

## Club Board Agenda and Reports

Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club Annual Board of Directors Meeting

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1. **Call to Order - Furumoto**
2. **Roll Call - Lauby**
3. **Approval of the Agenda - Furumoto**
4. **Approval of the [11/9/2023 Meeting Minutes](#) - Lauby**
5. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Campfield**

November YTD Financials will be presented at the Board Meeting.

### 6. **Old Business**

- a. None

### 7. **New Business**

#### a. **Pickleball Plus**

Move that the club assumes the financial aspects of the Pickleball Plus application, income and expenses.

Background: Ray Kuehl, the developer & technical support for Pickleball Plus requested that the Club assume the financial aspects of the application. He would continue to provide technical support and provide functionality improvements for an hourly fee, which is consistent with past practices. He would not ask the Club to compensate him for the application.

Currently, Income is received from 2 clubs (FL \$900, Tucson \$250) in the amount of \$1,150, which are using the Pickleball Plus application. The GVR Pickleball Club this year paid \$1,745 in support fees. Of course, the other 2 clubs may choose to stop using Pickleball Plus.

Expenses are for the Amazon servers which support the application for all 3 clubs is approximately \$1,158 per year based upon the past 12 months.

The support for this change is as follows.

- The club would realize a savings of the yearly per member fee, which in 2023 was \$1.50/member, which would be \$2,250 for 1500 members.
- The club would have income from the other 2 clubs who are using Pickleball Plus.
- The club would not have to find a new application to handle the member database, scheduling, court reservations, etc. and make such a change in the middle of the high season. Monthly fees would run several hundred dollars a month.

There may be additional discussions with Ray to address any additional aspects of this change.

#### b. **Cold Weather Pickleballs**

MOVE that the club purchase no more Onix balls, and use Franklin balls in all temperatures for at least the 2023-24 winter season until we can determine the best economic decision.

#### c. **GVR Senior Games 2024 or Internal Club Tournament?**

Question: Does the Club want to hold a tournament in the spring? GVR is not hosting the Senior Games in 2024, but is ok if clubs conduct tournaments on their own. The Club did hold a 1 day Club tournament earlier this year in March.

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### **d. Club Policy Manual Update - Section 6 Club Skill Ratings**

Motion to accept the following updates to the below sections to accept DUPR ratings for a member's Club rating.

#### **6. Club Skill Ratings**

e. For experienced players joining the Pickleball Club (GVRPC) as new members and who have a rating above 2.0, the member should send an email to: greenvalleypickleballclub@gmail.com documenting their UTPR rating, IPTPA rating, **DUPR rating**, or their current club rating from an organized club to the Ratings Committee for consideration.

i. For another club's rating to be considered, the other organized club must have a formal rating process that can be reviewed by the GVRPC. In addition, the other club's rating assessment must align with GVRPC in order to be considered. The other club's Club Policy Manual Updated 04-13-2023 documentation must be sent directly to the GVRPC for review. Simply listing a rating without explanation of process is not sufficient. The Ratings Committee will make a determination based upon the submitted documentation and their observations of the new club member's play.

ii. The following ratings are not accepted by the Club: ~~DUPR~~, WPR.

iii. The Club will accept ~~USAP's~~ **USA Pickleball's** UTPR (tournament derived), IPTPA, **DUPR** and possibly other club skill ratings as Club skill ratings. However, our Club's ratings are not accepted as ~~USAP USA Pickleball~~ or IPTPA skill ratings by these organizations.

### **e. Court Scheduling Policy Manual Update**

Motion: To re-organize Policy Manual Section 5 and add responsibilities of the Scheduling Committee. Items in **RED** are new.

#### **5. Court Usage & Scheduling**

Court schedules are evaluated and modified throughout the year as **seasons change and** court usage statistics indicate the need for a schedule modification. The intent is to optimize play for all skill levels, provide open times for mixed skill levels, and allot court time for reserved courts and instructional classes and clinics. Changes to court schedules will be made available to the membership for review and input for at least one week prior to **the GVRPB Club Board meeting when major seasonal changes are considered by the Board. (See A.i. below)**

#### **A. Court Scheduling Committee.**

**The charge of the Court Scheduling Committee (heretofore referred to as the 'Scheduling Committee'):**

- i. To Consider and evaluate proposed changes to the Club's Scheduling Policies and then present their recommendations to the GVRPB Club Board for approval for major seasonal changes effective October, January and June.**
- ii. Consider and evaluate other changes to the court schedules. The Scheduling Committees approval of these changes will not require GVRPB Club Board Approval.**
- iii. Scheduling Committee members are expected to communicate and solicit input from players within their skill level and bring that input back to the committee.**

