

Submitted via e-mail to public@cityofgrassvalley.com

Comments from Baseline Tennis Club for submission to the Grass Valley City Council Meeting on September 13, 2022

Community. Whether you grew up in this beautiful area or moved here to enjoy our variety of year-round outdoor recreation opportunities, connecting with those with similar interests can be a challenge. The Baseline Tennis Club came about in part due to that challenge.

Access to public tennis facilities and opportunities for residents to connect with other players is quite limited in Nevada County. The City of Grass Valley has taken the lead in providing public courts and facilitating access for teaching professionals. The City has also worked with the Grass Valley Pickleball Club to formulate a successful court access schedule that accommodates all players interested in their sport.

The Baseline Tennis Club, a local community group open to all levels of tennis player, was created to work with the City to emulate that success. This group has been playing the past 2 years, growing from the original 4 or 5 players to more than 25, in part due to referrals from other players and local pros, as well as those who just show up at the courts to inquire about a tennis community. We are a microcosm of the community – retirees, working professionals, and busy community leaders representing all diverse groups. In recent months as the group grew and we had 8 or more players showing up for open play sessions, we have used 2 adjacent courts to be able to rotate in all players coming to the open session.

With two or three 2-hour reserved time slots on two courts per week, we can utilize a court reservation app and facilitate group play. Group texts will help players find others of their skill level for both singles and doubles play on their own schedules. Established doubles groups can find alternates when necessary and we can all meet some new people with a common love of the game.

With posted scheduled open play times at the courts and a link to our tennis community website, it gives the community an opportunity to showcase Grass Valley as a leader in supporting tennis in our area. Visitors come to hike, bike, boat, and enjoy the river, so let's add tennis with some scheduled times. Another great reason to come to Grass Valley!

We see this as a huge benefit for the community as a way for tennis players at all levels to connect with each other and find partners to play with.

BASELINE TENNIS CLUB ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
(Revised and approved as of August 2022)

These Articles of Association (also known as "Bylaws") supersede and replace all prior approved versions of the BASELINE TENNIS CLUB Bylaws.

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the unincorporated non-profit association is BASELINE TENNIS CLUB ("CLUB")

ARTICLE 2. GOALS

The goals of the CLUB are as follows:

- To further public interest and participation in the game of tennis;
 - To facilitate coordination of players of all abilities
- To promote tennis related activities in Nevada County, including player development in coordination with local tennis teaching professionals;
- To work with the City of Grass Valley, the City of Nevada City, County of Nevada, departments of them and other persons, clubs and firms to develop and maintain tennis facilities.

ARTICLE 3. STATUS

The CLUB is a not-for-profit association. The primary purpose and activities of the CLUB are for the pleasure and recreation of its members. The CLUB shall have an established membership, with opportunities for personal contact and fellowship among members. No funds or assets of the CLUB may be used for the personal benefit of any particular person(s). The CLUB will be primarily supported by membership dues. It is intended that the CLUB will qualify as tax-exempt under Federal and California law.

ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is limited to players in full compliance with rules of play, and up to date with annual dues payments. The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel any member with or without cause. Each member is entitled to one vote on CLUB matters which are submitted to a vote to the general membership.

ARTICLE 5 ORGANIZATIONI

A. Officers: The Officers of the club are: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

B. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors is composed of the Officers designated above.

The duty of the Board of Directors is to carry out the objectives of the club, including, but not limited to, filling vacancies on the Board, setting annual dues, establishing rules for play, organizing an annual meeting of all members and establishing criteria and rules for new applicants.

The Board of Directors is elected at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the General Membership. Board posts are transferred at the first Board meeting in January. The immediate past Vice President serves as President.

C. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

a. President

The President calls and presides over Board and General Membership meetings and is the chief executive officer of the club. The President is responsible for all club correspondence.

b. Vice President

The Vice President assumes all duties of the President in their absence and assumes the position of President the following year without standing for election.

c. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer writes and maintains a file of minutes of all meetings, maintains the files containing bylaws, policies, rules and history of the club. The Secretary/Treasurer collects dues, keeps a current record of all monetary collections and disbursements and disburses all funds. The Treasurer shall maintain the CLUB bank account with a Signature Card including the Secretary/Treasurer and at least one other board member.

Any vacancies on the Board shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the Board

ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

At least one General Membership meeting will be held each year. The meeting is called by the President with at least a 15-day notification to all voting members. Three members constitute a quorum for voting purposes. Members may appear in person or vote by proxy.

ARTICLE 7 DUES

The annual dues are reviewed and specified by a majority vote of the Board. They are announced to the membership at least 30 days before the November 1 due date. Membership dues are due by annual General Membership meeting. A member who has not paid dues by January 1 is dropped from the club.

ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Substantive changes and/or additions to the Bylaws require a two-thirds vote of approval by the General Membership.

ARTICLE 9. NO LIABILITY

No member, board of directors member, officer, committee member or other agent or volunteer of services relating to the CLUB shall be personally liable for any debts, liabilities, claims or other obligations of the CLUB.

ARTICLE 10. INDEMNIFICATION

If any claim is asserted against any individual member of the board of directors, officer or member of an appointed committee, the CLUB shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless such individual against such claim, including attorney fees. Such indemnification, defense and hold harmless obligation shall apply to the fullest extent allowable under the law.

**COMMENTS RECEIVED IN
SUPPORT OF BASELINE TENNIS
CLUB'S PROPOSAL**

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Tennis Club

Zac – I just wanted to give my support for the Baseline Tennis Club in their effort to reserve tennis court(s) – I hope a suitable agreement can be reached.

Thank you,

~~Andie R. L.~~
Grass Valley, 95949

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 1:25 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Tennis

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Hi Zac

I'm writing in support of Baseline's request for a facility use agreement. The reason I support it is because I believe it will encourage tennis players to come out to play! It's an inclusive request from my point of view as it will allow tennis players to know when and where they can go to meet new players and catch up with those they may have met previously. Thank you for considering this!

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:25 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Tennis Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Zac -

Please add my name to the list of people that think the Baseline Tennis Club arrangement currently being considered would be a big plus for the community.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Newell City, CA 95660

[REDACTED]

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 1:30 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Tennis Proposal

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Hello Zac,

Baseline Tennis club is a growing group of community players who have come together by word-of-mouth, and by meeting each other on public and private courts. We have become a social group as well as a group who enjoys the game and the exercise. We use text messaging in an effort to organize days, times, and locations for play, and when the group was small, that worked well much of the time. But as we include more and more players in the group, it has become increasingly difficult to find courts to accommodate us. Imagine ten people meeting at Memorial Park at the planned time, only to discover that all the courts are full for the next hour or so. The group then piles in ten separate automobiles and drives to Pioneer Park only to discover that those courts are also full, and so on. Or maybe we get lucky, and one court is open, but now we must decide how to rotate ten players in and out of a four person game. You get the idea.

Then we realized that Pickleball players can reserve courts by virtue of having formed a club, and that is what we are striving for as well, the ability to reserve courts to accommodate our group. It is in no way our intention to exclude "the public" from the city's public courts. We are the public, and our group is open to all. We feel that the ability to reserve courts for Baseline Tennis club is simply the most efficient, best use arrangement given the limited facilities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 8:29 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Tennis Club

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I love this idea!

I'm a tennis player and to have the ability to sign-up to see others scheduled to play will give me the opportunity to to play with new players and make new friends. If we could use the same format as Pickleball with PlayTime Scheduler, which I believe has been successful, that would be a real win for tennis. With posted scheduled times it gives the community an opportunity to showcase Grass Valley as a leader in supporting tennis in our town. A real win if we could post scheduled times in any sort of welcoming tourist information. Visitors come to hike, bike, boat, enjoy the river etc., so let's add tennis with some scheduled times. Another great reason to come to Grass Valley!

Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

Zac Quentmeyer

From: Joan Scaldi <joan.scaldi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 6:27 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Tennis Club

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Zac,
I would like to submit my support for the Baseline Tennis Club. I believe it would be a great benefit for the GV/NC tennis community. I am fairly new to the community and just getting back into tennis after 10 years. I was welcomed by the group and encouraged to attend clinics and get private lessons from John Hendrickson. Through the lessons and connection with a great group of people encouraging me in my tennis development I am now playing several times a week. Having a scheduled time to meet up would allow more people like me to connect and play. They are only asking for 2 two hour reserved times per week - this should not affect lessons or private play. I hope you will approve the application for this club.

Thanks ,

Joan Scaldi

Zac Quentmeyer

From: Marianne Cartan <cartanmar@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 8:17 AM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Support for Baseline Tennis Club

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Dear Zac,

We are writing in support of the proposal submitted by Baseline Tennis Club. There is clearly a shortage of tennis court availability in Western Nevada County.

The few courts that have been available to local tennis players have been encroached upon by the increase of pickleball players in our area. SYC, a private club, now only offers one court for reservation by its members.

Tennis is a sport that should be supported, as other sports are in the community. Tennis players should have the opportunity to be able to gain access to the few courts remaining in our community in an organized manner and not always have to spend time driving/walking from court to court in the hopes that one will come open. Additionally, Baseline Tennis Club focuses on doubles play in order to accommodate more players at one time.

Pickleball players have many more courts available to them now, and one of the reasons for the growth of the sport is the support that they have received both from public and private properties. The Baseline Tennis Club has a "welcome all" institutional attitude, and we are confident that the association will grow if it is successful in breaking through the challenges that are frustrating local players.

As lifelong tennis players now in our late 60's, we wholeheartedly support the Baseline Tennis Club in its efforts to be recognized by the City as an avenue by which local tennis players can continue healthy exercise and continue to play a sport that they love.

Sincerely,

Michael and Marianne Cartan

Zac Quentmeyer

From: Paul Scafidi <PScafidi@spi-ind.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: -+++++Baseline Tennis Club

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Good afternoon Zac,

I'm writing in support of the Baseline Tennis Club's efforts to work with the city of Grass Valley to encourage participation in organized tennis. Public courts are very limited in this area, so it's been difficult to find 2 courts side by side that will accommodate our players (we have at least 20). It seems like every week new people are connecting with us and joining in, so

it's not getting any easier. My wife and I just started getting back into tennis and this group was so welcoming and fun, we've been with them ever since. Several of the private courts have gone to pickle ball, so we have even less access. It seems to me, that if the pickle ball club can have the right reserve courts, we should too. We are not a threat to the public wanting to play tennis. If anything, we're quite the opposite. I ask that you approve Baseline's request and thank you for your consideration.



Zac Quentmeyer

From: Rachel Peña <rpena005@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Tennis club

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Good afternoon,

My name is Rachel Peña and I have lived and worked in Western Nevada County since 1999. I am writing in support of the Baseline Tennis Club and it's ability to reserve courts a few times a week for open play for its members. I am a new tennis player and have wanted to get more involved in the sport for years. Unfortunately, the prices at both SYC and the tennis club on Ridge have been prohibitive for me. I have recently started playing with the Baseline group and I have been loving it. Since I'm only able to play on Sundays, it has been hard to spend that time driving around looking for open courts. I would be incredibly grateful for the opportunity to reserve the tennis courts in the same way that the pickleball club is able to reserve for drop in play. I also think that it will be an overall benefit to our community and to other players looking to get involved but unable to join a private club. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Rachel Peña
530.913.8181

Sent from my iPhone

Zac Quentmeyer

From: Steve Elias <steve-elias153@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: tennis input

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Hello Grass Valley staff,

My name is Steve Elias, I live in Grass Valley and I am a member of the Baseline Tennis Club. Thanks for this opportunity to provide input on whether or not our club should be able to reserve tennis court time. As I understand the existing policy regarding reservations (please correct me if I am wrong), the Grass Valley Pickleball Club is currently allowed to reserve time on pickleball courts at Memorial. The 18 member Baseline Club (and we continue to grow in numbers) is only asking for equity in relation to current policy. I would add that it's really hard for our members to find places to play because there aren't that many tennis courts in our area and, moreover, tennis courts continue being converted to pickleball courts because of growing interest in this new sport.

