



PickleBlast

February 2019 PickleBlast

Wow! Lot's of info this month and a lot of activity - both on and off the courts. Read on for the GVR pickleball information you know you just can't live without.

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February Board Meeting Highlights

- Club Policy Manual revisions were adopted and will be updated in the next couple of days
- GVRPC will endorse candidates for GVR Director positions (see more below)
- Our nominating committee has received a few nominations but more are needed. Please consider submitting your name or asking someone if you could nominate them. Open positions are Vice-President, Treasurer, and Member at Large (2)
- Helle Sparre and Mark Renneson clinics are scheduled for March
- East Center court renovations are to be completed in about a week - celebration party to follow!

East Center Expansion

The EC Expansion is almost done! The new courts opened yesterday at 3:00 PM. Courts 5-8 are now closed until Feb 20th for installation of the new LED lights and resurfacing. All 8 courts should be open on Feb 21st and the EC tennis courts will revert back to Tennis at that time.

GVR Pickleball Complex update

The GVR Board has approved the design and forwarded it to Pima County for review and approval. The Board has also approved funding not to exceed \$1.25 million. The next step is to work with GVR and the architects to create a bid package for site preparation, building the ramada, and court construction. We will be formally launching our pledge campaign in a couple of weeks and ask that each of you carefully consider what you can contribute to the pickleball complex.

GVR Foundation
Statement of Revenue and Expense
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Year-to-Date: 1/1/2019 - 1/31/2019
Acct is In (4100, 4102, 9030)

		Current Year	Prior Year	Totals
		Year-to-Date		
Revenue				
	Pickleball Contributions	\$6510.71	\$10,785.00	
	Pickleball Golf Receipts	\$0.00	\$15,808.00	
Revenue Totals		\$6,510.71	\$26,593.00	\$33,103.71
Expenses				
	Pickleball Expenses (Golf)	\$0.00	\$4,080.15	
Expenses Totals		\$0.00	\$4,080.15	\$4,080.15
Excess or (Deficiency) of	Revenue Over Expenses	\$6,510.71	\$22,512.85	\$29,023.56
	Pickleball Grants	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	

Pickleball Club Reserve for New Courts: \$70,000.53

Foundation Reserve for New Courts: \$29,023.56

Foundation Grants for New Courts: \$50,000.00

Total: \$149,024.09

Welcome New Members! (January)

Sue Akers	Owen Anderson	Doug Bennett	Mary and Wayne Berkbigler
Michael Buswell	Michael Davis	Marcia Dougan	Terry Dougan
Kathryn Engle	Rick Fillion	Jenny Franckowiak	Michael Grota
Judy James	Gary Jeschke	Nellie Johnson	Del Jones
Nancy Lerew	Janet McDermitt	Cedar McGrath	Dawn Olson
Dale Pauls	Carolyn and Steve Priborsky	Dale Scott	Frank Senelly
Maureen Spahn	Robert Steckley	Jane Utz	

Congrats to Members with New Ratings! (January)

Moved to 2.5:				
Moved to 3.0:	Charley Ready			
Moved to 3.5:	Mary Cay Puska	Dale Scott	Mike Wooldrik	
Moved to 4.0:				
Moved to 4.5:				

GVR Director Elections

On Wednesday our club board voted to endorse four GVR Director candidates for the 2019 election. This is a significant development, as our club has never formally endorsed candidates prior to this. Why do we believe we need to take this step this year?

GVR is under attack from a small, but vocal group who would like to see GVR frozen in time with a reduced effort to maintain GVR reserves, to limit investment in future membership activities (including pickleball!), and to attempt to achieve flat-line growth by further reducing GVR staff and limiting GVR dues increases to the point of threatening GVR financial strength. In essence, this group wishes to return GVR to the position the organization was in 5 years ago. For those of you who have come here since that time, ask one of the old-timers about nearly non-existent reserve funds, a mass board resignation, staff who were unresponsive to the active membership, and the then-prevalent attitude of investing in pools, fitness centers, and tennis courts at the detriment of other interests.

