

# MINUTES GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, March 20, 2025 – 4-6pm

West Center Auditorium, Room 2

- 1. Call to Order (President) 4:00pm by Jeff Washburn
- Roll Call (Secretary) Jeff Washburn (President); Janet Reynolds (Vice-President); Nina Campfield (Treasurer); Maribeth Kwasneski (Secretary); Greg Wright (Member at Large); Mary Wright (Member at Large). Wes Elder (Member at Large) and Patrick Furumoto (Member at Large) excused.
- 3. Approval of the Agenda (President) Motion by Nina Campfield; second by Mary Wright. Approved unanimously.
- 4. Approval of the <u>2/20/2025 Meeting Minutes</u> (Secretary) Motion by Nina Campfield; second by Mary Wright. Approved unanimously.
- 5. Approval of the Treasurer's Report (Treasurer) (See Addendum 1) Motion by Nina Campfield to approve as reported; second by Maribeth Kwasneski; Motion passed 5-1 (Reynolds opposed) Nina reported that the Stripe report and bank statements haven't synced since January. Campfield to work with BOD and new treasurer (when determined) to review and report back.
- 6. Announcements

a) **Pickleball Plus upgrade rollout**. Discussion: Porting over PB+ functionality to new technology by Ray Kuehl is complete; rollout takes place Sunday, 3/23/25. Education events were held this week to introduce new layout. On Sunday 3/23, members have until 12pm to sign-up for events and reserve courts on current PB+. At 12pm system goes offline for approximately four hours until the conversion is complete. Email will be sent to all users once PB+ is online again. BOD expressed thanks to Ray and his team for completing this project and providing a better version of PB+ for club members, as well as to Patrick Furumoto for his involvement.

b) **Tournament recap**. Discussion: BOD expressed thanks to Maria Acevedo and all involved in the St. Patrick's tournament for their work on behalf of the club. There were an estimated 200+ participants and over 50 volunteers. (See committee report for more information.)

### 7. Old Business

**Court Expansion proposal update**. Discussion: Steering Committee had follow-up meeting with GVR staff and the Architectural firm conducting the site studies and have reviewed preliminary results. Architect team is in the process of finishing their report. Combined all comments for courts and additional ideas for architectural team to review and give us menu of options to choose from. Results and recommendations will be communicated to club members as available.

## 8. New Business

### Annual Reports

a) Board members. Discussion: each Board Member gave an overview of their annual report-(see attached to minutes). Jeff thanked our outgoing board members—Mary Wright, Nina Campfield and Wes Elder—for their service and support to the club during their terms.

Jeff expressed thanks to Patrick Furumoto for his leadership in the Technology Oversight Committee. The upgrade of PB+ would have been impossible without his involvement. Patrick will continue to chair the Technology Oversight Committee. Jeff recognized GVR for their tremendous support of the club and how grateful we are for their continuous efforts. We couldn't have done the tournament and other activities without them. Special recognition to Scott Somers, Natalie Whitman, Steve Kindred, Kathy Edwards and Tyler Riddle.

- b) Board of Directors Election Results Club Secretary
  - a. Motion to accept the results of the election was made and seconded (Campfield, Wright, M). Motion passed unanimously. The election results were presented for the Vice President, and two Member-at-Large positions by the club Secretary. Discussion: The president thanked the nominating committee of Greg Wright, Al Willette, Katie Peterson and Ellen Brancazio for all their work in identifying candidates, coordinating the Meet the Candidate events, and running the election.
  - b. ELECTION RESULTS:

VICE-PRESIDENT: Janet Reynolds received 558 votes

**TREASURER**: We have completed the GVR Pickleball Club 2025 Election cycle. We will have a vacancy in the Treasurer position as of 4/1/25. In accordance with the Club's By-laws Article VIII-Vacancies: This vacancy will be filled by appointment of the President subject to Board Approval by 3/31/25. Once the Treasurer vacancy has been approved by the Board, this will be communicated to members.

### MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

Fred Dow: 70 votes Julianne Howell: 300 votes Suzanne Remington: 176 votes Steve Swanson: 161 votes Kim Roehrig: 122 votes

The president thanked all candidates for their willingness to run and provide support to the club, and congratulated the three winners from this election: Janet Reynolds, Julianne Howell and Suzanne Remington.

