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# Newsletter

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## Club's Holiday Hours



**Thanksgiving Day - 7 AM to Noon**

**Christmas Eve - 7 AM to 12 Noon**

**Christmas Day - CLOSED**

**New Year's Eve - 7 AM to Noon**

**New Year's Day - 10 AM to 10 PM**



### WAYNE'S WORLD

The holidays are fast approaching and there is a lot of activity at the Club. We held our annual Oktoberfest and had a great turnout! You can check out the photos on our website. Our staff always enjoys decorating for Halloween and immediately following Thanksgiving, we will start decorating for Christmas. Santa has promised to come to the Club again this year on Sunday, December 8th. If you want to get a picture with Santa, he is always happy to oblige.

Did you know that the Club is within walking distance of three major synagogues? We have a large number of Jewish members and their Hanukkah celebrations will actually overlap with the

Thanksgiving holiday this year, which is quite rare. The last time this happened was over 100 years ago.



This year as we prepare for Thanksgiving, we will again hold our "Hunger has no Holiday" food drive for the less fortunate in our community. You can drop off dry and canned goods in the donation bin located at the main entrance to the Club. We are working with North County Interfaith Community Services which provides many wonderful services to our community. We will continue collecting food until Christmas.

On the sporting front, the Tennis Committee has decided to start using a new rating system for skill levels in order to be able to organize both competitive and social events for a members on a more even basis. This will not only allow us to organize events for our members, but will also be a tool for helping to connect members who are looking to find comparable players for their individual games. Please see article written by our head pro, Jeff Dollins, on this subject.

During the winter months, we have many maintenance projects scheduled, some which impact the availability of Club facilities. Planned projects include: upgrading the front entrance, resurfacing of some of the tennis courts, reflooring the gym, rebuilding and upgrading the

Club sign on the corner of Rancho Bernardo Road and Bernardo Oaks Drive. **The Club 21 pool and locker rooms will be closed from December 2nd through 13th** for resurfacing and coping for the Club 21 pool. We appreciate that this will be an inconvenience for some of our members and thank you in advance for your patience.

### **SANTA'S COMING TO THE CLUB**



Everyone knows that Santa loves children and Santa has confirmed that he will be at the Club on Sunday, December 8th from 1 - 3 PM. Last year almost 100 children and grandchildren of Club members visited with Santa. We will be taking photos and you are encouraged to bring your own camera so you can get lots of photos. There will be cookies, milk, juice, and coffee provided. There will also be Christmas videos to keep the children entertained. So bring your camera and come visit Santa!

### **HOLIDAY STAFF APPRECIATION FUND**



It's that time of the year again! Let's make sure our Club staff know they are appreciated.

Our employees have been working hard this past year. Members of the maintenance staff begin to arrive as early as 4 AM to commence their daily cleaning, repairing and landscaping. Also, from the moment the office staff unlocks the front gate at 7 AM, they are here to serve your needs.

From welcoming new members and creating ID cards, to addressing questions, comments and concerns, the office staff does it all!

As the holiday season approaches, it is tradition for us to open a fund and begin accepting donations to be divided among the maintenance and office staff so they know how much they are valued.

Members may drop off an envelope at the front office with cash or a check made out to RB Swim and Tennis Club marked for the Employee Holiday Fund. Please include your full name and address on the envelope unless you want your gift to be anonymous.

### **HUNGER HAS NO HOLIDAYS**

Most of us at RBSTC have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season. However, we are also aware that many in our community struggle to meet their basic needs. The employees at the Club have decided that we would like to do a little something to help. We are inviting our members to join us in supporting North County Interfaith Community Services by donating canned and dry food products for their food bank. Throughout the holiday season you can drop off food donations at the container located at our front gate. Suggested food items are: dried pasta, canned chili, canned beans, hearty soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned pasta meals, mac & cheese, or cold cereal. If you prefer to donate cash toward foods, please leave it with the front desk staff and be sure to indicate that it is for the food drive. Let's all remember to give thanks. You can learn more about them at their website, [www.interfaithservices.org](http://www.interfaithservices.org).

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### **SMOKING BANNED AT THE CLUB**

The Board of Directors has voted to restrict smoking in all areas of the Club with the exception of one designated smoking area located behind the large multi-purpose building. There are two ashtray receptacles provided. One is located on the back patio behind the Castille Room and the other is located at the concrete table behind the gym.

