

January 2023 Pickleblast

Club President's Message

I hope that you had a wonderful and safe holiday season. January is going to be a busy month with members and new members returning to Green Valley for the winter months.

One of the highlights of January, will be the GVR Showcase Event on January 26th. As you may or may not know, at this showcase we have the opportunity to talk to GVR members about our Club and even demo pickleball on a court. Mike Gustin is coordinating the volunteers. Thank you Mike and the volunteers.

The Club Board of Directors nomination process has begun. See the full details of the upcoming Club Board Election Process under Board Meeting Highlights below. I can only encourage you to consider becoming a part of the Board of Directors. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask a Board Member or myself. There is also information on the Club website about the responsibilities of the Board members. The Club needs you.

The next few months will be the busiest time of the year on the courts, especially during the hours in the mornings. This is when the number of players on the courts will be at its peak. Please remember to be patient and respectful of your fellow pickleballers while you may be waiting for a court, it will make the time on the courts more enjoyable for everyone!

See you on the courts!



Patrick "Just One More Game" Furumoto, President
GVR Pickleball Club

Board Meeting Highlights

Club Board of Directors Election Process

It's that time of year to secure nominations for the Board of Directors of the GVR Pickleball Club. Nominations are now open until February 24th.

The Club's Bylaws provide for a two (2) year term for the following offices (April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025). In addition, the Club's Bylaws provide for a standing member of the board who wishes to be a candidate for another office to resign their current position no later than January 1 of the election year. No one has resigned their current Board position.

There will be a total of 4 (four) positions available for two-year terms.

1. **Vice-President** (Current Board member - Mike Clemens)
2. **Treasurer** (Current Board member - Janet Reynolds)
3. **Member at Large** (Current Board member - Mary Wright)
4. **Member at Large** (Current Board member - Paul May)

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 for, or it will **NOT** be a valid nomination. Please contact the person you want to nominate, to be sure they will accept their nomination. You may also self-nominate. However, you must include the **SPECIFIC** position, or it will **NOT** be valid.

Nominations should include the following.

- Person making nomination
- Person nominated
- Position
- Self Nomination - Describe motivation to serve on the Board of Directors
- Other Nomination - Describe motivation to serve on the Board of Directors
- Describe experience this nominee will bring to the position
- Rate skill and experience with computer systems to work with member databases, scheduling, communications and websites (1 - low to 5 - high)

Please submit your nominations by email to one of the following Nomination Committee members:

Mike McCarry, mjmccarry@outlook.com

2 other members TBD

All valid nominations will be acknowledged by email. There will not be any nominations accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting in March.

2023 Senior Games - March 17, 18, 19?

GVR recently notified the Club that the 2023 Senior Games will be held the 3rd week of March, which would mean a tournament on March 17, 18, and 19. Debra Hall has volunteered to take over for Donna Davis as chairperson for the tournament, which is essential for its success. Thank you, Debra.

There is an analysis being conducted to determine if the Club can be ready in less than 2 months to host the tournament. A decision will be made shortly, watch for further updates.

The Club is Expecting!

The Club Board of Directors approved the purchase of another Lobster ball machine to replace the

Tutor ball machine at the East Center. The Tutor has been in failing health for awhile and recently it was determined that it needed to be replaced. The new Lobster arrival is expected in a few weeks. Watch for an update when it has arrived.

Highlights of Board Agenda & Work Area Reports

[Click here](#) to access past Board Agenda & Work Area Reports.

Pickleball Classes with Availability

Check out the following GVR pickleball classes with openings in January & February.

SNAP It Up *Prerequisite:* Must be signed up to be rated, completed SNAP Pickleball, PB 201, 202, or 301. This one time, 90 minute class will get you ready to pass the games portion of the GVPC ratings test.

SNAP Pickleball *Prerequisite:* This class is designed for players rated 2.5 - 3.5. SNAP Pickleball will help you become a smart, nimble, and purposeful pickleball player by teaching you strategies, court positions, footwork, and teamwork.

PB301 *Prerequisite:* Participants must be 3.5 or better, or receive special permission from the instructor as a 3.0. No exceptions. The Dynamite Doubles system created by Helle Sparre will be introduced to the participants.

Pickleball Clinic - Helle Sparre

Sign ups are active in Pickleball Plus for the following sessions.

Session 1 Saturday 2/11 (PBC Cts 16& 17): 9:00-12:00 PM Skill level 3.0, 8 participants

Session 2 Saturday 2/11 (PBC Cts 19&20): 1:30-4:30 PM Skill level 3.5, 8 participants

Session 3 Sunday 2/12 PBC Cts 19 & 20): 9-12:00 PM Skill level 4.0, 8 participants

The cost is \$110/person/session. Payment may be made online by using this link: [Donations](#) (pickleball.plus). Or by check made out to GVR Pickleball Club, put in an envelope marked Helle Sparre class, and deposit in the East Center or KJB Pickleball Center drop box before February 11.

[Helle Sparre Bio 2020 \(gvrpickleball.org\)](http://gvrpickleball.org)

Skill Ratings

Members whose skill rating has changed through the Club rating process, IPTPA, or other accepted rating testing. Congratulations to all!