#### 9. Committee Reports / Comments

- a) **Court Management** G Wright. Discussion: we have approximately 130 rating volunteers.
- b) Club league Fernandez (by Reynolds). Discussion: final event on 3/29; 20-30 people asked to join at league started; Steve Fernandez agreed to organize next year's league; everyone agreed it was very fun. Jeff thanked Jay Salerno and Steve Fernandez for their leadership by coordinating and running this league and generating the events for the club!
- c) APPL Hammerle (by Reynolds). Discussion: men's 65+ 4.0 team going to state finals end of month. Nancy Buseth's team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Nina reminded the men's team that they have access to \$2,000 donated by the Drop Squad team. State games in Arizona; no national competition. Will promote state competition on Facebook and Pickleblast. Steve Reynolds (player on men's 65+ team) thanked Jeff and the club for supporting APPL, Janet Reynolds for scheduling courts; Carol Hammerle for being the director and interface for the league, whose involvement was outstanding. Nancy Buseth added that the league was fun but a lot of organizing and rescheduling to various circumstances. Mark Robertson added that he appreciated the club's support, use of courts, etc., and greatly appreciated GVR's approval (Steve Kindred and Kathy Edwards) of reciprocal play, which made a big difference. (See Player Development report at end of activity reports.)
- d) Advance Play Program Pilot Hammerle (by Washburn). Discussion: approximately 16 people participated to identify ways to provide diversity in rating and skills programs. Reviewing information. Byrd Penney: very successful and well-attended. Valuable experience. Would like to continue offering this to members. Class size numbers are down for classes during same span of time. 30% overall during season. Housing may have some influence. Is pickleball saturated? Classes that were held were successful. Developing Skills continues to be in-demand. So proud and very important to our club. Shout out to Pete Fronsee, Jane Hunt and others that oversee these programs. (See Player Development report at end of activity reports.)
- e) Tournament Acevedo. Discussion: Sue Bouvy recruited 50+ volunteers. Almost all players returned on Saturday after rain delay. 202 Registrants (160 club; 42 outside). Revenue fees: \$5,975. Expenses: \$1,083. Fundraising: 1,871. Thanks to Suzanne and Derek Remington, Greg Wright, Donna Davis and GVR for all working together to make this happen. Also thanks to Patrick Furumoto for pulling the Stripe report and Natalie Whitman and Tyler from GVR who were a tremendous help.
- f) Scheduling Reynolds. Discussion: see annual report.
- g) Technology Oversight Furumoto; see annual report.
- h) New Member Welcome Committee Gersonde. Discussion: created a welcome committee end of summer 2024 as goodwill to help new members with court understanding, etc. Have welcomed 160 new members since inception. Consists of Gail plus eight club members making phone calls within 3-7 days of individuals becoming new members. Response has been very positive. Need more volunteers to rotate the responsibilities.
- i) **Communications** Washburn. Discussion: need advisory board. This is a valuable tool for the club. Vast majority gets their club info from the Pickleblast.
- Club Board Comments (non-committee related) Mary Wright: Dink & Dine and THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Signup on PB+.
- 11. Member Comments Kris Swanson: when doing name tags, has heard many compliments about the welcome committee. Mike Schultz: APPL Drop Squad—where did the \$3,900 surplus come from? Explained it was from additional donations and not supported financially through the club. Dean Barnes: PB+ shows 1020 people as paid members; concerned about number of members vs. number of members paid. Explained this will be reviewed. Suzanne Remington indicated they were welcomed by the welcome committee and how much they appreciated it.
- 12. Closing Comments / Move to adjourn Motion to adjourn by Reynolds; second by Campfield. Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm
- 13. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 17, 2025, 4-6pm, West Center, Room 2, 1111 S. GVR Drive and via Zoom
- 14. Adjourn

# **Committee / Work Area Reports**

# President (Jeff Washburn):

- 1. Met with various BOD members regarding their areas of assignment.
- 2. Conducted club business via email and other communications (BOD planning meeting, replies to inquiries, initiation of inquiries, phone calls, 1:1 meetings).
- 3. Met with GVR representatives re: Court expansion / enhancement proposal development
- 4. Conducted February BOD meeting.
- 5. Conducted March BOD working session.
- 6. Conducted court expansion steering committee meeting
- 7. Coordinated and participated in architectural study site visit at PBC
- 8. Coordinated with Tournament Committee regarding March Tournament
- 9. Met with GVR BOD regarding March Tournament
- 10. Attended Hands Only CPR session presented by CERT
- 11. Participated in PB+ porting testing sessions
- 12. Participated in two meet the candidates events
- 13. Submitted updated club bylaws to GVR
- 14. Coordinated with GVR staff re: Tournament needs

## Annual Report – President (highlights)

1. I took office in April 2024, I met with each board member and spent considerable time learning club processes from Patrick Furumoto, Janet Reynolds and Nina Campfield and Mary Wright.

2. I conducted and participated in a BOD working session in early April. The purpose of this meeting was to review our mission, vision and values, review the then-current organization chart, develop a priority list for the next year, and make and review each member's assignment.

3. Organized and conducted BOD meetings and working sessions.

4. Coordinated with other BOD members to clarify and support the club's capital request proposal for potential new courts / enhancements at Canoa Ranch or another location.

5. Met with GVR staff and committees as the proposal proceeded through GVR's review process. The proposal was eventually included on GVR's approved 2025 budget (with zero allocated money from GVR).

