



AGENDA

GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 4-6pm

West Center Auditorium, Room 2

Join via [ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 899 9721 0033 Passcode: 395795

1. **Call to Order (President) – 1 minute**
2. **Roll Call (Secretary) – 2 minutes**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (President) – 1 minute**
4. **Approval of the [4/17/2025 Meeting Minutes](#) (Secretary) – 1 minute**
5. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report (Treasurer) – 5 minutes**
 - a) Financial Statement – (addendum 1) pending; will be included in meeting minutes
6. **Announcements – None**
7. **Old Business – 5 minutes**
 - a) Pickleball Facilities Improvements proposal update (as available at meeting time)
8. **New Business ~ 2-5 minutes each BOD member**
 - a) Motion to change club's skill ratings policy - Wright.
The Ratings Committee recommends that the Board of Directors accept revisions to Section 6 "Club Skill Ratings" of the club's policy manual – as detailed below (addendum 2). Summary:
 - 1) DUPR and UTR-P ratings will be accepted if rating is derived from participation in a minimum of THREE tournaments,
 - 2) Testing events are comprised of two components that occur on separate days: a. skills testing and b. game testing,
 - 3) GVR Pickleball Club ratings testing will replace the current "ghost doubles" game play requirement with "doubles" game play; this new game play will involve three Control Players of the rating for which the testing candidate is testing. Testing candidates will play three games total, one game with each Control Player, with the requirement to achieve 23 points total.
 - b) Motion to change club's Mixed Skill Level Play (MSLP) policy timeframe – Reynolds.
The Scheduling Committee recommends that the Board of Directors accept revisions to Section 5 "Court Usage and Scheduling" of the club's policy manual – as detailed below (addendum 3). Summary:
Change current policy time frame that Mixed Skill Level Play (MSLP) is in effect from: June 1 through September 30 to: May 1 through October 31.
9. **Standing Committee Reports / Comments – ~1 minute each**
 - a) Court Maintenance – Wright
 - b) Ratings / Testing – Wright
 - c) Financial Affairs – Hall
 - d) Member Engagement / Social – Hall / Kwasneski
 - e) Player / Program Development – Remington
 - f) Tournaments / Leagues – Remington
 - g) Health & Wellness – Howell
 - h) New Member Welcome Committee - Howell
 - i) Scheduling – Reynolds
 - j) Technology Oversight – Furumoto
 - k) Operations – Kwasneski
 - l) Court Expansion / Fundraising – Washburn
 - m) Recruitment and Retention – Remington
 - n) Communications Coordination – Howell / Reynolds
10. **Seasonal Committee Reports / Comments (N/A)**
11. **Club Board Comments (non-committee related) – 1 minute each**
12. **Member Comments – 5 minutes each**
13. **Closing Comments / Move to adjourn**
14. **Next Board Meeting – To Be Announced**
15. **Adjourn**

Committee / Work Area Reports

President (Jeff Washburn):

1. Met with various BOD members regarding their areas of assignment.
2. Conducted club business via email and other communications (BOD planning meeting, replies to inquiries, initiation of inquiries, phone calls, 1:1 meetings).
3. Met with GVR representatives re: Pickleball Facilities Improvements among other topics
4. Conducted April 2025 Club meeting.
5. Conducted April and May BOD working sessions.
6. Conducted Pickleball Facilities Improvements committee meeting
7. Coordinated and participated in architectural study review with Steering committee and GVR

Vice President (Janet Reynolds):

1. 4/3 Pickleball Facility Improvement Steering Committee Meeting
2. 4/4 and 4/24 GVR PBC Work sessions
3. all month - discussed/compiled Seasonal Court schedule changes for May 2025, worked with Dean Beilke, Phil Hirtes, Gail Gersonde, Deb McPartland. Incorporating player requests as well as time changes for higher temperatures.
4. 4/21-4/25 followed up on request from Lenny Friedman to reserve 2 courts at PBC for a summer Parkinson's program. Original Request was in March, when I followed up, the request was withdrawn.
5. April 6-24 worked with Juli Howell compiling information for April Pickleblast.
6. 4/19 - Attended Club Dink and Dine event to celebrate Club Volunteers
7. 4/16 - met with Bylaws review Committee to develop bylaw amendments on Term limits and Nominations/Elections Committee. presented to Board at ¾ work session.
8. 4/18 - Documented and requested input from the Scheduling Committee related to July 2025 change to court scheduling time blocks from 1.5 hour to 2 hour time blocks, identifying the pros and cons and agreement with PB Instructors who will be the most affected.
9. 5/7 - Reminded Scheduling Committee of Seasonal change (May) in court schedules that allow Mixed Skill Level Play (MSLP) from May through October. Members were asked to communicate & explain MSLP to the Skill level players that they represent.
10. April/May - responded/addressed a variety of member concerns associated with court conflicts (lobster/2.5RR), changes to 3.5 primetime court allocations, time changes for 70+ playgroup, one-time court assignments (working with affected groups).
11. 4/21 - worked with Suzanne Remington on "Club Acknowledgements" policy.