Finally, my understanding is (and please correct me if I am wrong) that those who don't want the Baseline Club to be able to reserve courts argue that because these are PUBLIC courts no reservations should be allowed; Reservations at PRIVATE clubs are fine but we shouldn't be privatizing a public facility. My question/comment is that there doesn't seem to be any objection from those opposing the Baseline Club request to allowing the Grass Valley Pickleball Club to continue being able to reserve courts. Maybe I am misinformed on this point and I would appreciate clarification from staff. Has there been any opposition to Grass Valley's Pickleball Club being allowed to reserve courts at a PUBLIC facility and if there has been opposition how did the city respond?

Thanks Steve Elias

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 9:15 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Tennis Club proposal

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Dear Zac,

I am fully supportive of the initiative to allow this community based group to be allocated regular playing times on the Grass Valley public courts.

My reasons being, unless you join a private club, it is hard to find tennis partners to play with and the Baseline Tennis Club enables this and provides a great social environment to enjoy the game and to meet new people.

The success of the pickleball club that plays down in Memorial Park is a testimony to this model of sports engagement and I commend the City of Grass Valley for enabling their success.

Encouraging and supporting groups such as the Baseline Tennis Club will reflect well on the City Council and enhances the health and social well-being of this great community we all share.

Thank you for your time and efforts with this proposal.

Kind regards,

COMMENTS RECEIVED IN
OBJECTION TO BASELINE
TENNIS CLUB'S PROPOSAL

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Zac Quentmeyer](#)
Subject: Form submission from: Contact us
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 4:31:29 PM

		
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WEBFORM SUBMISSION

Submitted by anonymous user:
[2600:1700:c120:a0a0:493c:7209:edca:63de]

Your name:

[REDACTED]

Your e-mail:

[REDACTED]

Your Phone Number:

[REDACTED]

Message:

Hi Zac. Windscreens look great. Thanks. Now back to the Baseline Tennis Club stuff. I read their manifesto!! Where do I start. Player development with coordination from local Pros. Rick asked me if I would be part of the club and I said no. Player development starts with junior tennis not a private organization.. In fact, Rick and several others stopped their membership at Ridge Racquet Club and the South Yuba Club because they couldn't get enough court time. They say they are non-profit. What are their dues for? How about the insurance issue?? They can reserve the courts but the public doesn't have to. First come first serve. What if I am teaching at 7:30 am and they come out at eight saying they reserved the court??? Nightmare on Elm Street part Four!!! Just sounds like a bunch of people who want to privatize something that is public. Thanks and I appreciate your work. [REDACTED]

Attachment(s) (if applicable):

CONTEXT INFORMATION

Profile contacted:

[Zac Quentmeyer](#)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Zac Quentmeyer](#)
Subject: Fwd: Baseline
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022 8:56:00 AM
Attachments: [flyer.jpg](#)
[baseline bylaws 2022.pdf](#)

I guess the way I look at it is, if it's not broke, don't fix it.
I have lived here 23 years and never have had a problem getting a tennis court.
It's courtesy to play 1 hour with singles and 2 hours with doubles.
Then leave if someone is waiting.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Zac Quentmeyer](#)
Subject: I read the laughable bylaws
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 1:24:21 PM

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Hi again Zac,

Their second bylaw is laughable. They do not have the support of tennis professionals in the area. Tennis isn't played by people of vastly different skill levels. They don't have members who are teaching professionals as far as I know. Their tennis isn't going to promote tennis in the area, just alienate other players. They are just doing a time grab that's currently against the rules as put forth on the rules boards at both parks.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Zac Quentmeyer](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Tennis
Date: Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:32:54 PM