6. Have since organized a club steering committee and organized and conducted meetings of this group.

7. Have met with GVR staff and contracted architects re: complete architectural studies outling court expansion /

enhancement options for the club. These studies will be finalized and communicated with the club when ready.

8. With BOD approval organized and initiated the Technology Oversight Committee (to explore and then execute plans to update and eventually enhance Pickleball Plus, the club's website and the associated content. See immediate past President's report for more information; the New Member Welcome Committee which has assumed a large role in welcoming and assisting new club members.

9. Instituted monthly BOD working sessions to identify club-wide issues and set goals and steps to accomplish goals including short and long term planning.

10. Initiated changes to the Pickleblast Newsletter

11. Established a "Medical Advisory" committee to help identify first aid kit needs, write educational articles, and organize and conduct Hands Only CPR / AED and First Aid trainings

12. Have provided input to and participated in developing player development programs such as the Advanced Play Pilot Program and what became the Intramural League.

13. Have consulted with community resources regarding special needs programs involving pickleball.

14. Have participated in writing articles for newspapers and magazines regarding the GV Pickleball Club

15. Am working on establishing or reactivating club volunteer recruiting, fundraising, educational, content review and communication programs and processes.

16. Have represented the club in various community and pickleball community events and efforts.

17. Have assisted in the onboarding of new BOD members

# Vice President (Janet Reynolds):

- 1. Participated in January BOD meeting.
- 2. Participated in February BOD working session.
- 3. Met with GVR representatives with club president re: Club proposal to add new courts.
- 4. Participated in court expansion steering committee meeting.
- 5. Attended February BOD meeting.
- 6. Participated in March BOD working session
- 7. Met with various committees / leads
- 8. Met with Tournament Committee regarding March Tournament.

- 9. Report on other activities pending
- 10. Participated in PB+ porting testing sessions
- 11. Participated in two meet the candidates events
- 12. Participated in Bylaws Review

# Annual Report – Janet Reynolds

## July/August 2024

1. 7-1-24 Started investigation into software alternatives to PB+. Spent 1-2 hours on the phone with Jean-Martin Verreault (JM), IT manager for the Palm Creek Pickleball Club in Casa Grande, AZ. Their Club has 1500 members and has used Wild Apricot for the last 3 years as their primary Club Software. I documented answers to system questions in a 7-3-24 e-mail to Furumoto (IT comm chair), Washburn (Pres), Campfield (Treasurer).

2. July/August 2024 - Had several calls with "Grouper" which is a cash health benefit that can be offered to our members through their Medical Insurance.

3. Aug 2024 - Held discussions by phone/e-mail regarding the use of DUPR scores as Club Ratings. Co-authored a Policy change based on these discussions.

4. Aug 2024 - Reviewed GVR P&E Aug 29, 2024 Meeting agenda, provided input to Club President in anticipation of questions that he may receive regarding CR Court expansion at this meeting.

5. July/Aug Scheduling Committee

-Responded to multiple members regarding court scheduling requests.

- Reviewed and discussed October 2024 court schedule changes with Beilke, Hirtes.

- The October 2024 Seasonal Court Schedule provided at the 9-19-24 Board Meeting for their concurrence.

6. New members -resolved problems with several new members regarding their new member sign-ups.

## October 2024

1. 10-8-24 E-mailed final response to the "Grouper" Insurance program. Summary: given the extensive

social/emotional/exercise programs already built into GV, the lack of programs offered on the grouper website, the concerns for privacy; the cash incentives to our PB Club and to our eligible members are not a relevant trade-off. Consequently, the GVRPB passes on this offer.

2. Compiled APPL League practice and Match court schedules. Collected input from 8 APPL teams scheduled Practice courts Home Match courts during non-Prime time hours.

## November 2024

1. Scheduling Committee -

Met Nov 2nd (4.0), 6th (3.5) & 7th (Full Committee) participated in Court Scheduling meetings. Play level meetings on Nov 2 & 6 addressed level specific issues. Full Committee Meeting on 11-7-24 agenda was an overview of all pending scheduling issues and concerns to be addressed during the season. Several new representatives attended their first committee meeting. Responded to multiple members regarding court scheduling requests. Reviewed & discussed November 2024 court schedule changes with Beilke, Hirtes.

2. 11-6-24 - Court Expansion Steering Committee - Met with Washburn, Dean Olson, Campfield, Furumoto, Stock to learn about 2018-2019 PBC court Fundraising campaign and next steps on GVRPB club/GVR MOU Draft.

### December 2024

1. 12-6-24 Board Planning Meeting

2. 12-18-24 initial meeting with the core website committee members to discuss goals and next steps in reviewing the website. (Julie Mueller, Sam Schaen, Furumoto, Reynolds)

3. 12-23-24 Met with Beilke at PBC to discuss multitude of Court schedule changes for Jan 2025: APPL matches/ practices, Penney Clinics and some associated Court assignment regarding arrangements to accommodate all.

