



PickleBlast

July 2018 PickleBlast

Happy Summer, all. The monsoon season has arrived in Green Valley and we're continuing to play as we dodge the almost daily storms. Here's all the latest news on pickleball in Green Valley.

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New GVR Pickleball Courts update

A kickoff meeting was held on Monday, July 9 with GVR staff, the WSM architectural firm, and the Pickleball Center Advisory Group. Discussions have begun on the details of the center design and we will continue to meet regularly for the next couple of months. See more details in this month's feature interview below!

**GVR Foundation
Statement of Revenue and Expense
PICKLEBALL
Year-to-Date: 1/1/2018 - 6/30/2018
Acct is In (4100, 4102, 9030)**

		Current Year	Prior Year	Totals
		Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	
Revenue				
	Pickleball Contributions	\$620.00	\$6,240.00	
	Pickleball Golf Receipts	\$15,808.00	\$0.00	
Revenue		\$16,428.00	\$6,240.00	\$22,668.00
Expenses				
	Pickleball Expenses	\$4,080.15	\$0.00	
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Excess or (Deficiency) of	Revenue Over Expenses		\$12,347.85		\$6,240.00		\$18,587.85
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Pickleball Club Reserve for New Courts (Club) \$54,266.90
Pickleball Club Reserve for New Courts (Foundation) \$18,587.85
TOTAL 72,854.75

Welcome New Members! (June)

Steve Barton	Mary Clark	John Dresbach	
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Volunteer of the Month

This month's volunteer is Donna Talarski. Donna is our club Treasurer and her work doesn't stop during the summer. She is busy processing new member dues, paying bills, and tracking the club finances. This month she coordinated the sale of the Simon ball machine, recovering some of the money we used to purchase and maintain Simon. Thanks for all your behind the scenes work, Donna!

Interview with Dinking Delbert

Today we're talking with Dinking Delbert about the status of the upgrades to the East Center courts and the planning and design of the new pickleball center. Delbert is a distinguished design and detail expert in the development of pickleball courts. Let's see what news Delbert has for us.

[PickleBlast]: Thanks for taking some time to talk to us today Delbert. For our members who may not know you, tell us about your background, how you came to Green Valley, and how you discovered the game of pickleball.

[Dinking Delbert]: My full name is Dinking Delbert DeLeo and I'm from Dover, Delaware where I retired from the Delaware Department of Diver Demolition Development. Or, I'm DDD from DD, retired from DDDDD. I took an early retirement due to my distinct problem with dwelling on the letter D. I came to Green Valley after retiring, took a pickleball orientation class and the rest is history. I definitely don't desire to be delayed while playing, so I naturally joined those working towards more courts.

[PB]: What can you tell us about the planning and design process for the new pickleball center?

[DD]: A group of us met with the architect from WSM and with GVR staff to kickoff the process this week and we're planning to continue to regularly meet and refine the plans for the new courts for the next couple of months. The site engineering work has progressed to the point where we can now start to talk about layouts for courts, the ramada, and parking. We will discuss topics as broad as orientation of the courts considering sun, wind, and shade, and as specific as location of hose bibs for court washing and the number of stalls in each bathroom. Many of us in the group have played at several other facilities and are bringing our observations of the best practices to incorporate into our new facility.

[PB]: Is the group looking for ideas from the club members?

[DD]: Definitely! We realize that many of you play at all types of facilities in many different locations. If you have experienced a design detail that is a plus, please let us know through the [club website](#). We're happy to include your suggestions for consideration in our upcoming discussions with GVR and the architectural firm.

[PB]: *New lighting at the East Center courts has been approved, but nothing has yet happened. Do you have an update on this project?*

[DD]: We know that the new pickleball center will not be ready for the 2018-2019 high season. There is still much to be done to finalize the design, obtain funds for construction, and work through the permit process with Pima County. However, this week and next GVR Board committees are scheduled to discuss revised plans for upgrading the East Center. The delay is not an attempt to avoid the upgrades, but rather to incorporate features to improve player safety. Please continue to attend these committee meetings if you can and if not, [let the GVR Board of Directors know](#) that we need some relief while the new courts are being designed and built.

[PB]: *Delbert, thanks for taking the time to give us an update and good luck with your debilitating distraction with the letter D. It's definitely a dramatic dilemma.*

Netiquette

Fault, dead ball, or point?

Scenario 1: Player falls into the kitchen after volleying the ball into an opponent's chest.

Scenario 2: Player strikes the ball into their opponent's chest, but the paddle then ticks the top of the net or their knee touches the post, etc.

Scenario 3: Player charges net, smacks ball into opponent's chest, then their paddle (or anything else they are touching) makes contact with the net prior to momentum being stopped.

At times, people want to think that the ball being declared dead trumps anything that happens afterward, such as the player who volleyed the ball falls into the kitchen. Here is the explanation, "Yes, the ball is dead, but you only win the rally if the prior shot was legal. That prior shot does not end until momentum stops."

In these scenarios, the prior shot was illegal hence trumping anything that happens after that shot, such as the ball being declared dead.

Rule 9.C.1. should be applied to all three scenarios. *"It is a fault even if the ball is declared dead before the player contacts the non-volley zone."*

Observations

- Thanks to all who participated in the court washing project last month. If the monsoons don't do the job in July, we'll announce the next date and opportunity to signup in a couple of weeks.
- On Sunday, 07/01/18 at the East Center, Marty Camacho brought money to give to Paul May for a new paddle. He mistakenly put it in someone's bag thinking it

was Paul's. It's in a small, credit-card sized envelope. If you were at East Center that day, would you please check your bag to see if he put it in yours and then let him (or us) know? He appreciates everyone checking. Thank you!

- Lost! Selkirk Omni blue paddle with yellow grip. Last seen Monday, May 24 at the end of evening play. Please contact Mark Robertson (or us) if you have any info about this. Thanks!
- Simon the ball machine has gone to his NEW home this month. Our club reserve account is \$404.00 greater. Thanks to Mark Robertson for storing and hauling Simon to East Center to demo for the new owners.
- If you are a USAPA tournament player, the new ratings system is now active. This new system is based on tournament activity, including number of matches, match results, and strength of opponents. For more information or to view your new ratings and your tournament history, go to the [USAPA website](#) and login.

Upcoming Events

- Come join us for a Summer Fun Round Robin and Ice Cream social. August 22nd at the East Center from 3pm – 7 pm. Even if you don't want to play in the Round Robin, come on down for ice cream and socializing. Sign up is available on SignUp Genius.
- Our Pickleball Olympics and dinner are scheduled for October 28. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this event, go to SignUp Genius and enter your name.
- Upcoming GVR Board meetings are scheduled for July 31, and August 28. Most of us who are full-time residents take some time to get away during the summer, so please attend those meetings that you can.

In Closing??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,
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