

Tennis and Pickleball Committee Meeting  
September 18, 2025

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1. **Welcome -> 5 minutes** *Present:*  
*Steve Walker, Mike Downs, Janet Tanchez, Betsy Snyder, Jason Bousquet, Firas Ghantous, Lisa Berg, Tony Gambardella*
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2. **Housekeeping ->5 minutes** Approve agenda with proposed time limits  
*All in favor*  
Approve meeting minutes from prior meeting  
*All in favor*  
TPBC meeting format – updates and action items  
*All in favor*  
*Between Meeting Communication and Updates* - Steve suggested communication between staff and TPBC members could improve. He advised that TPBC members often receive questions from club members regarding different issues and suggested staff advise TPBC members of any action taken in between meetings to keep TPBC members better informed. Lisa, Mike and Janet agreed this was a good idea.
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3. **Updates**
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- Tennis Leagues**  
**Mike**  
**5-10 minutes**
- USTA Leagues*  
*Current Team Updates* - Mike reported that Combo and 55+ Mixed teams are currently in season.  
*Summer Mixed Teams - League winners* - Mike advised the 7.0B and 9.0 mixed teams won their local leagues and are going to sectionals.  
*Winter Teams Schedule and Planning* - Mike stated 40+, 40+ daytime and 18+ mixed teams are posted and sign ups will be coming out soon. Mike advised he would send out an email to last year's captains and then a general email to RRC tennis membership regarding sign ups. Entries will be closed on November 1 and the goal is to have captains identified and teams decided by that date. Team registration runs November 3 through December 1.  
Mike reminded that RRC requires a 10-point super tie break in lieu of a third set. In addition, if a match is being played and goes over time with another match following, the first match must vacate the courts for the following match. If another court is not available, players must self schedule like a rain out.  
*Club Policy for Two Teams at Same Level* - Firas asked what determines the number of teams at each level. Lisa advised it was dependent upon how many people sign up.  
*Ladies Leagues* - Lisa advised that RRC now has three teams in the Sonoma Napa Marin League. D1 is a hybrid of RRC and TPC players, D2 is RRC and MTC and D3 is just RRC. It was also reported that Marin Tennis League matches are currently being played
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**Youth Tennis Program**  
**Lisa, Rebecca and Hanna**  
**5-10 minutes**

Fall Family Tennis Day Promotion Plan -Lisa and Janet reported that approximately 70% of the youth program are the ones attending Family Day. Lisa and Janet are working on coordinating an event to attract newer youth tennis players.

High School Pickleball Event -Lisa reported this event would be held either October 12 or 19 around 3:00 with a limit of 16-20 high schoolers. Lisa and Janet advised there would be a fee of \$25-\$30.

Fall Program - Lisa reported the fall programs are going great and RRC has a healthy juniors program.

Halloween Tourney - Promotion Plan - Lisa advised she has made sign ups for this event and takes 32 players max. Lisa also advised this event usually fills and she reaches out to juniors and their parents to promote the event.

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**Adult Tennis Program**  
**and Events**  
**Mike, Lisa, Janet**  
**10 minutes**

Upcoming Events and Calendar Updates - Lisa reported the calendar is up to date.

Singles Players Clinic Restart Date and Promotion Plan - Mike reported Women's 3.0 and 3.5 clinics would restart next week on September 23 and 24. 3.0 will be held Tuesdays at Noon and 3.5 will be held Wednesdays at Noon. Both clinics will run through the end of October. Mike advised he would reach out to those players who participated last year as well as team captains.

Calcutta Update - Mike advised Calcutta would be held November 7-8 and there are currently 7 women and 11 men signed up. Mike stated he was hoping for 36 players total and would send out an email to tennis membership.

Fall Drop-ins or Pop ups - Mike reported he would hold a New and Rusty Players Clinic October 4, 18, and November 1 and 15 for players who have played before but not in a long time.

Mike also reported he is trying to find a date in October for an Octoberfest themed Men's Drill and Grill.

Men's Singles Tourney - Mike advised this would be held October 10-13. Currently there are two women and six men signed up. Mike stated he is hoping for at least eight players in each division. Mike also reported there would likely be two levels; 3.5 and under and 4.0 and up.

Hal Wagner Report - Janet reported she is still looking at the numbers and will have a report next month. She also reported that all players have paid their registration fees.

There was discussion regarding ways to control the crowd of spectators in the future as there were several sitting on the hill by Court 9 and hanging on the fence behind Courts 5-8.

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**Pickleball Program**  
**Rebecca**  
**10 minutes**

Fall Events - It was reported that Wayne and Rebecca are currently working on some group sessions. Lisa advised that Alyson Aiello has created a pickleball league and RRC has a team.

Court 9 Damage - Action Plan - Janet reported the wheels on the pickleball nets are causing dimples on Court 9. She has reached out to the company and apparently this has happened at other facilities as well. She is looking for a repair option. There was discussion whether RRC needs to return to lighter nets that do not cause damage to Court 9. Steve suggested this item be tabled until a larger group of TPBC members were present.

Lisa advised the resurfacing company, Vintage, also came out to look at Court 9 to give a bid on repairing the cracks.

**4. Special Projects**  
**Steve**  
**5 minutes**

Update Tennis Program Guidelines - No Update.

**5 New Business**  
**Lisa and Steve**  
**5-10 minutes**

Any New Topics - Janet reported the numbering on Court 8 had been repaired as well as the gate and loose boards on Court 3.

Tennis Etiquette email - Janet reported she had been splitting up the items from the original email into the weekly newsletter so not all items were sent out at once. It was noted this item could be removed from the agenda.

USTA Player Kick off Reception - January - Steve advised he and Beth are coordinating this event.

2026 TPBC Members - Who's Leaving? - Steve reported that Rebecca would be stepping down. Lisa advised she had some ideas of a replacement. It was determined TPBC would discuss a replacement at the next meeting.

**6. Meeting Adjourn**

Next meeting date:  
 October 15 at Noon  
 November 19 at Noon  
 Skip December meeting