4. 12-30-24 Met with GVR (Somers/Whitman) Re: court expansion

a. received Architect estimate (\$6700+\$500 +additional site visit expenses, for PBC and Canoa estimates)

b. PBClub communicated that the 1st draft of GVR generated MOU too much liability risk for the Club. GVR was open to PBClub creating an alternative Draft.

5. Submitted request for future Pickleball Plus enhancements.

# January 2025

1. 1-9-25 Court Expansion Steering Committee. Discussed bringing the Architect Estimate to Board on 1-16-25 as a motion to approve expense (see Dec #4 above). Group concurred to accept this expense as sunk cost, because the Club had committed in our court request to GVR to cover ALL costs associated with courts.

2. 1-24-25 Court expansion meeting GVR

3. 1-29-25 East Center GVR PBC Volunteer event

4. Responded to Member inquiries: Dues Renewal processing problems, Request to add more courts to Ladies Mixer at East, East Bulletin Board with current court schedules.

5. Beilke/Salerno installed a TV monitor (GVR) and laptop (Beilke) to display East center Court Schedule. This will replace paper copies on the Bulletin Board.

## February/March 2025

- 1. Court Expansion Steering Committee Meeting -2/3 and 2/10
- 2. Ordered 59 Medals for Club Inaugural Intramural League (delivered 2/27/25)
- 3. 2/21 PBC Site visit GVR/Architects
- 4. 3/7/25 Court Expansion meeting GVR/Architect
- 5. 3/7 and 3/11 participated in PBC Meet the Candidates event
- 6. 3/11/25 met with Pres, past Pres, Nominating Chair to discuss potential By-law changes related to Elections.

### Secretary (Maribeth Kwasneski):

- 1. Responded to club emails as assigned.
- 2. Worked with Nominating Committee on working forms for upcoming election.
- 3. Tracked new member emails to maintain an updated list for club communication.
- 4. Worked with club President on several issues as needed.
- 5. Attended February BOD meeting.
- 6. Participated in March BOD working session
- 7. Helped Welcome Committee chair as requested on documents.
- 8. Assisted new members with learning PB+.
- 9. Made several room reservations for various committees.
- 10. Created Volunteer Recruitment documents, etc., as requested by club President.
- 11. Attended GVR Showcase.
- 12. Answered emails directed to me from the club president
- 13. Worked with the Welcome Committee to work through some processes
- 14. Supported new members joining the club
- 15. Worked with the nominations committee on Meet the Candidate events and other election requirements
- 16. Helped the tournament committee and participated at meetings
- 17. Developed forms for the tournament raffles, etc.
- 18. Participated in Hands Only CPR AED Training
- 19. Tested with Pickleball Plus porting group

#### **Annual Report - Secretary**

It is my responsibility to work together with each member of the board to provide administrative assistance when needed. Whether a GVR room needs to be reserved, forms are needed to be created, a new member wants to join the club, or all of these and more, I am available to support these requests. I have truly enjoyed working with club members to resolve issues and answer questions—whether they're trying to make a court reservation, order a name tag, sign up for a round robin, etc.—it doesn't matter. For whatever reason they are not being successful in accomplishing the task at hand, they need our help. And I like being there for them.

At the present time, all "contact us" emails go to the club president. I have been assigned certain ones to respond to and that has been a great way to get to know club members and understand many of the club's processes. It has been a huge learning curve for me. And here I thought everyone just played pickleball.

My contributions have mainly focused on customer service to the club members and administrative support for the board of directors. It's been a privilege to help with the upcoming tournament and election, create flyers for dink and dines, coauthor a published article about our club, provide input on the Pickleball Plus porting project, work with GVR to coordinate club activities, and collaborate with my fellow board members. This is a work in progress that is constantly in motion. I'm proud of what we have already accomplished and look forward to more successes in the coming months.

### Treasurer (Nina Campfield):

- 1. Started preparation of a procedure guide for preparing financials.
- 2. Made deposits and paid reimbursements as necessary.
- 3. Tracked payments and signups for Byrd Penny clinic.
- 4. Attended February BOD meeting.
- 5. Participated in March BOD working session
- 6. Financial statements attached (see Addendums 1 and 2):
  - Adjusted balance in savings account so that the account is used only for monies being held for a specific purpose.

- The \$2,000 currently in the account is part of the unused balance that the Drop Squad raised. They have asked the Club to hold it for any teams that make the state finals.

- Checking account balance: \$17,918.72
- Savings account balance: \$ 2,000.03
- Investments: \$ 43,122.94
- 7. Met with Tournament Committee regarding March Tournament.

## Annual Report – Treasurer

1. During my tenure, I set up an accounting system for the club to use that doesn't require accounting or bookkeeping experience. (It isn't the greatest accounting system, but it does what the club needs.)

- 2. I also provided "seasonal" financial statements that make it easier to relate costs to income for special events.
- 3. In 2024, we saved money by buying a year's worth of pickleballs in the summer, when prices are cheaper.

