackermann and Ben Sigelman defeated Holly and Sage

Williamson 6-4, 6-2

Gold Division Pickleball: Holly Williamson and Xerxes Whitney

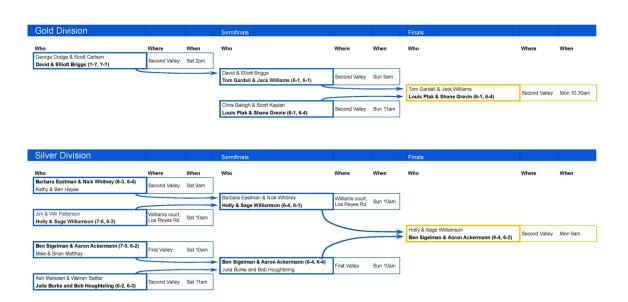
Silver Division Pickleball: Penny White and Tim Kline





Gold Division Finals: Louis Ptak and Shane Grevin (left) defeated Tom Gardali and Jack Williams (right), 6-1, 6-4

Silver Division Finals: Aaron Ackermann and Ben Sigelman (right) defeated Holly and Sage Williamson (left) 6-4, 6-2





The Third Annual Memorial Day Pickleball tournament players and spectators.





Gold Division Pickleball Finalists: Holly Williamson and Xerxes Whitney (left) defeated Beverlee Henderson and Greg Long (right)

Silver Division Pickleball Winners: Penny White and Tim Kline

#### **NEW BYLAWS APPROVED**

At the Memorial Day party, the membership passed by acclamation our new bylaws and they will soon be posted on our website. Great thanks to Tom Gardali for researching relevant prototypes, carefully melding them with our original 1928 bylaws, and bringing several drafts before the board for review. The new bylaws include these positive changes:

- Including pickleball in the club statement of purpose
- Adding anti-discrimination language
- Creating terms for board members and officers
- Adding a junior membership category
- Affirming our commitment to bringing board membership and election of officers to a Labor Day vote

NOTE: Nominations are open for new board members. Please send your suggestions to Bob Houghteling.

## **COURT NEWS**

Jack Williams and Eco-Gardening have fixed cracks, ground down bumps, and re-painted lines at First and Second Valley courts. Great job!

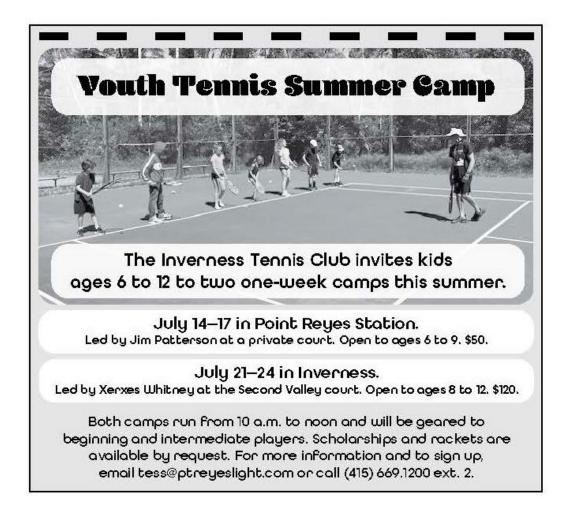
The lovely new bright blue pickleball courts at The Cottages got a lot of use over Memorial Day. In September Jack and crew will work on the hairline cracks that have

developed there. And we also thank Jack for letting us use his Homeowners Association court for two matches last week.

# **SUMMER CAMP NEWS**

Thanks to the hard work of board member and super-connected mom Tess Elliot, we will be running two youth camps in July. Both camps run from 10 am - 12 pm for four days. There is still time to sign up for Jim Patterson's camp at the Tennis House July 14-17. This camp will provide an excellent introduction for young, new players, ages 6 to 10. Jim has taught all 9 of his grandkids, and uses low-bounce balls in his games and practice.

Our long-time super teacher Xerxes Whitney will teach 7-13 year olds the week of July 28-31 at the lovely Second Valley court. Spots are still available. Please contact Tess Elliott about either camp at <a href="mailto:tess@ptreyeslight.com">tess@ptreyeslight.com</a>



#### TRY OUT OUR TENNIS BALL MACHINE!

Come to the 2nd Valley court and give the new ball machine a try! A huge thanks to Jim Read for his donation and to Malcolm Plaister for setting up the solar charging system.



# Message from our Treasurer

Thanks to all who have already paid their dues! If you haven't paid yet, please use the quickbook links below, or you can send a check to Inverness Tennis Club (ITC) PO Box 516 Inverness, CA 94937.

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