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iv. **The Scheduling Committee is made up of representatives from each skill level.**

**B. Usage** – To maximize play benefits on behalf of our members the Club utilizes Play type designations and Time of Day Usage guidelines:

**Play Types - There are a variety of Play types that are designed to accommodate the full spectrum of interests of all GVR and Club members:**

i. **Skill Level Play (SLP) - courts designated for players at the same skill level. Players place their paddles in a queue to determine who plays on the next open court. Groups of 2 paddles can be bundled together in the queue.**

ii. **Open Play (OP) / Drop-in - courts designated for all players of all levels to mix together to play. When open play scheduled courts are full, players create a queue and wait for an open court. Up to 4 paddles can be bundled together in the queue. Each foursome plays one game on a court before moving off the court and back into the queue.**

iii. **Reserved Courts (RC)- for groups that would like to play together in 1.5 hour intervals. These courts can be reserved online at <https://gvpc.pickleball.plus/> under the Courts Tab.**

iv. **Classes - The Club offers a variety of PB classes and programming to improve the playing skills of our members. This includes PB courses for a fee, that require registration through GVR (not through the PB Plus); and some Club provided programming: registration on <https://gvpc.pickleball.plus/> under the Events Tab.**

v. **Round Robins - courts designated by skill level that require players to register online. Registration can be reserved online at <https://gvpc.pickleball.plus/> under the Events Tab. If a Round Robin is not full, Club members can show up at the designated time for their Skill level and be added to the roster. See Section 5.E. for more specifics on Round Robin administration.**

vi. **Training aides – Hitting walls (Court #1 East, Court #5 PBC) are available when these courts are not scheduled for another use; Ball Machines are available to Club members by sign-up on Pickleball Plus.**

vii. **Reciprocal play - is scheduled during non-peak usage times and is subject to GVR policies. A waiver form is required for each non-GVR player.**

viii. **Clinics and Instructional Classes**

- GVR sponsored classes are governed by GVR class policies and GVR manages the reservation and payment process.
- Club sponsored classes are scheduled and staffed by GVRPC, subject to GVR policies regarding participation. GVRPC manages the reservation and payment process.
- Clinics and classes provided by third party professional instructors are scheduled by GVRPC, with the reservation and payment process responsibility to be negotiated with the instructor. GVR collects a fee of 30% of the total class fees for court usage, unless the event is designated as a club fundraiser and a negotiated amount or fee is paid by the instructor(s) to GVRPC.

ix. **Club tournaments**

- All club tournaments must be scheduled with GVR to provide sufficient notification for those using the courts but not participating in the club tournaments.

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- GVR collects a fee of 30% of the total tournament fees for court usage, unless the event is designated as a GVR - approved club fundraiser, in which event GVRPC retains all fees.
- x. **Mixed Skill Level Play (MSLP):** Opportunity to play with players at the same skill rating plus players 1 skill level lower & 1 skill level higher, creating mixed skill level play.  
The specific mixed skill levels are:

For 2.0/2.5 –includes 2.0/2.5 & 3.0 skill levels

For 3.0 – includes 2.0/2.5 & 3.5 skill levels

For 3.5 –includes 3.0 & 4.0 skill levels

For 4.0 –includes 3.5 & 4.0 skill levels

It is open to Club members, GVR members & GVR guests and uses paddle queuing to determine who plays next. No prior sign up is required. In effect, June 1 through September 30.

### **C. Prime Time - Demand for court time is at its peak during Prime Time (November through April before Noon).**

**Generally, Court scheduling uses the following guidelines during Prime Time:**

- i. **Monday-Saturday Prime Time - East Center and Pickleball Center (PBC) courts are all scheduled for Skill Level Play or Round Robins. Each Skill Level is assigned the same # of courts each week, regardless of the number of club rated players in each level. Canoa Ranch courts are Open Play.**
- ii. **Every Day- Afternoons in order of priority: Classes/Clinics, League Play, Reserved courts, Open Play.**
- iii. **Designated evenings - Round Robin play by skill level at East Center.**
- iv. **Sundays – Drop-in/Open Play and Reserved Courts at all centers.**
- v. **From time to time there will be special events that will supersede these scheduling parameters: i.e. Clinics, Tournaments, GVR Maintenance, GVR Holiday closings.**