4. We earned nearly \$2,000 in interest from our CDs.

## Members at Large

## Mary Wright (Social) – Member Engagement Committee:

- 1. Attended February BOD meeting.
- 2. Met with Tournament Committee regarding March Tournament. Organized the fundraising portion of the St. Patrick's 2025 Tournament Kris Swanson and I planned and organized the 50/50 Raffle, Gift Baskets, Silent Auction and Paddle Up Game. Solicited help from club members and non-members for donations. Received 17 baskets to raffle, approximately 30 silent auction items, and put together 20 gifts for the Paddle-Up game. During the two-day event, raised approximately \$3,400 through these efforts and helped sell concessions. Supported by approximately 12 volunteers over both days. Reached out to winners not present and made sure everyone received their prize and club money was collected.
- 3. Coordinated social and wellness activities as required
- 4. Did not plan a March Dink & Dine due to St. Patrick's Tournament.
- 5. UPCOMING: 4/19/25 Dink, Dine & Thank You Volunteers
- 6. Continued to post important event information on our club Facebook page.

## Annual Report – Mary Wright

## 1. Social

Organized & scheduled the following socials for the club. On average, 130 people attend our Dink and Dine events (club members and guests).

4/20/24 - Trivia/Jeopardy Night

9/21/24 – Dink, Dine & Tailgate - Pickleball & Corn hole

10/19/24 - Dink, Dine & Halloween Contest

11/16/24 – Dink, Dine & Food Bank (see below); Member Mike Day provided entertainment.

2/1/25 – Annual Dine & Dance Social; Entertainment provided by Angel & Catered Dinner

UPCOMING: 4/19/25 – Dink, Dine & Thank You Volunteers

### 2. Club Name Tags

Since April 2024, Kris Swanson has made 153 individual name tags.

### 3. Club Apparel

Worked on the contract for Mr. & Ms. Pickleball to become our club supplier effective 10/1/24 for club logo shirts,

visors/hats. The club receives \$2.00 for every item sold with our club logo.

### 4. Wellness

Sent 35 Get Well & Sympathy cards to members. We lost three club members – Don Bont, Marlys Rechkemmer and Dan Fennerty.

### 5. Outreach

Organized the November Dink, Dine & Food Drive. On 12/3/24, delivered 461 pounds of food & \$520 to the Green Valley Community Food Bank. Featured in the Green Valley News.

### 6. Special Events

1/18/25 – Helped with the Drop Squad Fundraiser

1/31/25 – Organized the volunteers and club table for the GVR Showcase event

3/15/25-3/16/25 – Supported the fundraising portion of the club's St. Patrick's 2025 Tournament. Together with Kris Swanson, we set-up and organized the 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, Gift Baskets and Paddle Up Game on both event days, delivering prizes to winners the following few days.

# 7. Facebook

Administrator for the club's private Facebook page.

### Wes Elder (Court Management, Tournaments):

### 1. Recommendations:

- a. More efficient storage cabinet at the East Center (by Ice Machine)
- b. Fill in the drainage areas west of the courts at PBC to create more space for vendors

#### Annual Report – Wes Elder

- 1. Ordered and installed center net straps on all 36 courts
- 2. Restocked balls as needed at East Center and Canoa Ranch
- 3. Monitored ball inventory at each of those sites.
- 4. Made recommendation for subsequently BOD-approved storage shed at Canoa Ranch
- 5. Worked with GVR to create a Court Power Washing schedule
- 6. The schedule for power washing the courts is not readily known. Recommend that the schedule be posted on the website.
- 7. Participated in March BOD working session.

#### Greg Wright - Incoming Member at large (Ratings, Court Management)

- 1. Continued work with Ratings Committee
- 2. Conducted testing events in February
- 3. Led the BOD Nominations Committee work
- 4. Participated in March BOD working session Met with club president and other BOD members re: orientation and assignment definition
- 5. Attended February BOD meeting.
- 6. Participated in March BOD working session.
- 7. Participated in Bylaws Review
- 8. Requested permission from President and Treasurer to purchase 1,000 pickleballs

#### Annual Report – Greg Wright

#### 1. Court Maintenance:

I formed a committee in January to ensure balls are available on all courts, and to briefly check the courts for obvious maintenance issues. A total of 13 new volunteers plus six others who assisted before I came on board, now scan the courts several times a day. Additionally, I recruited three volunteers to thoroughly check the courts at each facility once per week. If items require attention, I am notified and I contact GVR to create work orders. Through mid-March, I have sent in nine work order requests for repairs. I have agreed with GVR for court cleaning schedule to be May and October. They will notify me several weeks in advance of exact days. In late January, I worked with a new club member to purchase 1,000 Franklin pickleballs at \$1.27, delivered. I was the club primary contact with GVR for requesting tables, chairs, etc., for the tournament committee. Requested permission from President and Treasurer to purchase 1,000 pickleballs.