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[REDACTED]
Former Parks and Recreation Commission Chair.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]@com>
Date: 9/1/22 11:34 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: zacq@cityofgrassvalley.com
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Tennis

I have been playing tennis at Memorial Park since the 1980s. There has been an ebb and flow of activity and community of players. There has never been a reservation system and players have always found a time they could access a court. The mornings are the busy time, but with all 6 courts open for use I can't remember a time I couldn't get on a court. When there is ice and snow and GV courts are unplayable I've gone to Penn Valley at Western Gateway Park. I am opposed to a reservation system and I play twice a week at pretty much the same time. I would rather the City invest resources in increasing the frequency of blowing down and washing the courts. Why add a reservation system to fix a problem that doesn't exist? There are private tennis clubs in town that have reservation systems. If folks need the certainty of an open court they can join one. The pickleball club has reserved court club play times because they have organized and recruited a large membership group. They charge \$60 a year, schedule clinics, provide rules and oversight, and leadership is active during club hours. Does GV propose to provide this level of management and programing parallel to a reservation system?

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Zac Quentmeyer](#)
Subject: Tennis
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 1:47:10 PM

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Hi Zac,

I would appreciate seeing,/ having a copy of the Baseline tennis group proposal and how this will affect tennis players These are public courts and unlike the pickleball courts, baseline did not contribute to setting up courts or maintaining them. What would dues be for if baseline is non profit!

Personally I feel that is becoming for the 'privileged'!!

Respectfully submitted

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Zac Quentmeyer](#)
Subject: Tennis Courts
Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:40:46 AM

To: Zac Quentmeyer, City of Grass Valley

Good Morning Zac,

It has come to our attention that the City of Grass Valley is considering to allow a newly formed tennis group to have private use/control of the Memorial Park and Dee Martino tennis facilities. It has also been mentioned that this group would take the "preferred" hours leaving others to play in the heat of the day and/or cold of the morning. These are the only "public" tennis courts available to those who cannot afford to, or prefer not to, join a private club. All taxpayers have paid for the upgrading and maintenance of these facilities as public use. We are in opposition to this proposal and would appreciate the City of Grass Valley leaving their use on a first-come first-serve basis.

Also, please provide us with a copy of City policies for use of the these courts.

Thank you, [REDACTED]
Grass Valley

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Zac Quentmeyer](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 18 seconds)
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 2:11:55 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Hello, Zach, my name is [REDACTED]. I live in downtown Grass Valley. And I noticed the green notice on the tennis courts. And I'm calling to give you some feedback and which consists of a frustration, because they're public courts, that my taxes have paid for close to thirty years and I don't wanna have to compete with a private club requiring membership for that. I don't think that's right. I think that the pickleball association has taken over those courts, and it's not the same as it used to be. And I think that a public court should be public, and I don't think that the priority should be given to a private club. I think if private club wants to be active up here, they could talk to Ridge or they could build their court somewhere else. But I don't think it's appropriate for public courts to be taken over by private enterprise. So that's my feedback. I'll probably be writing you an e-mail. I'd also like to know why you'd be doing this and what kind of membership and reservation system it would be. But I really do oppose the idea altogether. As a taxpaying citizen that likes to play tennis, goodbye.

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Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Question about Baseline Tennis Club

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Hi Zac,

We apparently lost the connection when the four of us were talking with you earlier. We would all like to know how big this "club" is, and who leads it.

It is my opinion that the overwhelming majority of tennis players see no need to have to sign up for a court. Whom does it benefit? If the Baseline Club members feel such a need, they can join Ridge Racquet Club or South Yuba Club, where one can sign up for a court ahead of time. We don't need an additional level of bureaucracy, let alone all the divisiveness and conflict that it will cause in a public park. Tennis is about as different from pickleball as is possible and does not nor should not have the same rules.

