

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 4th 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

Gold Division			Semifinals			Finals		
Who	Where	When	Who	Where	When	Who	Where	When
George Dodge & Scott Carlson David & Elliott Briggs (7-7, 7-7)	Second Valley	Sat 2pm	David & Elliott Briggs Tom Gardali & Jack Williams (6-1, 6-1)	Second Valley	Sun 9am	Tom Gardali & Jack Williams Louis Ptak & Shane Grevin (6-1, 6-4)	Second Valley	Mon 10:30am
			Chris Balogh & Scott Kaplan Louis Ptak & Shane Grevin (6-1, 6-4)	Second Valley	Sun 11am			
Silver Division			Semifinals			Finals		
Who	Where	When	Who	Where	When	Who	Where	When
Barbara Eastman & Nick Whitney (6-3, 6-4) Kathy & Ben Hayes	Second Valley	Sat 9am	Barbara Eastman & Nick Whitney Holly & Sage Williamson (6-4, 6-1)	Williams court, Los Reyes Rd	Sun 10am	Holly & Sage Williamson Ben Sigelman & Aaron Ackermann (6-4, 6-2)	Second Valley	Mon 9am
Jim & Will Patterson Holly & Sage Williamson (7-6, 6-3)	Williams court, Los Reyes Rd	Sat 10am						
Ben Sigelman & Aaron Ackermann (7-5, 6-2) Mike & Brian Matthay	First Valley	Sat 10am	Ben Sigelman & Aaron Ackermann (6-4, 6-4) Julia Burke and Bob Houghteling	First Valley	Sun 10am			
Ken Marsden & Wamen Sattler Julia Burke and Bob Houghteling (6-2, 6-3)	Second Valley	Sat 11am						



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 tess@ptreyeslight.com

Youth Tennis Summer Camp



**The Inverness Tennis Club invites kids
ages 6 to 12 to two one-week camps this summer.**

July 14–17 in Point Reyes Station.

Led by Jim Patterson at a private court. Open to ages 6 to 9. \$50.

July 21–24 in Inverness.

Led by Xerxes Whitney at the Second Valley court. Open to ages 8 to 12. \$120.

Both camps run from 10 a.m. to noon and will be geared to beginning and intermediate players. Scholarships and rackets are available by request. For more information and to sign up, email tess@ptreyeslight.com or call (415) 669.1200 ext. 2.

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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