#### 2. Nominations:

In February I was asked to chair the Nominations committee for the 2025 elections. I selected three volunteers to form the committee and we met several times to strategize how to initiate the nominations process. We created a detailed calendar of milestones and documentation of tasks which were assigned to each of us. We asked some members for their recommendations for potential candidates and contacted several for discussion of their interests. We created all necessary forms for nominations which were distributed to the club, requested brief bios, created communications for the club president to send to membership, and worked with Patrick to set up on-line voting. We organized two events for meet-the-candidates with written script. Once voting ends, we will compile the votes, verify members were eligible to vote, and present the results to the club secretary at the Annual Meeting on 3/20/25.

#### 3. Ratings:

Our ratings committee met several times in early fall and winter to continue to look at outside ratings from DUPR and USA Pickleball. Our understanding of DUPR algorithm was a work-in-progress over about nine months and we presented changes to the BOD several times for approval to our policy manual.

We conducted RAP practice testing and on-court ratings testing beginning September 2014.

Through February 2025, we have conducted 115 Ratings tests, with 66% successful. We will continue weekly testing through the end of April this year. The number of Ratings tests are down a bit from the past two years, but the % successful is virtually the same as the previous two years.

I estimate we have over 100 volunteers helping with RAP and the formal ratings testing. Our committee continues to meet approximately every other month and we are preparing for testing to resume again in September.

In the past nine months, we have brought forward recommendations on DUPR and other outside ratings sources for the BOD to approve. Along with this we requested the BOD to approve updates to the club policy manual related to these changes, along with clean up of some redundant items.

## Past President (non-voting member of BOD) (Patrick Furumoto):

- 1. Attended the club court expansion steering committee meeting for updates on the project.
- 2. Participated in March BOD working session
- 3. Organized and attended Hands-only CPR session by CERT for 20 club membrs
- 4. Presented the member orientation to approximately 25 new and potential club members.
- 5. Consulted with the Nominating Committee regarding the Board of Directors election process.

## Annual Report – Patrick Furumoto

1. Beginning in April, 2024, I assisted the new President, Jeff Washburn, with his introduction to his new role. Jeff and I spent quality time discussing, reviewing, and introducing him to the workings of the club, concerns, and expectations.

2. During the past year, I have continued to be a member of the Scheduling Committee, Ratings Committee, and presenting the Member Orientation to new and prospective club members monthly from October to the present.

3. I was asked to join the Court Expansion Steering Committee, which has been working through the process with GVR in developing a court expansion and enhancement plan for the club.

4. In September 2024, I was asked to conduct a member survey regarding the attributes of our members, play preferences, and member suggestions for the club. A report of the 214 responses was presented to the Board and membership. In addition, comments were categorized and sent to the appropriate committee or individuals to review.

5. Most of my efforts, this year, have been focused on the review of club's website and Pickleball Plus as the lead for the Technology Oversight Team.

- 6. The major accomplishment has been to create a new version of the club members' Pickleball Plus application. The software platform has been upgraded to extend its long-term viability. I wish to thank Ray Kuehl, who did the technical work in porting Pickleball Plus from the present version to the newer version. The implementation plan is being finalized to go live on Sunday, March 23rd. There is a continued effort to create a technical support team to assist Ray in supporting Pickleball Plus.
- 7. Regarding the club's website, an initial review has been completed. Club member, Julie Mueller, a website graphic designer, was instrumental in creating the website site map of the 249 pages of the website, recommended a comprehensive data analytics tool, and best practices when designing a website. Sam Schaen implemented the data analytics tool, which we are beginning to see the specific pages which are being visited, which will be invaluable as the review of the website continues. The initial high-level goals of the website review are:
  - a. Improve the user experience by reducing the number of clicks to find information.
  - b. Minimize the effort to keep the content updated.
  - c. Update the look/design.
  - d. More seamless integration of the website with Pickleball Plus.
  - e. Create a website support team.
- **8.** The next step will be to convene a website project team to review the analytics, discuss the website design, and to identify specific steps to meet the goals of the project.

### Webmaster - Sam Schaen, Chair

- 1. Added / removed splash page pop-ups and edited content as requested by BOD
- 2. Worked on creating new workflow process for club contact forms and email directive processes

### Tournaments - Maria Avecedo, Chair

1. Planning for and directing the St. Patrick's Tournament (March 15-16, 2025) continues.

## 2024-25 Summary GVR Pickleball Player Development

# Submitted by Carol Hammerle for the 2025 Annual Club Meeting on March 20, 2025

37 GVR Pickleball classes were offered:
12 PB 101 classes
3 PB 201 classes
3 PB 202 classes
1 PB 301 classes
18 Pickleball SNAP Infusion classes

Enrollment for classes was low in the fall but did improve starting in January 2025. Speculation is PB has become so popular many people are coming to Green Valley already knowing the sport. Also, the popularity of APPL, having 9 teams, may have impacted the classes. Please see enrollment sheet for numbers.