The four of us, and others as well, will be sending you e-mails in addition to the talk we had this morning.

Please let me know who are in this Baseline group so we four and others can figure out what Baseline members need and maybe help them solve them without changing the way public courts are handled.

Thank-you.

[REDACTED]

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 12:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Please provide a list

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Hi,

So that the rest of us tennis players can try to find some middle ground, please give me a list of the players in your club.

For as long as I have lived here, there has been no such proposal, nor has there been a need for such. We all have to abide by the rules, and want to know what makes you so special that you need to change the rules, which will negatively impact most of the tennis players in this community.

[REDACTED]

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 1:11 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: No group

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Hi Zac,

I don't have a group. Most tennis players don't. We arrange individual sessions of from 60-90 minutes, with the opponent(s) of our choice. The mere idea of a large group is alien to tennis. It is more in keeping with pickle ball.

In tennis, one tries to hit with and against players of a similar skill level. I play usually five mornings a week. Others play more or less. I can't speak for the rest of the tennis community.

A large group of tennis players would disrupt those of us who take our game seriously, with noise and with constant comings and goings. I don't see why they are special and need special rules of any kind. These are public courts, and should be open to the public and not favor any one group.

Bylaws schmylaws. This is a naked grab for tennis court time because they're so special. This will result in many hard feelings, and all out conflicts. If we can't be on the court more than 60-90 minutes (singles vs doubles), why should they? Let them find and rent a private court if they want to do this!

[REDACTED]

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: I read the laughable bylaws

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Hi again Zac,

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[REDACTED]

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 6:07 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Baseline Club should be banned!

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Hi Zac,

Quite a number of tennis players are up in arms about the Baseline proposal. We all feel that they are out to make an end run around the rules, and have no regard for anyone not in their little club. There is no need for what they are requesting. They are not more special than the other tennis players. Here's what I came up with:

Giving preferential treatment to a private group sets a dangerous precedent in a community. What's to stop ten other private groups to ask for the same preferential treatment? And, what about Greg Cicatelli, who can't even reserve his teaching court? Is this small private group entitled to special treatment? No! They can follow the rules of the courts which have been in effect since long before I moved here 23 years ago. The rules as they stand work well.

This group, contrary to their claims in their bylaws, have no support from the certified teaching pros in the area. How do they plan for the betterment of tennis? They don't! They plan only for the betterment of their members, at the expense of everyone else. According to their bylaws, they can get rid of any member at any time. And their bylaws make no mention on how they are going to make tennis better. As far as I know, none of their members is a certified teaching pro, and they have no experience in teaching tennis.

Tennis is played by those of similar skill levels. It takes a long time to develop tennis skills, and those who are skilled have no interest in playing with beginners. The club's purported ideals are neither practical nor true. They just say that to give a good impression, if not a true one.

Football and soccer are both played with balls on grass. Saying that tennis should allow this Baseline group to have special rules because pickleball does is the same as saying that football and soccer should have the same rules. It makes no sense!

Finally, the rules of tennis as posted on the boards at the courts have worked well not only here but in public tennis courts across the nation. It is expected that "first come first served" is the way public courts are and should be run. To have a privileged group with a different set of rules just isn't right, and is unfair to those of us who follow the rules.

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Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 12:14 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Need & benefit

What is the need for the proposal, who benefits, and who is hurt? There's no need--tennis rules work just fine the way they are. The only ones who benefit are the members of the group, and it hurts everyone else, who is being denied court time when this group has grabbed it.

This is sufficiently different from any of the items you listed to make it stand out as a very dangerous thing to do. One could definitely cite discrimination against all other players by this group that wants special privileges.

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 11:59 AM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Is there a need?

Hi Zac,

Does the Baseline group fulfill a need in the city, like many of the other groups you mentioned, such as scouting, baseball, softball, etc. do?