**Please refer to the Court schedules that are available on the Home Page of the GVR Pickleball Club at <https://www.gvrpickleball.org/> for specific days and times that will accommodate your playing preferences.**

### **D. Court rules**

- i. Paddle queueing is used as a method to determine which group of players will use the next available court and is directed by the Court **Scheduling** Committee and Court Coordinators.
- ii. During Skill Level Play: Two paddles may be grouped together in the paddle queue.
- iii. During Open play/Drop-In: Up to four paddles may be grouped together in the paddle queue.
- iv. During heavy court usage: Court Coordinators may implement a "win by one" or play to nine points format to speed play.
- v. Court monitors may educate members on the queuing systems, court schedules, and club policies. GVR has stated that the club may not request that those members playing during skill level play outside of their club rating be asked to leave. Court monitors may only suggest that members play during the designated days and times for their club skill rating.

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### **E. Round Robins**

- i. These events are scheduled and managed weekly by GVRPC.
- ii. Club members must sign up for a Round Robin event in Pickleball Plus for only their designated skill level.
- iii. Club members who have not signed up in Pickleball Plus may be allowed to play in a Round Robin, if there are available spots at the start of the RR and they have the designated RR skill level.

The RR Coordinator has the following responsibilities:

- Retrieves the RR supplies from storage area, displays the player RR signup sheet (preference is to print the list of participants & waitlist from the Pickleball Plus RR Event) and appropriate RR chart.
- Explains how the RR works for those players who are not familiar with a RR.
- Knows the courts that are assigned to the RR. And will not expand the number of courts used, even though there may be additional players available.
- When the RR is not filled with participants and there are walk up players, the coordinator will determine which players are added to the RR to fill available spots. The players added will be based upon: the PB+ waitlist, designated skill level, time of arrival. if they are a Club or GVR member or have a GVR guest card.
- Cleans the RR chart and returns RR supplies to the storage area.

iv. Players may sign up for available Round Robins for their skill level within a week. Limitations to signing up for multiple RRs in the same week, may be in place during the peak season & times or when there are more than 1 RR on the same day. These limitations allow more individuals to sign up for a RR during the week. Specific details of any limitations will be shown in Pickleball Plus.

### **f. GVR Holiday Schedule**

- Sunday, December 24: All GVR centers including pools, spas, and fitness facilities close at 6pm
- Monday, December 25: GVR offices and customer service desks are closed. Limited facilities available 5:30am-1pm: pools, fitness centers, and sports clubs will be open at Canoa Ranch, Desert Hills, Las Campanas, Pickleball Center, Santa Rita Springs, and West Center. GVR offices, meeting rooms, and club spaces will be closed.  
**Monday evening RR at the East Center may need to be canceled.**
- Sunday, December 31: All centers close at 6pm.
- Monday, January 1: GVR offices and customer service desks are closed. Center

### **8. Club Board Comments**

### **9. Committee Comments**

### **10. Member Comments**

### **11. Closing Comments**

### **12. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2023, 4pm, Madera Vista Center, 440 S Camino Del Portillo**

### **13. Adjourn**

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### **Committee / Work Area Reports**

#### ***President, Patrick Furumoto***

- Attended Financial Planning Committee meeting.
- Presented the Club Orientation to a number of players from Pickleball 101 and 2.0.2.5 members..
- Sent emails to the Club including the November Pickleblast.
- Responded to or forwarded inbound club emails to the appropriate member.

#### ***Past-President, Gina Rowsam***

No report.

#### ***Vice President, Janet Reynolds***

Prepared Draft of Updates to GVR PB Club Policy Manual Section 5-Court Usage and Scheduling, sent to Scheduling Committee for Review.

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- Met with the Scheduling Committee 11/6/23 discussed updates to GVR PB Club Policy Manual Section 5-Court Usage and Scheduling.
- Met with the Financial Planning Committee 11-29-23 discussed plans for future court enhancements.
- Spoke with 3 parties regarding Future tournament administration:
  - PIG (Pickleball is Great) Mike Hoxie, price: \$15-20/pp plus Pickleballbrackets.com software fee of \$2. Cannot upload scores to DUPR
  - Palm Creek PB Club 11/21/23 (Steve Willis, VP) they just completed a 370 player tournament, run by PIG (for \$10), still used their own volunteers. They just signed a contract for a DUPR Club account.
  - Ginny Taylor, friend of Gina's . Has run tournaments at Tucson Rac Club, on Pen and Paper.
  - DUPR- call with Belen on 11-28-23. discussed Club DUPR acct , possible Tourney software. She played down features and upgrades to their Tourney software (10% fee)
- Met with new Advanced Play Committee (1st meeting 11-8-23)
- Attended Club member orientation 11-17-23t.

