

January 2021 PickleBlast

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Board Meeting Update - 01-14-2021

Motions approved:

- Establish a Ratings Workgroup to review the existing program and analyze other options which would better align and be integrated with our educational offerings.

Discussion items:

- Hitting Walls, Scheduling, Policy Manual Update

Re-Opening Update

GVR announced that the guest restriction will be lifted for certain amenities beginning 01-27-2021. Please [click here](#) for the 01-15-2021 GVR Eblast for details. Pima County changes regarding masking and curfew continue. [Click here](#) for the GVR page with links and details.

GVR Pickleball Complex Update

- Additional small overhead solar LED lights were installed to provide illumination over the gates and walkways
- A privacy partition was installed inside the men's restroom entranceway

New & Renewed Members (December 2020)

-----APOLOGIES-----we realize some member names have been left off the list below. Once we finalize the member renewal process at the end of this month we will include the list to that point.

Carrie Bashaw, Cathy Baker, Thomas Britton, Deborah Segal, Randy and Rita George, Joan McMullen, Steve and Janet Reynolds, Alice Adams, Angela Elgee, Blaine Nisson, Mary Keil, Les Schalla, Liedl Stutler, Muller Johnson, Robert Kuryvial, Phil & Christina Vorwerk, Anna Herbes, Jay White all joined. Jean Liedl renewed along with Joe and Terri Stutler, Jane Harris, Barb Dentzman, Doug Bennett.

New Ratings (December 2020)

2.0 to 2.5: Britt Berntsson

2.5 to 3.0: Ginny Muller, Jim Albert, Susan Wilson, Karen Rainford, Julie Howard, Neil May, Mark Houghton

3.0 to 3.5: Daniel Kutella

3.5 to 4.0: Paul Serra, Dianna Michels, Bonnie Beilke, Janet Nein, Mike Gustin, Dave Henrikson, Roger Beaulé, Bob Seeman, Cameron Crawford

2021 Rules

In lieu of our regular interview format which usually takes this slot, we want to highlight the updated 2021 Rules which take effect next **TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021** - <https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/ifp-official-rules/>. There has been quite a bit of discussion about some aspects of these as it relates to a new provisional rule to allow a drop-serve and also that let serves will now be in play. And, YES, the rules apply and Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club observes them during recreational and competitive play.

In addition, there have been some conflicting memes circulating in social media relating to the rule for out balls and many people incorrectly interpreting the rule. See below for the current graphic interpretation. And, thanks to Charlotte Jorgensen for her connection to Mark Peifer, Head of USA Pickleball Officiating, who offered the following. It's important to realize the Code of Ethics in Rule 6.D.

Take a look at Rule 6.D, Code of Ethics for Line Calling. Pickleball is played according to specific rules. It also requires a Code of Ethics for line calling responsibilities when performed by the players.

The last sentence of Rule 6.D. states "The player, when assigned line-calling duties (local play) must strive for accuracy and operate under the principle that all questionable calls must be resolved in favor of the opponent." ***When in doubt, don't call out.***

He said there was rumor about change in line calls and the amount of the ball hanging over the line, NOT, it is about the ball touching the line and that is very difficult to determine due to lack of compression of a pickleball. Stop trying to win a point on a technical instead of your skill.

