

**March 19, 2020**

**MARCH RACQUET CLUB “MEETING” FROM THE DESK OF HERB LIVSEY**

I probably speak for all of us when I say this past month has been a life experience we never saw coming...

When the courts and the pool were closed, many of you wrote or called, expressing concern that maybe alternative guidelines could be followed. People who want to play, guided by their own conscience and beliefs, could continue to play. With both San Diego and Riverside Counties stating groups fewer than ten could assemble at one time, following all guidelines, several of our Club members urged me to reach out to HOA master board members, explain the importance of play and exercise in our lives at this time. I did so this morning. I emphasized that we understand all that is expected of us in keeping ourselves and others safe, and that if the Board would reconsider, we would eliminate all drop-ins, tournaments, social gatherings as directed, but would enable small groups to play, keeping within the numbers already directed. No outside guests would be allowed.

Hopefully, I will hear back from the Board as a whole, or at least from individual Board members who may try to move in the direction we request. I will let membership know of whatever response I get.

With activities curtailed in all walks of our OHCC life, there is not much to report or to discuss, other than what I have just shared with you. Two items follow.

(1). Our treasurer, Sld Saltzman, requests we add a Membership Chairman in our Club.

That person would oversee Do Dues Day, compile that list, then keep it updated as new members join throughout the year. This Chairperson would work with the treasurer. This would streamline his obligations to the Social Club, and would have the responsibility of maintaining accuracy of number of members on our roster, and maintaining accuracy on forms completed when someone joins the club. This person would have nothing to do with funds, other than to pass checks on to the treasurer.

(2). All of our events are on hold. E-mails will announce what events will take place. It is best I not discuss in this “letter” specific dates for specific sport events. We cannot predict the future at this difficult time for all of us. We have tentative dates for a paddle tennis event in late April, tentative dates for a pickleball event in late May, a pickleball event in mid-August, a cooperative event with Pickleball and tennis players in late October, and a late spring/early summer tennis event.

That is all for now. In a separate e-mail, which I will write and send before this week is out, I have some housekeeping requests, and a paddle tennis discussion, none of which fit the content and tone of this “letter.”

Thanks for reading this communication.

Respectfully, Herb Livsey/President

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**A 2ND E-MAIL FROM THE DESK OF HERB LIVSEY**

A most interesting day to say the least. I will start with requests/comments from two of our sport monitors:

**(1). Tennis:** We need tennis balls for the tennis ball machine. Two ways we might be able to get all we need. (A). Make use of the tennis ball barrels by placing all of your used tennis balls in those barrels...(this is a reminder). B). Players who are taking part in Glen Goglia’s Sunday morning clinics and/or round robins, with the clinics using the tennis ball machine in the players’ skill work, might each contribute one can of used tennis balls, more cans of used tennis balls if possible. If players are conscious of this need for used balls, we feel we can build up a necessary supply, of good, round, tennis balls.

**(2). Pickleball players:** if you have a second or third paddle you are no longer using, please donate these paddles to Ann Rike at 4835 Marathon, or call her at 626-818-9301. We have had larger classes as of late for beginners; *the extra paddles would help equip those in the class who are yet to own a paddle.*

**(3). Club Reminder:** we are looking for a member to become a “ membership” chairperson.

**(4). Paddle Tennis:** originally scheduled for late April, the paddle tennis social/competition is postponed until a later date, to be announced. Like with our other racquet sports, we will have to wait to see when play can resume. Paddle tennis has grown under Sally Palmer, Allan Singer, and Dannica Wood. Play will take place on Monday mornings when play can be resumed at the HOA courts. Instruction is provided and equipment is available. New players need only to come ready to play. Court shoes needed. For more information, contact Dannica Wood, Racquet Club Board Member. [dannicawood@gmail.com](mailto:dannicawood@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT FOLLOW UP with the HOA BOARD:** today, morning and afternoon, I had conversations by e-mail and telephone with HOA Master Board

members. Additionally, I had a conversation with a lawyer, who strongly advised we follow all guidelines that have been put forth. Above all this was our Governor's announcement today about how this virus has brought great changes to our lives; we have to take care of ourselves, be concerned for others as well. With all that took place today for me, know that the Master Board will not backtrack. Our courts will be closed until further notice. I know this disappoints some of you, but you will have to find alternative places to play your sport if you are still going to play. I am strongly advised that we are doing the right thing at OHCC by following the lead of our Master Board. I have listened to all sides, all arguments. The conclusion I have come to is that we cannot, even as a Club, change the direction that is now in place. I will be in contact with our Racquet Club Board members and suggest we not go any further with this situation.

**THANK YOU** to all of you for who you are, and the contributions so many of you make to bring positives to our Club, moving our Club forward in all of its sports. I am so respectful of you all.

Very sincerely, Herb Livsey