Developing Skills is a program offered to GVR Pickleball Club members or non-members trying the sport out for the first time or coming from PB 101. Players are allowed to attend 4 times without a club membership. During the fall and winter months classes are offered Tuesday/Thursday from 1:00-2:30 PM. Developing Skills is primarily to help 2.00 players become 2.5.

From September 2024 -March 2025, 154 players were involved with the program. 34 players tested up to 2.5. A year ago, 190 players were involved with the program and 56 tested up to 2.5. Again the difference in numbers, in my opinion, is pickleball and its popularity are at an all time high and people are not waiting to come to Green Valley to learn and play pickleball. Many people are coming to Green Valley because they want to continue to play pickleball. Jane Hunt is the coordinator of fall and winter program. **Developing skills is in need of a coordinator for next fall on Tuesday. Please contact Jane Hunt or Carol Hammerle.** 

Summer program starts May 6, Tuesday and will run through to Tuesday, October 7, 2025. Peter Fronsee coordinates the summer program.

**Player Development Summer Program** will start in June 2025-October 1, 2025. All programs are offered in the morning from 7:00 am-10:00 AM. Marilyn Rambo organizes and coordinates the 2.5-3.0 skill level, Greg Wright coordinates the 3.0-3.5 program and I take care of the 3.5-4.0 program. Last year the 3.0 program required 6 courts the majority of the summer so stations were utilized to meet the demand. The program has been well received so plans are to continue this summer.

Byrd Penney Clinic was offered for the second year in February 2025 and was a huge success. Five sessions with 16 players in each session were offered Monday-Friday, which required 2 sessions of 3.5 players. An additional 4.5 player session was provided for eight 4.5 players. Majority of the feedback was positive though some thought it was very similar to the previous year. Tentative plans are bring Byrd back next year 2026 to do a Pro Volley technique clinic.

Advanced Play Pilot Program started February 1, Saturday from 2:30-4:30 PM at the PBC. The program was a pilot designed to provide drill sessions for 4.0 players to assist them in improving their game to a 4.5 level. There were 8 players selected for both men and women and 2 subs for each gender. After much discussion, 4.5 coaches decided to have the subs participate in the drills, so many times, a group consisted of 5 players who would rotate into the drills. The culminating event was an MLP tournament for all the participants on March 8, Saturday. All the participants and coaches received a survey as an evaluation tool to provide feedback for future development of the AP Program. Based on the responses from the participants, the AP program was a huge success. The comments and suggestions from the participants and coaches will assist in developing the AP program for next year.

# **Player Development 2025 Continued**

## APPL Program:

As part of the Southern Region, GVR Pickleball members formed 9 teams for the 2024-25 season, consisting of 6 women teams, 2 men's team and 1 mixed team. The women's teams were one 3.0 team, two 3.5 women's teams, two 4.0 teams and one 4.5 team. The most successful team for the women was the 4.5 women's team, Trail Blazers, who competed in the Metro league, which provided no state tournament because only 4 players competed for matches because of limited numbers. Hoping next year, numbers will increase so a state tournament will be a reality. The highlight of the season is the 4.0 men's 65 + team, Golden Picklers, Captain, Steve Reynolds and Mark Striepe, who qualified for the State Tournament in El Mirage on March 30, Sunday. Congratulations! In addition, Mark Striepe coached a 4.0 men's 50 + team, who were quite competitive for their first year. Lastly, 3.0 mixed team, Rinky Dinks, Captain Nancy Buseth, whose team finished third overall in their division. Great job for their first year. After the completion of the State Tournament, plans will be made to schedule a captain's meeting to discuss future plans for APPL.

Please acknowledge and thank individuals who have spent endless hours volunteering time and expertise to help individuals improve as players within the GVR Pickleball Club.

Jane Hunt, Bob Seeman, Peter Fronsee, Greg Wright, Marilyn Rambo, Joanie Davis, Paul Osika and so many others. GVR Instructors: Jeff Ricciardi, Steve Fernandez, Donna Davis, Bev Cote, Gail Gersonde, and Kathy Palese.

# 2024-25 Summary GVR Welcome Committee

# Submitted by Gail Gersonde for the 2025 Annual Club Meeting on March 20, 2025

The welcome committee was created in the summer of 2024 in response to the club's growing number of members. It was thought that a phone call to welcome new members would make a great first impression as well as help to share information about upcoming events (orientation, dink and dine, and pickleball classes offered through GVR).

I would ask the Board to consider continuing the committee based on the following:

- New members feel comfortable, welcome and engaged when contacted.
- We are fostering a friendly and inclusive club by personally welcoming them.
- The committee provides an opportunity for new members to ask questions and get help navigating the website(s)
- A warm introduction often leads to greater participation in committees and events.

The feedback has been very positive. New members get a call within 3-7 days of joining. If the new member cannot be reached, a message is left with the phone number of the committee member who called. In some cases when a phone call isn't able to be made, an email is sent instead.