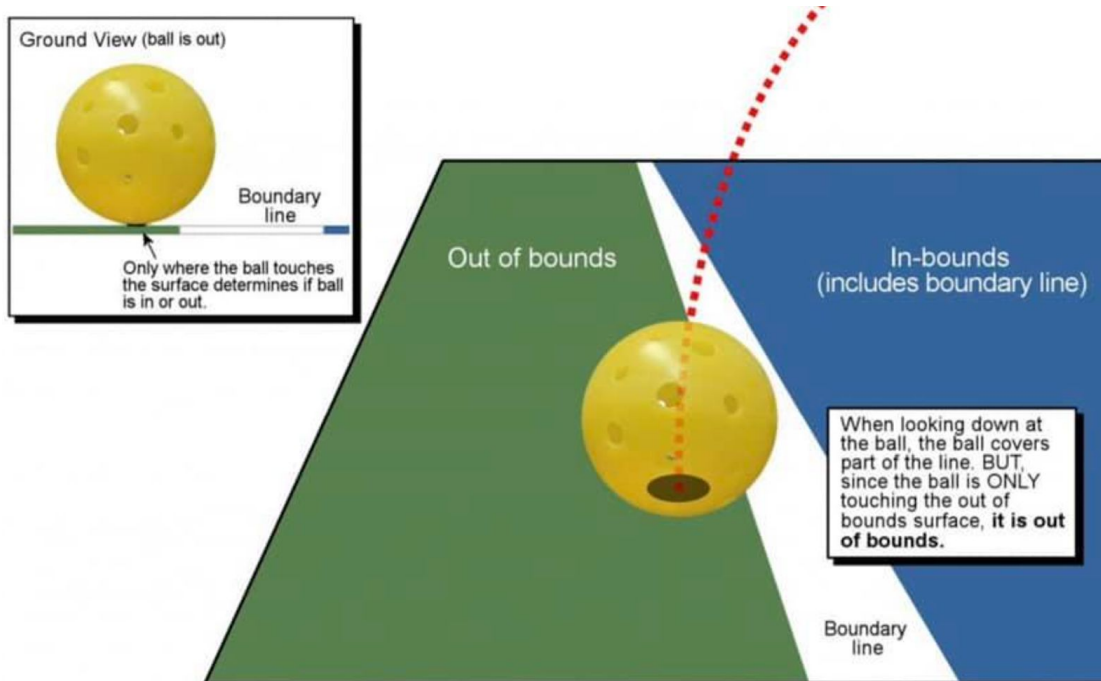


Figure 6-1: Out Ball Illustration

Finally, here is a link to a video <https://youtu.be/leVZloCr4eA> the club sent out a couple weeks ago where the presenters do a great job of not only covering the rules, but providing potential scenarios and rationale. Very helpful, so please watch and be educated. It will make for a better experience on the court for everyone.

Observations

The club's board meeting on January 14, 2021, was held inside at Desert Hills Auditorium. We had a respectable and manageable turnout of just under 40 members. GVR did a great job setting the space to be COVID-19 compliant with distanced chairs for everyone. The general consensus was attendees like being able to meet in person again and want to continue if the situation and GVR allows. We will request microphones for the next meeting if we can do it in a COVID-19 safe way.

The proposed goal for the Ratings Workgroup is to have their work completed by the end of February 2021. Ratings review sessions will not be available during this time. Again, a hearty thanks to Suzanne and Lee Nordhagen for their long and impactful commitment to the club! While we have a good representation of members for the group and we need not add anyone, I would be interested to talk with anyone who has experienced and/or created and administered a ratings review process and believes their input would be helpful for the club to consider. While not critical, it would be most informative to talk to those coming from a club similar in size to ours. If our club's growth continues at the pace it's going we will break 1,000 members in 2021. Please send an email to greenvalleypickleballclub@gmail.com.

Also in the works is a review of the club's Policy Manual. The goal is to improve content to definitions and clarity with respect to ratings policy, playing schedules, types of play and court allocations. The work that the Ratings Workgroup completes will inform this process and dictate the timeline, i.e. after February.

Remember to consider yourself or nominate another member for one of the open positions which the club will vote on at our Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Desert Hills Auditorium. Nominations can be sent to anyone on the committee listed below. They need to be received by Monday, March 1, 2021.

The 2021 vote will be for a two (2) year term for the following offices (April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023).	Vice President Treasurer Member at Large Member at Large
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You may nominate more than one person to serve on the board, but you MUST BE SPECIFIC to which office you are nominating each person, or it will NOT be a valid nomination. Please contact the person you want to nominate, to be sure they will accept a nomination. You may also self nominate. However, it must be for a SPECIFIC position or it will NOT be valid. All valid nominations will be acknowledged by email. There will not be any nominations accepted from the floor during the annual meeting in March.

Please submit your nominations by email to one of the following Nomination Committee members:	Becky Lupo: blupomx@gmail.com Jim Maxwell: jilmaxwell@aol.com Dianna Michels: dimichels272@gmail.com
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The TAPPL teams are three weeks into playing and it appears the schedule adjustments are working better than the original schedule. Thanks to everyone who provided input.

As the courts continue to get busier, please observe the online schedule to see where your level is for Focus Play. There are also Round Robin (day and evening), Drop In and Reservation opportunities if you choose.

Do you know someone who could use a pick me up or do you need to convey news about a member? Simply click on the Contact Us button at the top of our webpage <http://www.gvrpickleball.org> and select **Wellness/Outreach Committee** and complete the form.

If you want to become involved, have a suggestion, comment, or a question please use the Contact Us feature on the GVR Pickleball Club website <http://www.gvrpickleball.org>.

In closing, if you have not joined our Facebook group page I encourage you to do so. Here is the link. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/252938121566884>

*PARTICIPATION IN THIS GROUP IS PREMISED ON ACTIVE CLUB MEMBERSHIP
LAPSED MEMBERS WILL BE REMOVED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2021.*

Need a club name tag or two or three or four? You know they come in some great colors. [Click here](#) to place your order...best deal in town at \$5.00! And, a very special thanks to Dean Barnes who handles this for the club.



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Gina Rowsam, President
GVR Pickleball Club