

Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda
Location: OTCC Card Room Date: August 6, 2025 Time: 1:30PM

Call to Order at:

A. Attendance:

Voting RAC Members:	Kimberly Clow, Mitch McDiffett, Gary Adams, Will Handley, Claude Plymate, Lucy Radike, Julian Leon, Joni Walker
Staff (Non-Voting):	Ashley Krempien Rec. Manager/Director; BVSA Director-David Buchard; Cade Temple Sports Manager; Linda Wetta, Special Events; Don Ciota, BVSA GM □

B. Approval of 8-6-25 Agenda

- C. Old Business:** **1. Update of Lights at Veteran Flags to be shielded. 2. Check with Pam & Ashley RE use of dirt road on agility days, 3. The RAC recommends that the Rules Committee Review and Amend Article 24 regarding Bikes and golf carts on the Nature Path. We strongly feel that a 10 MPH speed limit be set.**

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Youth Sports-Cade Temple

Beaubien Field: *Gary Adams "Thanks to Cade and Tilly for laboring from the wee-hours of the morning until the late afternoons...and for always being on the spot with water for EVERYONE!"*

Gary

The Summer Baseball Camp was well organized! The children learned a lot!! Thanks to Gary and all of his team!

2) Astronomy Club-Claude Plymate Update of Lights at Veteran Flags to be shielded.

The Astronomy Club 4th of July booth went very well. Many people looked through our solar telescopes and asked probing questions. The exposure led to several new memberships.

The Club had a special VIP tour of Griffith Observatory on July 11 led by Geo Samosa who spoke at our June general meeting. Everyone who made the trek had a great and interesting time.

Our Vice President, Teresa Bippert-Plymate, has formed a group within the club to encourage and support members who wish to pursue any of the many observing awards sponsored by the nationwide Astronomical League. Teresa has already achieved numerous of their observing awards, most recently Master Observer, and continues to work on several more. The group plans to meet monthly. Their first gathering was the evening of July 21.

The August 6 general meeting will feature a talk by Teresa on The Smart Telescope Revolution.

The Tehachapi Parks and Rec invited the club to set up telescopes at Brite Lake on the evening of July 19 as part of their annual Parks and Rec month. It was a nice clear night and about 60 people came by to look through the 4 telescopes we brought.

Our next public viewing nights at Cub Lake are scheduled for Aug 02 and 30.

3) **RC Modelers**-*Mitch McDiffett* RC Track is being remodeled.

- a) RC Track has been remodeled and we are using it a lot
- b) We have had good attendance and great weather at RC Field
- c) Still need to work on getting repairs to airfield and timing of possible paving
- d) There are still some concerns about Bikes on RC Track. I know the ones who built track have expressed some concern

4) **Sportsman Club** *Will Handley*

- 5) **Tennis** *Julian Leon* The tennis club conducted two successful tournaments this month: a singles tourney on July 19, and a doubles tourney and BBQ on July 26. Tournaments for the month of August are: a singles tourney on August 9th and a doubles tourney and BBQ on August 16th.

6) **Pickleball** -*Joni Walker* Laura Mathes-Orr substitute for Joni this month.

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to send you some recent updates for Pickleball that we would like to have added to the August agenda. I will be out of town for that August meeting so as soon as we know who will be taking my place we will let you know. Thanks for your flexibility. Here is what we need added:

*** A Concern young players that non Pickleball club members, are climbing up the retaining wall to the other side to retrieve balls. Here are the details:**

Lately, young people are climbing over the fence on courts 3 and 4 to retrieve their ball instead of using the gate and going around. They climb up on the retaining wall, then over the fence. That's a 7 or 8 foot drop onto concrete if they lose their balance and fall. Once they pick up the ball, they climb back over the fence. This happens on the north side, across from the tennis courts.

The club members can't stop them from doing this, and of course, we aren't always out there when it happens. We are suggesting signs be placed on the fence prohibiting this behavior. While they can still ignore the signs it might at least lessen the liability risk for the association.

*** Also, please make note that the Pickleball club participated for the first time in this year's 4th of July parade and had a great time. We will likely do it again next year, only bigger and better.**

7) **Tailwaggers**- *Lucy Radike* ****Check with Pam & Ashley RE use of road on agility days,**

We had our "Ice Cream Social" at our July 8th meeting which was a huge success. Our next general meeting is Tuesday August 12th. We have also started a new "PeeWee in the park day" for small dogs. They meet on Sundays at 8 AM in the small dog park. Nosework classes began on July 11th and Molly Macklin is continuing Obedience classes with new classes beginning in September. Walk abouts continue at the nature path on Fridays at 8:00 am.

Agility Playdays and Hike Abouts will begin again when the weather cools down.

We got the bad and sad news that the City Shelters will no longer get funding for spay and neuter this year. Our project HOPE, headed by Molly Macklin is considering ways to help the shelter.

8) **Pool** – *Kimberly Clow* The BVS Grizzlies swim team placed 3rd place in Kern County Summer Rec Swim Meets. Our youth swimmers improved greatly this summer!! Working on updating out BVSG By Laws. Now planning for the fall swim competition season. Orientations for the BVA Club begin in August for this off season year.

9) **Nature Path-** *Kimberly Clow* **The RAC recommends that the Rules Committee Review and Amend Article 24 regarding Bikes and golf carts on the Nature Path. We strongly feel that a 10 MPH speed limit be set!!**

11. **Whiting Center Special Events-** Linda Wetta
4th of July Events went well.

Sizzling Summer Nights 8/23/2025

Tehachapi Minimum day activities begin on September 10th

I will be reaching out to Clubs to help us update our games and to volunteer for the Halloween Carnival

The Snakes are coming on Wednesday, September 24th 2-3:30

11. **Range & Campgrounds** *Ashley Krempien*

12. **Lakes-** The Freedom Boat Parade & Paddle Races were very successful with lots of families and fun! Unfortunate fish die off due to hot weather and warmer lake temp the middle of July was taken care of quickly with the BVSA staff and LQAC volunteers. Cub's Campouts were a success! Just ask the families!!

14. Recreation-*Ashley Krempien*

15. BVSA Admin
Don Ciota

16. BVSA Board Report *David Buchard*

17. NEW BUSINESS

18. Follow Up-Action Items

ADJOURNMENT *Next mtg. Wednesday Next meeting September 3, 2025 OTCC Card Room*

Future RAC meeting Dates for the RAC for 2025-2026 Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, 2026, March 4, 2026, Apr 1, May 6, June 3, Aug 5, 2026, 1:30pm OTCC Card Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Clow
RAC Chair