Secretary (Maribeth Kwasneski):

1. Responded to club emails as assigned and received.
2. Worked with club President on several issues as needed.
3. Met with Club Treasurer and President at bank as needed to set up club accounts.
4. Attended April BOD meeting.
5. Participated in May BOD working session.
6. Assisted new members as needed.
7. Made room reservations for various committees.
8. Worked with Tech Team for testing of new emails through "Contact Us" on website.

Treasurer (Debra Hall):

1. Continued working with past Treasurer to learn processes, transfer signers, and facilitate transition
2. Made deposits, reimbursements, and payments as required
3. Met with Club Secretary at bank to open savings account for restricted funds from tournament for shade
4. Prepared financial statements for meetings
5. Attended planning meeting
6. Attended BOD meeting

Greg Wright - Member at large (Ratings and Court Maintenance)

1. Ratings: April was a weather challenge for several weeks, but with rescheduling we had four testing days and provided 32 tests, with 19 successful. We are now finished with the 2024-25 testing season, and will resume testing in September.
2. Court Maintenance and Balls: Routine minor issues: windscreen tie downs, continued investigation on squeegees and storage options. I installed two new clocks at PBC which were purchased by GVR. The team did very well keeping balls stock on courts.

Julianne Howell -Member at Large

1. Communications Committee

As of April 2025, edition the Pickleblast has 2 editors, Juli Howell / Janet Reynolds. Pickleblast has a formal email address for submission by Board and club members: gvrpbclubpickleblast@gmail.com. 2025-26 GVR Catalog description of PB club has been finalized and updated with new picture; will track to be sure this change is made in the catalog by GVR

2. Health & Wellness Committee (liaison)

Served as liaison between this committee and GVR Natalie Whitman re: first aid kits at all 3 centers, apparently GVR has 25-person kits on order, GVR COA is to re-stock daily. Prior to my involvement Nancy Buseh had been asked to review kit contents. And subsequently composed an inventory list more specific to acute PB injuries. Discussion continues regarding role of committee members on this matter.

3. New Member Welcome Committee (liaison)

As liaison to both the Health & Wellness and New Member Welcome Committees, I am researching 'Fitness for PB' screening for possible use in a new and existing club members project. Met with President to review new position.

4. Participated in working sessions and monthly BOD meeting.

Suzanne Remington- Member at Large

1. Worked on BOD Acknowledgements with Janet
2. Met with PB101 Instructors regarding Class Instruction
3. Met with Carol Hammerle regarding PB101 Instructors and player development
4. Attended 2 working meetings and monthly BOD meeting
5. Met with Board President to discuss PB101 and Tournaments
6. Supplied the BOD with an outline for discussion on the BOD Acknowledgements to discuss at the working meeting
7. Requested discussion about Liaison roles, contacts and directions

Past President (non-voting member of BOD) (Patrick Furumoto):

1. Continued to work with Ray Kuehl regarding minor updates to Pickleball Plus.
2. Worked with Sam Schaen, club webmaster, to implement a new process flow which directs Contact Us emails directly to the members, who will respond to the member inquiries to reduce the response time.
3. Conducted the new member orientation for 12 new and potential members.
4. Attended the Club Board working session, rating committee & steering committee meetings.

