

September 2023 Pickleblast

Club President's Message

It is hard to believe that the summer season is ending already. I trust you had an enjoyable summer wherever you spent it.

If you haven't been hearing what has been happening during the summer in Green Valley, here are a few highlights

- The East Center and KJB Pickleball Center courts were resurfaced. They are looking great. Thanks GVR.
- We had a mountain lion spotted at the KJB Pickleball Center. We hope that it has returned to the mountains.
- Skill rating testing was conducted with 14 members passing to their next skill level.
- Developing Skills and Player Development classes were overflowing with players. Kudos to the coaches, who did a great job in accommodating the players which showed up.
- There were pilots for Reciprocal 4.0+ play between GVR & Quail Creek and for a 75+ year old round robin.
- Sadly, we have lost several members this summer. See the section In Memoriam for details.

I am looking forward to another great fall and winter season of pickleball. We are ready for cooler temps. It has been a brutal summer with so many 100+ degree temps!

See you on the courts!



Patrick "Just One More Game" Furumoto, President
GVR Pickleball Club

Board Meeting Highlights

Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023, 3pm, East Center Lounge, 7 S Abrego Drive

Board Meeting Highlights

September Board Meeting was not held due to no business to conduct and lack of a quorum.

Highlights of Work Area Reports & General Interest to Members

[Click here](#) to access past Board Agenda & Work Area Reports.

October 1st Schedule Highlights

- **SLP (Skill Level Play) begins October 1st. During morning SLP and Round Robins players should play within their skill level (Sorry, no more mixing skill levels like in the summer). Signing up for Round Robin will be expected.** Look for other opportunities, such as Open Play, to play with other skill levels.
- SLP+1 Begins with a qualifying round robin on Oct 6 at the KJB PBC, at noon for women and 1:30 for men with the following 2 Fridays for SLP+1 play.
- RAP (Rating Test Practice) begins Oct 5 at 12:30 at the KJB PBC.
- Rating Testing begins Oct 18 at Noon at the KJB PBC.
- Developing Skills moves to 1pm beginning Oct 3 at the KJB PBC.
- 75+ Mixed RR at 12:30pm at the KJB PBC.
- GVR classes begin in October. See the GVR Fall catalog for details.

In Memoriam

Mike Clemens passed away on July 21, 2023. He moved to Green Valley with his wife, Lori, from the western suburbs of the Chicagoland area in 2012. Mike was an active 4.0 player and served on the Club Board as Vice-President.



Linda Epstein, wife of Bobby, passed away on August 19. She was an avid bicyclist and supported her husband on the pickleball courts.

Carla Hermann passed away on September 1 in Whitefish, MT. She is survived by her husband, Lonnie.



Cathy Schneiderwind, wife of Barry, services were held September 13 at Our Lady of the Valley in Green Valley.

Paul May passed away on September 11. His wife, Janis, and family were with him in Green Valley. He has been on the Club Board taking care of court maintenance the past several years, he was a past Club Board President, he provided pickleball paddle demo & sales, was a tournament referee & coordinated referees for club tournaments, and over the years he coached many members.

Save November 11, as Paul's family is planning a memorial. When details become available, a notice will be sent out to the club members.



SRAPPL Announcement

Southern Region APPL begins the 2024 Winter Season starting October 2-November 12 for team registration. There are several changes this year with APPL, one is age bracket with 65 and up being offered. (Turning 65 in 2024) Flight divisions for this region will consist of 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0. The 4.5 flight will no longer be combined with the 5.0+.

The biggest change will be player rating sources. This season APPL will recognize national ratings from DUPR, UTPR, WPR, and Pickleball Brackets, which includes USSP, PIG, Pickleball Canada, National Pickleball and others. APPL has eliminated the Club Rating and Clinician Rating (ITPTA) as a rating source in registration, but they can be used in an appeal or Captain's rating.

Players must register using their highest national ratings (Gender or Mixed) at the time of registration. Teams will be allowed to have only 3 players with lower rated players. (Example: 4.0 women's team can have three players at 3.5.) In addition, teams can use a Captain's rating ONLY if a player does not have a national rating. (Example: Player has a provisional DUPR rating, denoted by an asterisk next to the DUPR rating, this is not considered a national rating.)

Player Registration begins October 16 - January 31, 2024

If you decide to create a team, please let me know so plans can be made for practice and matches as well as GVR reciprocal agreement forms and liability waivers. If you have additional questions, please contact Carol Hammerle via email starfsh59k@aol.com or phone 815-762-4081.

