

Tennis keys

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To: Office Administrator <officeadmin@theranchtoday.org>

Dear Board Members,

I wanted to provide some public feedback before you finalized the plan for tennis key distribution in 2022.

I have owned a Tiburon home for 25 years and purchased a family key for our use since my son took up tennis.

First, we use the courts to help my son practice and prepare for Special Olympics events. This was particularly helpful during the pandemic when much of his life, including recreation activities were shutdown.

Second, we use the courts to practice with our tennis ball machine and for socializing with friends. Unfortunately, we have found it increasingly hard to book a court in Tiburon at the preferred times. This seems to be in part due to certain nonresidents obtaining keys and the increasing use by pickleballers. It seems that some folks continue to renew and obtain keys even though they are not entitled to use the facilities. For example, I personally knew of 5 friends from Mill Valley and Corte Madera/Larkspur who have keys even though they neither live nor work here. May I suggest that for 2022, proof of residency be required by showing a drivers license with a Tiburon or Belvedere address?

My son is not able to manage booking at the exact time due to his developmental issues so he often gets in when the time he wants is no longer available. He started to give up so I inquired about the costs of a key at Strawberry Rec. I was shocked to find their fees are now going up as of January to a level that is more than double what The Ranch charges.

We can safely presume that most of their key holders will choose instead to use the Tiburon courts over Strawberry, making it even harder to book a court unless there is a cap on the number of keys sold and the costs are increased. Notably, Strawberry uses a higher rate for nonresidents and Corte Madera does not allow Tiburon residents to purchase keys for their courts, including the Grenada Courts which are at the border and the closest courts for many Tiburon residents who live off of Paradise. May I suggest the Ranch raise their rates to level the playing field and avoid attracting all of the Strawberry key holders?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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