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## Board Meeting Highlights - 5/12/2022

### Inter-Community Summer Play - 4.0+ Only

Inter-Community with Quail Creek Pickleball Club will begin in June and run through August. The RR will be held at the East Center on Tuesdays and alternate weeks between the East Center and Quail Creek courts. Cathy Cifferi and Mike Gustin have volunteered to coordinate the play.

More details to come about how to sign up for these IC Round Robins.

### Ratings Testing

The Ratings Workgroup met in May after the testing for the year ended in April. At this meeting, the decision was made to modify the ratings testing process based upon the IPTPA Ratings process. This revised process will begin in October, 2022.

The revisions were made to:

- Minimize the delay between taking the skills test and game test: They will be done consecutively on the same day.
- Make the game test less subjective: No skills evaluation, only minimum # of game points to pass.
- Reduce the number of volunteers to support the process: Up to a 40% reduction based upon this year's testing.
- Simplify the administration support.

See details of the revision under Player Development - Ratings below.

### Scheduling Workgroup

The Scheduling Workgroup was formed in April to assist with court scheduling and usage. Besides reviewing the scheduling survey data, they will be reviewing the play format definitions, assist with scheduling & court usage, gather feedback from members, assist with implementing new play, and other related topics.

The members are: Janet Reynolds, Paul May, Dean Beilke, Paul Serra 4.0, Dianna Michels 4.0, Marsha Olson 3.5,

Aryn Duncan 3.5, Jane Korsberg 3.0, John Elgee 3.0, Jill Deaton 2.0/2.5, Cindy Stiles 2.0/2.5, Patrick Furumoto.

Since the how, when, and where we play pickleball is important to all of us, by creating this workgroup, the Club is making this a priority to try to find the right mix of play formats and play times to satisfy the needs of our members. It will not be easy, we will need everyone's patience, cooperation, and feedback as we test new play types and court scheduling.

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## Skill Rating Process

[Club testing for ratings](#) Between 04/22/2022 and 04/30/2022 the following club members were successful in advancing their skill level rating. The \* denotes [IPTPA](#) ratings test. Congratulations everyone!

- 2.5 to 3.0: Dorothy North, Barb King, Roger Pullman, Palm Wallace\*, Carol Martenson\*, Linda Hempel\*
- 3.0 to 3.5: None
- 3.5 to 4.0: Bob Stranky, Carolyn Mazaika, Mike Wooldrik

An overview of the revised skills rating process is as follows. Some details of the process will be finalized prior to the beginning of testing in October.

Step 1: Rules Test: The online USAPA Rules test will need to be completed and the test results forwarded to the Club.

Step 2: Skills and Game Tests: The skills test will be conducted first, then followed immediately by the game test. Each test will have a passing score depending upon the skill level.

Skills Test details: A number of different skills will be tested, each skill is assigned an X number of attempts and a target number of successful attempts. Each skill level has a cumulative minimum number of successful attempts to pass.

Game Test details: The format for the game test will be "ghost skinny singles", 3 games to 11 points, rally scoring, and change ends at 6 pts. 23 total points for the 3 games will be required to pass.

To be successful, a member must pass both the Skills and Game Tests. If either one is not passed, then the Skills and Game Tests will need to be taken again.

Exception: Those members who are game eligible after Ratings Testing ended in April, will be eligible for the game test in the fall. They will not have to retake the Skills Test.

More details about the Ratings Process, e.g. signing up, test limits, volunteer needs, etc. will be available prior to testing beginning in October.

## New Members

19 new members in April

Peter Boothroyd, Brian M Hermes, Robert Baldino, Joyce Mattioli, Frank Mattioli, Lewis Riley, Lori Meier, Pamela Cogar-Holtz, Steven Thompson, Abigail Rhoden, Donna Leslie, Howard Grondahl, Janet Breitenstein, Ken Tinsley, Larry Wieland, Donna Ray, Dana Laessle, Andrea Cross, Lisa Bradley

## Social Activities

Next Dink & Dine will be May 21st, 5-8pm at the East Center. We will be Celebrating a Belated Cinco de Mayo!

- The Social Committee will provide a Taco Bar!
- Bring your favorite Mexican potluck dish to share.
- B.Y.O.B. The club will provide plates, utensils & cups.
- Wear your Cinco de Mayo apparel!
- Sign up is available at <https://gvpc.pickleball.plus/>

Viva La Fiesta!

## Club Classes

The Club offers options free of charge to active club members for those looking to learn (beginners) and improve (intermediate and advanced) their skills. While there is no charge for these they do require registration through Pickleball Plus ([gvpc.pickleball.plus](https://gvpc.pickleball.plus/)) (select Events tab and look for available options). See [explanation of Pickleball Plus](#) for more information on the sign up process.

**Developing Skills** (to sign up look for DS on the Event tab in [Pickleball.Plus](#)). Sessions are designed for new and beginner players who have completed the GVR Pickleball 101 class or equivalent. **For the summer only, these classes are available for beginners or skill level 1.0 to 2.5.** These sessions incorporate drills and game play with a coach observer. Coaches are authorized to advance players from 2.0 to 2.5.

**Player Development** by skill rating will begin the week of June 6. Sign ups are available weekly and have a limited number of participants. Sessions are mixed skill levels: 2.5-3.0, 3.0-3.5 and 3.5/4.0 for players seeking to move up to their next level. They are organized around the [ratings process](#) skills requirements.

## GVR Classes

All GVR Classes have ended for the year. They will resume in October.

## Training for Ball Machine

For the summer, there are monthly signups for the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 am, East Center Court 1. Signups will be open 30 days in advance of the training date. Signups will close two days in advance of the training date to allow instructors time to prepare. Once you have been trained you will be added to the certified Tutor Group allowing you to reserve Tutor.

The Lobster ball machine training sign ups will begin May 24th at the PBC.

## Summer Season is Almost Here!

With June almost here, my thoughts, and maybe yours, are about seeking relief from the high temperatures earlier in the day, enjoying the idea of not having to wait too long or make a dinner reservation, and getting ready for a trip to 'beat the heat'.

Regarding the Club, the summer should give us time and fewer distractions to be able to think and plan for the peak season in the fall. We will be continuing to work on the ratings process and court scheduling and usage. Look for updates as we try new play formats, and redefine play definitions, as a start.

Have a great summer!

Patrick Furumoto, President  
GVR Pickleball Club