## **NEW FACE AT THE FRONT DESK**

**Shari Henry**



Anyone who comes to the Club Monday through Friday between the time we open and 3:30, has noticed that there has been a personnel change. Shari is not new to RBSTC, but she has recently taken a full-time position as Front Desk Receptionist. Shari has worked at the Club part-time in the front office since 2011. In addition to receptionist and front office duties, she is responsible for all escrow packages whenever any house is sold in our area, and also for coordinating use of all the function rooms in our facility.

Shari and her husband Wayne have lived in the area for over 25 years. They have 4 sons who have been active users of the Club.

Shari enjoys using the gym, loves to cook, and is an avid reader. In her free time, she likes to bake yummy goodies, make crafts, and practice her calligraphy. Shari is creative, a multi-tasker and very organized and is a great asset to the Club.

## **ATTENTION TENNIS PLAYERS by Jeff Dollins**

In an effort to provide the tennis players of our Club more level specific opportunities, we are offering FREE ratings for the month of December. We're hoping to get as many people rated as possible. Getting rated will help determine which programs and people are best matches for your tennis, which should greatly add to your enjoyment of the game.

We will be using the SSV rating system which consists of being tossed balls and being scored on your control and power along with a timed run to determine a total score of 0 - 200. The test is completely objective (unlike the NTRP subjective system) and has been proven to provide good match ups. We've been using the system for our junior players and it really increased their enjoyment and motivation to play. The rating system also helps you determine the strengths and weaknesses of your game.

Once enough players are rated, we will determine what is best for our Club. The Tennis Committee and your tennis pro (me) will determine if the Club would support more leagues and at what levels, more lessons/clinics for specific levels, club exchanges, socials, etc. Just knowing your score will help you find players that would be fun to play, and help us get you together.

The SSV rating system is normally \$25, and we will be charged after the end of the year, so take advantage if the FREE testing while you can. To get tested you simply need to contact me, Jeff Dollins at [rbtennis@yahoo.com](mailto:rbtennis@yahoo.com). Sending me an email of your intentions and availability will help me schedule according to your needs. You can also look for times that will be posted on the board by Court #1. I'm going to try to provide regular testing times on Saturdays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM throughout December, but if you see me out there testing, please don't be shy and come and get tested. The test takes about 20 - 25 minutes, however, I strongly recommend that you either play prior to your test or make time to get warmed up. Some people have not been happy with their score because they were not warmed up. We hope to give our current and new players more tennis opportunities, but we need your participation to make it possible.

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## **NEW OIL/ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS AT THE CLUB**

Club member, Julia San Roman will teach an 8 week course starting in January. The 3 hour classes will meet every Thursday morning at 9:30. You can find out more about Julia and the cost of the class at [www.juliasanroman.com](http://www.juliasanroman.com), or call her at (619) 261 - 0815, or email her at [sanroman513@aol.com](mailto:sanroman513@aol.com).

## **RBSTC FALL/WINTER CLASSES**

Get in shape for your New Year's resolution! Work your mind, body & soul...

Aerobics - Bobbie Davis  
858-485-0132

Art Critique - Nancy Oleksa  
858-748-7809

English Country Dance - Eric Stromberg 760-331-9787

Strength & Stretch - Judy Ryan  
858-603-3091

Folkloric Ballet - Maria Ghaibi  
858-385-0621 (Adults & Kids)

Line Dance - Cathleen Bossaller  
760-945-4682

Step by Step Dance - Jeri/Sioux  
858-487-6652 (Kids only)

Taekwondo - Bill Wacholtz  
858-487-4452 (Adults & Kids)

Tai Chi - Bill/Georgette Coffey  
858-485-0517

Tennis Lessons - Kim Dollins  
858-213-5583 (Adults & Kids)

Water Color Art - Jenny Leeg  
858-432-4471

Yoga for Cancer Survivors  
Angie Bagnas 858-578-5731

Zumba Fitness - Maria Ghaibi  
8858-385-0621

## **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE**

The Architectural Committee is here to help you with all issues relating to the interpretation and enforcement of the CC&R's. The Committee meets at 8:30 AM every Saturday morning at the Swim & Tennis Club and is always ready to talk to you about home improvements you are planning and/or possible violations of the CC&R's. The Committee can be reached at 858-729-1232 and forms are available at the front office or at [www.rbstc.com](http://www.rbstc.com).



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## **RBSTC ELECTIONS**

The annual elections of the Board of Directors are held every year in March. Each year we elect 3 directors to 3 year terms. We will be accepting nominations in December and January. If you think you would be interested in serving the community in this capacity, you are encouraged to attend some of the Board of Directors meetings to familiarize yourself with what is involved. The Board of Directors meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month in Club 21 Room at 7 PM. You may also contact the General Manager, Wayne Klusmeier if you have any questions.

