



# PickleBlast

## August 2018 PickleBlast

Welcome to all from sunny and warm Green Valley. Monsoons are in full swing and we're enjoying lots of court time and camaraderie. Here is the absolute latest news on all things about the GVR Pickleball Club.

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### New GVR Pickleball Courts update

The design advisory group is continuing to meet with GVR and the architects. We are working towards a goal of releasing a design for your review in September. Also, there has been some movement on the GVR Board and GVR Foundation impasse. A special GVR Board meeting was held last week and steps are being taken to resolve the issues between the two groups.

**GVR Foundation  
Statement of Revenue and Expense  
PICKLEBALL  
Year-to-Date: 1/1/2018 - 7/31/2018  
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	
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>\$16,428.00</b>	<b>\$6,240.00</b>	<b>\$22,668.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Pickleball Expenses	\$4,080.15	\$0.00	
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>\$4,080.15</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,080.15</b>
<b>Excess or (Deficiency) of</b>	<b>Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,347.85</b>	<b>\$6,240.00</b>	<b>\$18,587.85</b>

**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! (July)**

Ray King	Jane Stambaugh		
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**Thank You**

I want to thank all of you who sent me cards of condolence. Your thoughts and prayers were heartfelt and encouraging. Sandy loved being around, and with all of you. As probably all of you know, besides the sport, Sandy loved just sitting, or standing, around chit chatting with you. She just loved folks. I also want to thank those who kept me and my family fed in the weeks following Sandy's passing. The food was terrific. I still have some of the cookware the meals came in, including some Corning Ware. I apologize for taking so long in thanking everyone but when I'm not playing PB, I'm generally at home and if not reading a book or watching TV I'm mostly just remembering and not accomplishing much.

Thank you again everybody,  
Dean Barnes

**Volunteer of the Month**

This month's volunteer is **Mike McCarry**. Mike is the one who collects and compiles the court usage statistics which we provide to GVR and use regularly in our requests for additional courts. Mike is also a member of our Pickleball Center Advisory Group, helping to make sure that the final design for the center is the best we can provide. Thanks for all your behind the scenes work, Mike!

## **Interview with Paul May**

This month's interview is with a long-time club member and leader, Paul May. Paul has laid much of the foundation of our education program and referee training and has been a leader in our club since its inception. Paul is a USAPA Ambassador and has represented our sport well for many years. Let's see what words of wisdom Paul will share with us today.

*[PickleBlast]: Thanks for taking some time to talk to us today Paul. 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.*

**[Paul May]:** Masters in Pastoral Counseling, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Pastored in Oakland, California. Cardiovascular/Infectious Disease Hospital Representative for Merck, Inc. in Alaska. Grandfathered in the Alaska Tennis Association (President & Chairman of Umpires & Discipline for 10 years). Co-coached High School Tennis. Wife, Janis, and I are proud parents of two State multiple tennis champions. Retirement beckoned in '97 and after several vacation trips to Arizona, we found Green Valley. Came for the tennis but immediately shifted to golf for 10 years (6 days/week) due to knee surgeries. Came to work out at East Center one day and ran into an old tennis friend of some 10 years back, Gary Stephens (still teaching in Tucson/Pinetop). Told me he had switched to the new sport of pickleball, of which I had recently read an article in GV News. Took me out to the 3 courts, told me the rules, put a paddle in my hand the next morning. Haven't picked up a golf club since! Served as Club President for two years and Treasurer for one.

*[PB]: Your contributions to our educational program over the years have been instrumental to the growth of our club and our sport in Green Valley. What would you say are the keys to the success you've had in introducing and teaching so many of us to the sport?*

**[PM]:** Gary and I were constantly being asked by passersby almost every day about the sport and we would put paddles in their hands. After a few months I suggested we develop a club educational program. I converted my tennis coaching background to pickleball. Read books on PB instruction and watched every video I could find on the sport and wrote the syllabus. Revised it many times over the succeeding years. We started teaching 36 students at a time back in 2010. By 2012 we came to our senses and reduced the size of the classes to a more manageable 24. We also were producing more players than the courts could accommodate. We started "Assisted Play" (now morphed into "Developing Skills") in 2013. 101 graduates wanted to advance their skills before being thrown to the lions in focus play. Our coaches do not babysit these newbies, we encourage them to work/drill/play and then send them off to focus play.