As of this week, we have reached out to over 160 new members since the inception of the Welcome Committee last summer.

We all know the lifeblood of this club depends on volunteers. I feel if new members have a positive experience upon joining this club, they are more likely to get involved. It is becoming more difficult to find people to help. We need to find a way to get our new members involved so we don't continue to deplete the current roster of volunteers.

I would like to thank the following committee members for volunteering their time to make our new members feel welcome: Beth Robertson, Vicki Johnston, Juli Howell, Sharon Jones Oxendahl, Sue Bouvy, Al Willette, Nancy Habegger and Mary Ann Michels.

Gail Gersonde Welcome Committee Leader

#### Statement of Financial Activity GVR Pickleball Club January 1 - February 28, 2025

|                         | Jan                      | Feb        | Year to Date | Budget    | Remaining<br>Budget |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|
| Income                  |                          |            |              | -         |                     |                |
| Dues - Online           | 7,640.00                 | 1,455.00   | 9,095.00     | 18,000.00 | 8,905.00            |                |
| Dues - Paper            | 815.00                   | 340.00     | 1,155.00     | 2,000.00  | 845.00              |                |
| PB+ User Fees           | 0.00                     | 1,366.50   | 1,366.50     | 1,500.00  | 133.50              |                |
| Name Badges Income      | 180.00                   | 165.00     | 345.00       | 2,200.00  | 1,855.00            |                |
| Social Events Income    | 2,940.00                 | 90.00      | 3,030.00     | 2,000.00  | (1,030.00)          |                |
| Tournaments Income      | 0.00                     | 310.00     | 310.00       | 3,000.00  | 2,690.00            |                |
| Classes and Clinics Inc | 4,480.00                 | 800.00     | 5,280.00     | 0.00      | (5,280.00)          | '+\$160 in Dec |
| <b>Club Donations</b>   | 65.00                    | 135.00     | 200.00       | 0.00      | (200.00)            |                |
| Raffle Proceeds         | 0.00                     | 0.00       | 0.00         | 4,000.00  | 4,000.00            |                |
| Clothing Income         | 0.00                     | 32.00      | 32.00        | 1,500.00  | 1,468.00            |                |
| Interest Income         | 0.03                     | 92.92      | 92.95        | 1,300.00  | 1,207.05            |                |
| Miscellaneous Income    | 0.00                     | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0.00                |                |
| Total Income            | 16,120.03                | 4,786.42   | 20,906.45    | 35,500.00 | 14,593.55           |                |
| Expenses                |                          |            |              |           |                     |                |
| Operating Expenses      |                          |            |              |           |                     |                |
| Pickleballs             | 0.00                     | 1,275.98   | 0.00         | 7,500.00  | 7,500.00            |                |
| Name Badges Expense     | 0.00                     | 47.97      | 47.97        | 600.00    | 552.03              |                |
| Social Events Expense   | 3,015.46                 | 3,295.47   | 6,310.93     | 9,000.00  | 2,689.07            |                |
| Tournaments Expense     | 0.00                     | 201.87     | 201.87       | 1,000.00  | 798.13              |                |
| Classes and Clinics Exp | 0.00                     | 5,736.00   | 5,736.00     | 600.00    | (5,136.00)          |                |
| Clothing Expense        | 0.00                     | 0.00       | 0.00         | 1,500.00  | 1,500.00            |                |
| Overhead Expenses       |                          |            | 0.00         |           | 0.00                |                |
| Court Impr & Equip      | 269.98                   | 26.30      | 296.28       | 2,500.00  | 2,203.72            |                |
| Office Expenses         | 31.68                    | 220.50     | 252.18       | 1,500.00  | 1,247.82            |                |
| Insurance               | 0.00                     | 0.00       | 0.00         | 900.00    | 900.00              |                |
| WIX                     | 0.00                     | 0.00       | 0.00         | 50.00     | 50.00               |                |
| Pickleball Plus         | 1,253.54                 | 336.68     | 1,590.22     | 5,800.00  | 4,209.78            |                |
| Stripe Fees             | 616.86                   | 94.24      | 711.10       | 1,500.00  | 788.90              |                |
| Misc Bank Fees          | 0.00                     | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0.00                |                |
| P.O. Box Fee            | 0.00                     | 0.00       | 0.00         | 200.00    | 200.00              |                |
| Misc. Expense           | 0.00                     | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0.00                |                |
| -<br>Total Expenses     | 5,187.52                 | 11,235.01  | 16,422.53    | 32,650.00 | 17,503.45           |                |
| Net Income Less Expense | 10 <mark>,932.5</mark> 1 | (6,448.59) | 4,483.92     | 2,850.00  | (2,909.90)          |                |
| Donations Received      |                          |            |              |           |                     |                |
| Donations Made          |                          | 4,521.61   |              |           |                     |                |
| Donations Pending       | 4,521.61                 | 0.00       |              |           |                     |                |