Our club is endorsing the following GVR Director Candidates, based upon their stated positions regarding GVR governance, investment in GVR facilities and clubs, future planning, financial health for GVR, and a willingness to work as one for the greater good of GVR. Not all of these candidates are club members or play our sport, but all do represent what our board values in leadership, integrity, vision, and common sense. Here are the candidates our club is endorsing:

Steve Gilbert

Mark McIntosh

Don Weaver

Mike Zelenak

Ballots were distributed beginning February 9 and voting will be open until March 20. You can find more information about all of the candidates, two GVR Bylaw amendments, and voting instructions [here](#). Given the size of our club, we can impact this election if we unite to support these candidates who possess a greater vision for GVR than those just committed to saying "No" to any and all proposed change for GVR. Folks, this election is greater than just considering what's good for our club. This is your chance to support a healthy and stable GVR.

IPTPA Rating System

Recently our club board approved the funds to join IPTPA at the club level for the next three years. This means that all of our club members will receive a \$10 discount when registering for an [IPTPA ratings session](#). When you register, indicate that your rater is either Joey Farias or Sean Rickard and that you're a member of the GVR Pickleball Club.

Observations

- We are squarely in the midst of our busiest month and our courts are jammed! You would be astounded to hear descriptions of the behavior of some of us when playing in the wrong place at the wrong time or transitioning between groups assigned to the courts. Thankfully it is the exception, rather than the rule. Please be extra considerate of those who are scheduled to be using the courts and those who have the courts for the next time segment. And, just be kind.

- Those ever popular name tags are once again available. You can order [here](#) and support our club!
- Ever gone to the well once too often at the drinking fountain at the East Center courts? If the water has slowed to a trickle, the fountain is regenerating through the internal filter and will be back to normal in a few minutes. News Flash – a new ice machine has been installed at East Center!

Upcoming Events

- You can now [renew your club membership](#). To remain an active member, you must renew prior to March 1 for 2019.
- Upcoming GVR Board meetings are scheduled for February 26 and March 19. If you took the time to write to the GVR Board expressing support for the pickleball complex, don't forget to send a thank you note. And, don't forget about the GVR Committee meetings scheduled monthly. The calendar for all of these meetings is [here](#).
- GVRPC Bake Sale! Scheduled for March 4 at both East Center and Canoa Ranch courts. You can pre-order and volunteer to participate [here](#).
- The date has been set for our second annual GVRPC golf outing. March 27 at Canoa Ranch Golf Club. Details are available [here](#).
- Our club Pickleball Olympics has been rescheduled for April 14, 2019. We'll send out reminders when we get closer to the date.

Tournaments and Classes

- The Scott Moore Clinics at Quail Creek are scheduled for February 25-26. These are very popular and usually sell out quickly, so if you're interested you better hurry. Sign up [here](#).
- The Southern Arizona Senior Games pickleball tournaments are scheduled for March 5-7 for 3.0 levels and up and for March 8-10 for 2.0/2.5 levels. Registration information is [here](#). And as usual, we're looking for volunteers to help us with the myriad of tasks to run this event. Go to SignUp Genius to see where we need help and add your name to the lists.
- [Helle Sparre](#) will hold instructional clinics March 8-10. Helle will conduct a group clinic on Friday, March 8 which will be a fundraiser for the pickleball complex through voluntary donations. We will provide more details and the opportunity to sign up for clinics in the next few days.
- [Mark Renneson](#) will be holding clinics at GVR courts on March 18-19, 2019. Mark has given clinics for the past two years at our courts and offers great classes for individuals and small groups. You can sign up and pay for the clinics [here](#).
- The third annual Quail Creek Classic Pickleball Tournament will take place at Quail Creek courts March 23 and 24. There will also be a professional pickleball exhibition by Mark Renneson, Joey Farias, Sean Rickard, and an unnamed 4th player on March 20 at 5:00. These are all fund raising events for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The tournament will be a fun, non-sanctioned event. The format is a round robin so everyone will play at least 4 games. Players ages 16+ and levels 2.5+ are invited to participate. Go to pickleballtournaments.com or [here](#). Send any questions to Lenny Friedman at lenny.pickleball@gmail.com
- The 2019 Green Valley Firefighters Foundation tournament is scheduled for April 13-14. You can now register [here](#).

In Closing SEP SEP If you have a suggestion, comment, or a question, let us know – preferably by email – as discussions on the court sometimes (actually quite frequently) get lost or forgotten. And let us know if you find this newsletter helpful. Use the GVR Pickleball Club website (<http://www.gvrpickleball.org>) to contact us.

That's all for now folks.....stay positive, keep smiling, and enjoy playing!!!!



Jeff Harrell

President, GVR Pickleball Club