For additional information go to the web site: <https://arizonapickleballplayersleague.org>

Skill Ratings

Announcement: Effective immediately, the Club is now accepting a player's non-provisional DUPR rating for the Club rating. Send a screenshot of your non-provisional (without an asterisk) DUPR rating to greenvalleypickleballclub@gmail.com. After joining the Club with the default 2.0 rating, your rating will be updated accordingly.

Members whose skill rating has changed through the Club rating process, ITPA, or other accepted rating testing. Congratulations to all!

New 2.5: Elizabeth Novitz, Deborah Kasson

New 3.0: Michelle Divine, Maribeth Kwasneski, Otto Souder, Roderic Ruggier, Jeff Lierman, Beth Lierman, DD Boone, Vincent Ercolani, Don Brush, Fannie Mackie, Julie Howard, Mike Sager, Chris Seat, Bill Mauldin, Coleen Astalos, Mary Ormson, Kitt McMains, Karen Richard, Dave Keown, Brenda Duffus, Dennis Duffus, Jayne Stone, Vanessa Brown, Sheri Fronsee, Barbara Young, Tim Stewart, Robert Astalos, Etsuko Stewart, Tillie Mele, Kathy Edwards

New 3.5: Danielle Priore, Phil Benton, Christopher Kwasneski, Thomas Clark, Patrick Furumoto, Chris Roush

New 4.0: Tim Donnelly

New Members

28 new members over the summer – 5/1 – 8/31

Tami Shafer, Tina Breiten, Jim Blankenfeld, Michael Bartoletti, Arin Brost, Amy Morin, Al Skoglund, Deborah Kasson, William Cockrell, Laura Cockrell, Bill Blum, Kirsten Kempe, Mary Wakefield, Kelly Lonning-Bjore, William Kasson, Kristine Gilbert, Trevor Sleath, Matthew Boyd, Helen Boyd, Patricia (Patty) Fette, DD Boone, Elizabeth Novitz, Susan Sprague, Michelle Skoglund, Gail Jokerst, Dee Watson, Marie LeRoy, Stephen Savage

Social Activities & Logo Apparel

- Social & Outreach - No activity this summer.
- Wellness - Sent 5 Get Well Cards and 1 Sympathy Card.
- Facebook - Currently have 201 active members.

Club Classes

The Club offers classes free of charge to active club members for those looking to learn and to improve their skills. While there is no charge for these they do require registration through Pickleball Plus (gvpc.pickleball.plus).

Developing Skills for 2.0 & 2.5 players. Players are encouraged to use Developing Skills as a stepping stone to improve their skills after taking a GVR Pickleball 101 class. These sessions incorporate drills and game play with a coach observer. After 4 sessions players will need to join the Club to continue to sign up.

Coaches are authorized to advance players from 2.0 to 2.5.

GVR Classes

PB 101 Fall Schedule 2023 (In the printed GVR Fall Catalog – Pickleball Mindset)

A: Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 Jeff Ricciardi
B: Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 Jeff Ricciardi
A: Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 Jeff Ricciardi
B: Nov 8, 15, 22, 29 Jeff Ricciardi

PB 201, 202, 301 Fall Schedule 2023: Carol Hammerle

PB 201: Oct 2, 9, 16
PB 202: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6
PB 301: Nov 13, 20, 27

SNAP Pickleball Fall Dates: Tuesday 12:00 - 2:00 Kathy Palese

October 3, 10, 17
October 24, 31, November 7
November 14, 21, 28

Pickleball Major League by SNAP: Sundays 1:30 - 4:00 Kathy Palese

October 1, 8, 15, 22. (3.5 rated players pilot program)
October 29, November 5, 12, 19 (4.0+ rated players pilot program)

Training for Ball Machines

The Club has a Lobster Ball Machine at the East Center and the KJB Pickleball Center. Both are available to reserve through Pickleball Plus. If you want to be trained on the Lobster ball machine, check Events in Pickleball Plus for the monthly training sign ups.

Play Safe and Be Prepared

As a reminder, when you go to play pickleball. It is a great idea to have a copy of your insurance card, driver's license, and emergency contact. Hopefully, you will never need to use them on the courts, but they are important, if you have a medical issue.

Also, if you see plastic bags in the cabinets at the 3 locations, they are to be used for impromptu ice packs in case there are no ice packs in the first aid kits.