



# PickleBlast

## August 2019 PickleBlast

August typically represents a combination of celebrating the monsoons in southern Arizona and the start of planning for the next high season and how we're going to try to manage 750 players on 12 courts. Well, this year we have a slightly different approach, as we begin to plan for 750 players on up to 36 courts in January. There's much work to be done for the foreseeable future, as we conclude our Campaign Blitz, discover just what we'll have at the GVR Pickleball Center, and begin to provide furnishings for the Center. We also need to revamp our court schedules and possibly make some policy changes. If you're interested in participating, please let us know.

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### GVR Pickleball Center update

The GVR Pickleball Center Campaign Blitz is entering its final days and has wildly exceeded all expectations. As of this writing, we are almost to the threshold to build 20 courts. We have received contributions of nearly \$140,000 in less than a month. Many of our members have truly come forward with generous contributions after years of discussion, planning, and waiting. There is a core of dedicated volunteers who have helped to create and manage this campaign blitz, under the pressure of a tight window of opportunity, and often putting other responsibilities aside for the moment to focus on this opportunity. There is still much to be done before our Grand Opening in January, so if you can and want to help, please let us know.

If you have not yet made a contribution to the Pickleball Center, it's not too late! You can get all of the details about the campaign [here](#). Complete the [Contribution Form](#) and join us today. Contact us if you have questions that are not answered in our [Questions and Answers](#) document. Some of you will always answer the bell, others will always have an excuse or problem, but maybe there are some of you who are just content to let others shoulder the load on your behalf. Maybe you are in the group who lets 10% of the membership elect a board each year and 4% of our members conduct business, set policy, and ensure that the club continues to provide you with the best possible playing experience, year after year. If you have been content to let others bear the burden while you enjoy the results, maybe now is the time to change. Maybe it's time to give back to a club who provides introduction and instruction to those learning the game. A club that collects club dues to make sure you have balls and training equipment available when you need them. A club with volunteers who spend hours trying to make court schedules work when the demand overwhelms available courts. Maybe now is the time to become engaged with the GVR pickleball community.

### BAJA Proposal

On August 8 the GVR Board held a special meeting to discuss and approve a proposal from the BAJA Sporting Club (<https://www.bajasportingclub.com/>) to contribute \$85,000 to the GVR Pickleball Center campaign in exchange for access to the courts for their non-GVR members. This access was to be controlled and managed to ensure that BAJA

members would have the opportunity to learn and play pickleball, without disrupting how the courts are utilized by GVR members. GVR would have gained another four courts for the center and BAJA would have had the chance to expand what they offer to their members. Though this proposal represented a win-win for both organizations, it was not approved by the GVR Board, as a block of Directors continues to add to their legacy of stumbling through their elected terms. The proposal was consistent with existing GVR policy and a cursory legal review and opinion favoring approval had been completed prior to the meeting. If you are a voter, mark this day for reference when Director elections are held next Spring.

**Welcome New Members! (June/July)**

Mike and Pat Andrews	Jaye Beverly	Douglas Lee Burdette	Kathy Huttlinger
Randi Kauppi	Marie LeRoy	David Linn	Lynda Magill
Andree Tosclair	Robin Tucker		

**Congrats to Members with New Ratings! (June/July)**

<b>Moved to 2.5:</b>					
<b>Moved to 3.0:</b>	Meg Kane				
<b>Moved to 3.5:</b>					
<b>Moved to 4.0:</b>					
<b>Moved to 4.5:</b>					

**Coming Events**

Dink & Dine – Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – Enjoy pickleball and an Ice Cream Social! For details [CLICK HERE](#)

IPTPA Game Prep Round Robins – begins Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to test for a new IPTPA rating join these special Round Robins. For details [CLICK HERE](#)

Yogalates for Pickleball – Class dates are September 2, 9, 23, 30. This class is offered through GVR (#43249). For more information see the Summer Class catalogue. This class will focus on 5 key factors for the pickleball players: warm-up, balance, strength, flexibility, post game exercises. To view the catalogue [CLICK HERE](#).

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



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