New 2.5: None

New 3.0: Steven Hoyt, Carroll Kinnaman, Stuart Law, Chris Montalbano, Stephen Shores, Bev Lauby, Lilliana Sholly, Pam Loan, James Morrison, Mary Armbruster, Juliane DeLuccio, Stephanie Loiacono, William Foy, George Anderson, Frank Mattioli, Richard Murray

New 3.5: Robert Kontz, Mark Nelson, Barry Stock, Mike Cooksey

New 4.0: Walt Stahlnecker, Steven Thompson, Robert Stingle, Vickie Huntington, Steve Fernandez, Kelly Klund

New Members

24 New members from Dec. 1 st – Dec. 31st:

Tim Donnelly, Mark Monson, Chris Seat, Debbie Seat, Shaun McCarthy, Deb McCarthy, Mike Mai, Sue Grediagin, George Kolb, Debra Solomich, Cindy Morse, George Anderson, Raoul Davion, Margo Davion, Robert Watson, Barbara Larson, Rosanne Hepner, Roderic Ruggier, Michael Carney, Jill Holly, Robert Stingle, Lola Lewis, John Carter, Mark Bauer

Social Activities & Logo Apparel

SOCIAL - No December Socia

January Social - Dine & Dance, Saturday, 1/21/23 @ West Center

- **4:30pm - 7:00pm - Angel Perez**
- **An evening of dancing to Angel Perez, a local popular singer, who has a unique blend of country, rock & spanish music! Come & enjoy the evening with friends.**
- **Please bring a dish to share. It is also B.Y.O.B. The club will provide plates, utensils, napkins & cups.**
- **For this social event, there will be no charge for members of the GVR Pickleball Club. Non-GVR Pickleball Club members will have a \$5.00 admission fee to be collected at the door. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO GET A TABLE! ANGEL WILL START PLAYING AT 5:00 PM.**

WELLNESS - Mailed 1 Get Well Card

OUTREACH - The MAP Donation for November & December totaled \$1,472.

Club Classes

The Club offers classes free of charge to active club members for those looking to learn and to improve their skills. While there is no charge for these they do require registration through Pickleball Plus (gvpc.pickleball.plus).

Developing Skills for 2.0 & 2.5 players. Players are encouraged to use Developing Skills as a stepping stone to improve their skills after taking a GVR 101 class. These sessions incorporate drills and game play with a coach observer. After 4 sessions players will need to join the Club to continue to sign up.

Coaches are authorized to advance players from 2.0 to 2.5.

GVR Classes

There will be GVR Pickleball classes as shown below. Check them out in the GVR Winter Course Schedule, which is available on the GVR website.

All classes are held at the Kent J. Blumenthal Pickleball Center. Times are as follows: PB 101, 201, 202, and 301 are 3-5pm, SNAP and SNAP it UP - Pickleball are 12-2pm.

[Click here for GVR registration info and policy.](#) Or, call (520) 625-3440, please choose option #2 for class registration.

PB 101: Bev Cote, Jeff Ricciardi
Feb 7-28, Tuesdays
Mar 7-28, Tuesdays

PB 101: Al Willette, Donna Davis
Feb 1-22, Wednesdays
Mar 1-22, Wednesdays
Apr 5-26, Wednesdays

PB 201: Carol Hammerle
Mar 6-20, Mondays

PB 202: Carol Hammerle
Jan 23-Feb 6, Mondays
Apr 3-17, Mondays

PB 301: Carol Hammerle
Feb 13-27, Mondays

SNAP It Up: Kathy Palese
Jan 24, Tuesday
Feb 21, Tuesday
Mar 21, Tuesday
Apr 18, Tuesday

SNAP: Kathy Palese
Jan 31-Feb 14, Tuesdays
Feb 28-Mar 14, Tuesdays
Mar 28-Apr 11, Tuesdays

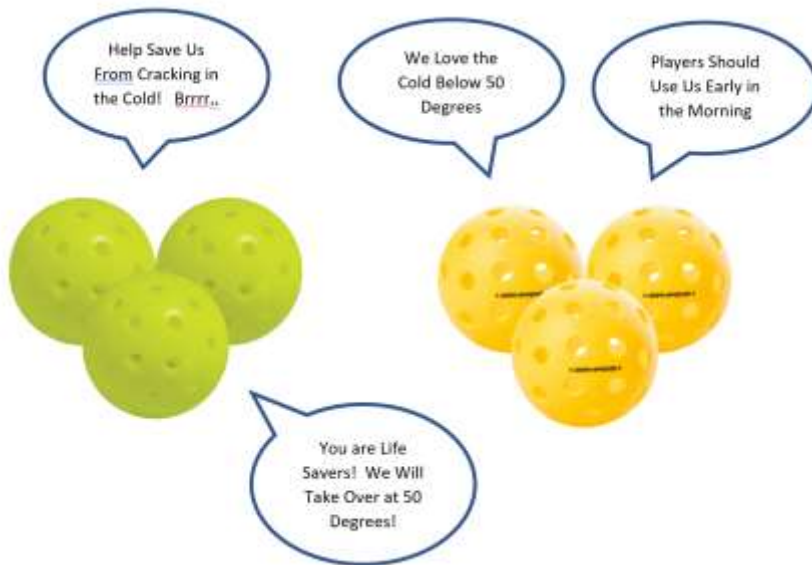
Training for Ball Machines

The Tutor Ball Machine at the East Center is currently unavailable as it is being replaced in the near future but the Lobster Ball Machine at the PBC is available to reserve. If you are wanting to be trained on the Lobster ball machine, check Events in Pickleball Plus for the monthly training sign ups.

Play Safe and Be Prepared

As a reminder, when you go to play pickleball. It is a great idea to have a copy of your insurance card, driver's license, and emergency contact. Hopefully, you will never need to use them on the courts, but they are important, if you have a medical issue.

We Need Everyone's Help to Save Our Franklin Pickleballs!



With the cold here in the mornings, please use the Onix yellow pickleballs until the temps reach 50 degrees. The Franklin pickleballs are easily cracked in cold weather. Help save our Franklin pickleballs.

Also, when you are finished with your game, make sure the pickleballs are back in the holders and the gate is closed.