To grow tennis, one needs to have a junior development program. The current professionals do this, and are qualified to do so. They have clinics, not only for juniors, but also for adults who are trying to improve their tennis. They are the ones certified to do so. They will teach good habits in tennis.

The Baseline group does not fulfill this need. Nor does it have an exclusive on getting people set up with comparable players, with professionals who give lessons, or anything else. All tennis players who have any experience know the pros and know how people can get hold of them. If this does not seem to be enough, the city could put up a flyer listing the names and contact information for all the certified teaching pros. Baseline group is superfluous.

So, the Baseline group does not fulfill any city need. Does the tennis community need a group of privileged players who can reserve courts while others cannot? Absolutely not! What's fair for the rest of us is fair for the Baseline group.

For instance, this morning they were on three courts from about 8:30 on. They did not need reservations, nor should they need reservations for other times. The solution I sent you before should apply to them the same as they apply to the rest of us.

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Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 1:52 PM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Winter

In winter, courts 3 & 4 at Memorial are unplayable for days on end. Sometimes, the creek floods, and the courts at Pioneer are also unplayable. If the "club" takes two courts, that leaves only two courts for the remaining players. Not fair at all!

Zac Quentmeyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2022 8:18 AM
To: Zac Quentmeyer
Subject: Reservations

Hi Zac,

I have never heard of a tennis facility, whether private or public, allowing a permanent reservation by a player or group of players. Reservations have been possible only if that player or group did not have any other reservations pending, and only up to a few days ahead of the reservation date. In addition, players reserving on public courts have had to pay a fee.

For example, public facility Cuesta Park in Mountain View accepts reservations on two courts (of the 35 public courts in Mountain View). Court fees for reservations depend on whether one lives in Mountain View and upon time of day, and range from \$11/hour to \$15/hour, with light fees an additional \$5, and can be made up to a week in advance.

In every public facility that I have played on across the USA, if reservations are possible and a fee charged, that facility has had an employee on site at all times the courts were open for play.

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Petition against "Baseline Tennis Club"

We, the tennis players of Nevada County, petition to the City of Grass Valley, to not cater to the private group calling themselves "Baseline Tennis Club" by granting them preferential treatment in letting them have guaranteed, reserved tennis court time for the following reasons:

- 1) This is a small group of friends that do not represent the majority of the tennis community in Nevada County.
- 2) The first come, first serve rule of 60 minutes for singles and 90 minutes for doubles has served this community for the public courts without conflict since the courts were built. Giving this group special privileges will create conflict among the tennis community...and who will enforce their reservation when someone refuses to yield the court?
- 3) If they want to reserve courts, there are two private clubs in the city where they can do that...South Yuba Club and Ridge Racquet Club.
- 4) Contrary to what they state as their goals in Article 2 of their bylaws:
 - a) They do not have the knowledge, resources, or any type of specific plan to "further public interest and participation in tennis"
 - b) They do not have a certified USPTA instructor as part of their group in order to teach tennis.
 - c) They state they will facilitate coordination of players of all abilities. How would they do this? You cannot put different levels of tennis players on the same court; it is frustrating and non-conducive to a productive game of tennis or any manner of improvement. Also, their desire to play in a round robin fashion is not how the majority of the tennis community wants to play tennis. We arrange matches of singles or doubles with people of our own skill level and play 2 out of 3 sets.
- 5) You cannot compare the style of play and use of a tennis court to other sports...specifically pickle ball, in which matches only last 15 minutes and round robin play is the norm where players rotate between courts to play different individuals each match. As stated above, tennis is not played in this manner
- 6) Lastly, on a slightly different note...their bylaws state they are a Non Profit organization, yet they will be charging dues. What are the dues for? How will they account for them and will their Financial Statements be made public, as all Non Profit organizations are required to do by law? Who will monitor this?

For all of the above reasons, we think it would be highly unfair to grant this small group of people, who merely do not want to have to wait for a court like the rest of us, the special privilege of getting to reserve courts when the rest of us cannot.

See attached pages for signatures:

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