#### ***Treasurer, Nina Campfield***

Financial Planning Committee: Present at the meeting on November 29 were committee members Nellie Johnson, Mike Schultz, Janet Reynolds, Al Willette and myself, chair. In addition, Club President Patrick Furumoto attended.

- There was continued discussion of the proposed enhancements to the KJB Pickleball Center. In addition, Patrick brought up expanding the decision process to include all Pickleball facilities and a number of other ideas. We still don't know what kind of process GVR will require in order to give its permission.
- Patrick will have a conversation with Scott Somers, GVR CEO to gather information about a process for us to follow and clarification regarding GVR's role in providing requirements such as adequate shade.
- In the meantime, the committee will refine the plan started by Patrick and also begin working on a member survey to get member input on priorities.

In addition, the committee discussed ball alternatives, and will ask the board to vote on a plan. The choices are:

- 1) Continue using Onix balls until the temperature reaches 50° then switching to Franklin
- 2) Purchase CORE balls, which are considerably more expensive (about \$0.60/ball) but are reputed to last longer
- 3) Use up the Onix balls already purchased, then use Franklin and track what the breakage is to determine the total cost compared to buying more expensive balls.

#### ***Secretary, Bev Lauby***

November 37 new members –

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Dennis Puccinelli, Bob Ashcraft, Patti Ashcraft, Michele Furry, Bill Furry, Deborah Shope, David Wells, Gerald Traeger, Anthony Pfannenstiel, Tami Papapetru, Connie Collier, Judith Oslin, Gary Weisskopf, Mark Davidson, Diane Heisler, Clifford Jones, Lisa Fitch, Sandi Glaser, Dan Moore, Darlene(Dee) Thorsen, Jill Evers-Bowers, Susan Davidson, Susan Hershey, Marian Avoy, Russell Broddle, Agnes Baker, Terry Boyd, Lisa Fenner, Richard McCleary, KarenBrace Adams, Dan Klema, Nancy Klema, Todd Gundlach, Dan Carey, Peter O`Leary, Mary Morrow, Randall Swanhorst

### ***Member at Large, Mike Schultz - Court Maintenance***

- New Franklin balls were received and distributor all three venues. Remind players to please use ONIX balls when temps are below 50 degrees.
- Thank everyone for avoiding court four while repairs were made to the surface.
- A new trash can has been ordered by GVR for Canoa Ranch courts and signage about dogs on GVR property will be installed.
- Ask all players to place broken Franklins in a box at each location in an effort to determine a breakage rate. Boxes will be labeled and placed on the supply cabinets at each location.

### ***Member at Large, Mike McCarry***

No report.

### ***Member at Large, Mary Wright - Social Committee***

**SOCIAL** - No socials in November & December

Upcoming Socials - **HOLD THESE DATES**

- Dine & Dance with Angel Perez & Daniel @ West Center on 1/27/24
- Dink, Dine & Toss (Cornhole) @ East Center on 2/17/24
- Volunteer Appreciation @ East Center on 3/16/24

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR -**

Social, Member Outreach & Apparel Liaison Committee Chair -

Need March, 2024. Organizing & supporting the Dink & Dine monthly socials, Member Outreach contacts, & being the liaison between the Club and our clothing vendor. Contact Mary Wright @ [wmary1966@gmail.com](mailto:wmary1966@gmail.com) for more details.

**FACEBOOK** - There are currently 227 active club members on the private Facebook page. NOTE: In order to join this page, you must be an active member of the GVR Pickleball Club.

### ***Player Development Committee - Carol Hammerle, Chair***

No report.

### ***Pickleball.Plus & Scheduling - Dean Beilke, Chair***

Released new December court schedules for the PC and EC. Setup the Advanced 4.0 play events.

### ***Webmaster - Sam Schaen, Chair***

Nothing to report.

### ***Tournaments - Open, Chair***

No report.