



Laguna Woods Archery Club

June 2024 Newsletter

We Fought

There were about 120 villagers attended May 1st Building E Committee meeting at CH5. Among the attendees, at least ten of our club members were also on site. The main debate focus of the meeting was the Proposal One which brought up by committee members Nancy Carlson (a United board director) and Andy Ginocchio (a Third board director).

The Proposal One suggested the Table Tennis Club move to CH1 court A (shuffle board) and court B (archery range) by promising the club a larger square footage and more tables to fit in. The Shuffle Board Club would go outdoor, and the archery range would either move to outdoor or a possible space inside of CH4.

First of all, the President of Table Tennis Club made a powerful and detailed speech against the proposal. He cited the high ceiling, poor lighting, swamp cooler ventilating, and floor condition would be very costly to correct in order to re-creating the current condition that sport of table tennis requires (enhanced lighting, air condition, and specially designed floor preventing from fall). Beyond that, the two separate facilities of court A and B would also hamper the comradery of the club activities. On top of all those, the parking and Gate One entry could be another potential hazard issue causing traffic back up on El Toro Road.

Our Range Director David Ring and member Andy Weaver took the podium and spoke on our club's behalf. Linda Vanderlinde also stood up and stated a couple of very important facts.

LWAC paid and applied Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the City of Lagune Woods in 2016. Based on City's zoning code, City did environmental evaluation, public safety assessment, sheriff department inspection, and insurance legal review. This CUP was finally granted and it

only applied to the court B this specific location. If LWAC were to move to CH4, another CUP would have to reapply. Based on CH4 location and adjacent residential surroundings, it may not be granted. According to City's municipality code, outdoor range is extremely prohibited in City boundary.

On May 7th GRF Board meeting, both Anson Dong and Linda Vanderlinde also submitted their written emails that were read loud at the meeting to state our standings, along with other impacted clubs' statements.

On the next GRF Board meeting, likely there will be a vote to choose between shuffling many clubs around (proposal 1) or rebuilding Building E (proposal 2). After that, the vote will expand to each mutual's Boards. It is critically important that you participate in your mutual's town hall meeting and Board meeting to express your opinion and support for our range's survival!

Time to Bow a Farewell

This is your bean counter, Linda Vanderlinde. When I first took over the club treasurer position in April, 2017, we had exactly \$513.97 on the book. At that same month, our range opened its door to all of our enthusiastic senior archers. After 7 years passed, we are now a much bigger and stronger club with a substantial improvement on our financial position, thanks largely in part for our members' generous donations and the continuing growth of club membership.

During these 7 years, including the tough pandemic shut down, the club went through many ups and downs. We fought for our range improvement, we communicated well with Village's different level of management, we built a loyal RM team, and we gained valuable support from our club members. We took every opportunity to protect our club's best interest and often we overcame. We had some disappointments along the way but lots of cheers too. I am glad I could be a part of hard-working Board member team who had contributed their volunteer time and effort to lay out a solid foundation for this club's brighter future.

This will be my last compilation of club's monthly newsletter. Club's President Anson Dong has agreed to continue as club's President for another year while Range Director David Ring will continue his existing role as a Board member. Thankfully, club members Joanne McCoy and Rena Chin have volunteered to help out with part of Club's Treasurer/Secretary tasks. I will still handle club's insurance affair until re-establishing our insurance policy just before CH1 and range reopen sometimes in the fall.

Recently, my personal life had taken a turn that made me to refocus and reorganize my priority in life. I will now be able to fly away to fulfill my bucket list. Yes, I will still be an archer and you will continue seeing me in the range. Yes, I will still be here behind the screen scenes supporting our archery club whenever I can. Many sincere thanks for your relentless support and understanding for all those good years!

The Board of Laguna Woods Archery Club