Success I have had with introducing and teaching? . . . One must enjoy the process of teaching anything. Would I substitute teaching someone rather than playing with a group of my peers? Absolutely! The joy comes from seeing players develop (from novices) over the years. The first smile does it for me. We started with 150 members in 2010 and are now up to nearly 800. Early this year I calculated that 1,100 players have gone through Pickleball 101 since its inception.

***[PB]: Paul, tell us a little about referee training and how it's so valuable for not only the SOAZ Senior Games but how it helps us be better tournament participants, wherever we're playing.***

**[PM]:** This came somewhat naturally in that I umpired tennis in Alaska (note: you get to sit down from an elevated seat), but tennis had a 125 year head start. Starting at ground zero with pickleball referees is what we found in GV. Someone said that being a referee gives you the best "seat" at the courts. I cannot agree. If you are refereeing correctly as soon as players approach the kitchen your head remains still and your focus remains on the NVZ and only your eyes move. So, you do get great, or not so great, footwork and dinking lessons! I like to have two referee classes/review per year. I will go out and shadow anyone who wants to go out on the court and enhance their referee skills. 2.0/2.5 players often will accommodate a referee in training, so they can get used to their presence. So look for their playing times and let me know that you would like to practice your referee skills.

***[PB]: Anything else you'd like to share about how we can help the education programs provided by our club or referee training?***

**[PM]:** Thank you for that question. I always need help, particularly during the high season when we fill all four Canoa Ranch courts for Developing Skills and since PB 101 has 5 to 6 classes during that time, I like to be able to give some of our instructors a break. Others are so dedicated that they are eager and want to help with every class. It's our way of "paying it forward". We are instructing novices so if you have been playing for a couple of years, you can contribute. Just tell me and I will add you to the volunteer staff. Education Chair, Carol Hammerle, tries to get all the instructors to attend an annual Instructor's Review Class so that all instructors are on the same page. Carol and Kathy Palese are also conducting classes and Mark Robertson conducts the Pickleball Academy to round out our teaching program. Thus, any player or potential player can find help and any of our instructors will get you started or direct you toward a class that would best suit you.

***[PB]: Thanks Paul for spending some time with us and for everything you do to support our club and the sport of pickleball. We so appreciate your contribution to pickleball and to us and our club.***

## Netiquette

### Why Do Paddles Have a Weight Range?

The very slightest elements can affect the weight, a little more adhesive used on this paddle, a little less grip length on this one. It's nearly impossible to make paddles to a very specific weight every time. And 0.1oz is really not much of a change as described below.

### How Much is 0.1 oz?

Have you ever stressed out about getting an exact weight on your paddle? You shouldn't. A tenth of an ounce (0.1oz) is about the weight of a penny\*. Try holding your paddle and then placing a penny on it. Can you feel a difference? If you thought you did, try doing it again blindfolded with someone else putting the penny on. If you don't already have it in your head that you can feel the difference, you won't.

*\*Pre-1982 pennies weigh about 0.11oz and pennies after 1982 weigh about .09oz.*

## Observations

- Club Board members and officers continue to field questions while trying to play, regarding court usage and policies. If you have a question regarding how the courts are being used, please read the [club policy manual](#) for guidance. Your Board has created and adopted these policies to answer most of the issues that arise when the courts are crowded. If you're knowledgeable about club policies you will know when someone is suggesting a practice that is incorrect.

**You never call, you never write** - Have you looked at your club profile lately? Many of us have incomplete profiles, which limits the ability for other club members to contact us. To review what's displayed on your profile, click the Member Login button on the home page of the [club website](#), login, and then click on the Update link. You can then verify your contact information and whether you want your contact information viewable by other club members or not.

## Upcoming Events

- Come join us for a Summer Fun Round Robin and Ice Cream social. August 22 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 August 28 and September 25. 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 Memoriam**

For our loved ones and fellow pickleball players, please take a moment of remembrance for those who have left us recently:

Sandy Barnes

Marv Miller

Jackie Zillmer

**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, Club President*