Webmaster - Sam Schaen, Chair

1. Added / removed splash page pop-ups and edited content as requested by BOD
2. Worked on creating new workflow process for club contact forms and email directive processes

Addendum 1

Club Financials (Pending – see minutes of meeting)

Addendum 2

Motion to accept [proposed changes](#) to the Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club Policy Manual – Section 6 “Club Skill Ratings”:

6. Club Skill Ratings

- a. Club Skill Ratings are Managed by the Ratings Committee.
- b. Ratings Standards and Rationale for Ratings
 - i. The club has specific ratings and standards for each rating from 2.0 through 4.0. The club recognizes 4.5 ratings from other sources (see below), but at this time does not have a ratings testing for this level. The Club’s rationale for ratings is based on the premise of allowing players of similar skills to participate in club-sponsored classes at appropriate levels, Round Robin Play and Single Level Play court times. Establishing individual ratings also allows members to seek out others of similar rating for possible arranged game play together. [Self-assessments are not recognized by the club.](#)
- c. Unrated players/players new to Pickleball: Players new to pickleball and therefore not yet rated are encouraged to begin with PB 101, a Green Valley Recreation (GVR) course which is instructed by coaches who are members of the Club. (See the current version of the GVR Course Catalog for details). PB 101 will introduce them to the game and to the skills necessary to play at a 2.0 rating level. At the conclusion of this class, participants, if club members will be rated as 2.0.
- d. New Club members who do not have outside ratings are assigned an initial Club rating of 2.0. This will allow the new member and the Club to assess their capabilities for consideration to higher ratings, either via the Club’s ratings testing process or approved recognition from other clubs or pickleball rating sources (details below).
- e. The club will accept ratings from the following, provided they are within the last three years, and with documented rating:
 - i. ITPA ratings from certified skills and games testing.
 - ii. Note: ITPA testing may be scheduled through ITPA website for a fee.
 - iii. DUPR ratings if they are from tournaments listed and managed by [PickleballTournaments.com](#), [with a minimum of three tournaments of participation.](#)
 - iv. UTR-P (formerly USA Pickleball) ratings from sanctioned tournaments only, [with a minimum of three tournaments of participation.](#) This rating system has changed its rating scale to 1-10. If the Ratings Committee receives a member’s request from UTR-P, the committee will review the details and adjust the rating either .5 or 1.0 lower to be equivalent to our Club rating.
 - v. APPL Index Ratings from end of season
 - vi. Other [Pickleball](#) Club ratings if they can demonstrate they are derived from similar and rigorous testing process as our Club testing.
 - This requires review by designated Ratings Committee members.
- f. For experienced players joining the Pickleball Club (with GVR Membership only, not guests) as new members with no documented ratings and who believe they should be rated above 2.0, the member should send an email to gvrpbclubratings@gmail.com with a request to test to higher rating.
- g. For new members ONLY who have no documented evidence of accepted ratings, they may be allowed ONE RAP practice session and ONE Ratings Test at level they believe they should be rated. If they fail, they will be rated 2.5 and will be allowed to follow the ratings testing process for all members (i.e. testing one rating higher than current rating). The RAP and Testing would be allowed only if there is a position available at regularly scheduled events as of Monday before the event (this allows existing members to register up until the event is closed).

- i. Contact the RAP Coordinator or Testing Coordinator to schedule
- h. GVR Pickleball Club Ratings Testing:
 - i. The Pickleball Club has developed a rigorous ratings testing system for levels 2.5 through 4.0. [Ratings testing for 2.0 to 2.5 is conducted at club-sponsored Developing Skills events, and consists of skills testing only. Ratings testing at levels 3.0 through 4.0, will include skills testing, and if successful, game testing. See below for more information.](#)
 - j. Members are limited to test to one level higher than their current level (e.g., a 2.5 rated member may test to 3.0 level).
 - k. Sign up in Pickleball.Plus to secure a spot for testing.
 - l. Members are allowed two tests at the same skill level in a testing season. If unsuccessful with first test, they must wait 30 days to retest at same level for second time.
 - m. RAP and Ratings testing are conducted [mid-September through April](#) the following year.
 - n. Achieving a 2.5 rating from the Club requires that the member pass the Club's 2.5 rating test. 2.5 rating testing is administered by the coaches and staff of the Club's Developing Skills (DS) program. A description of DS and how to sign up is provided on the Club's website homepage. (Click the Player Development tab, then Skills Improvement). The skills required for the 2.0 and the 2.5 ratings are provided in the 2.5 Ratings Test Form below. Players are encouraged to become familiar with the required skills and to practice them if they wish to move up to a 2.5 rating.

[2.5 Rating Test Form](#)

- o. RAP - Rating Assessment, Demo & Practice sessions are conducted during the ratings period. RAP sessions are available for all members with 2.5 rating or above, with similar requirements as testing (i.e. sign up to test one level above current rating). These sessions are optional (i.e., not required to sign up for a ratings test) sessions for a player, who will be given the applicable skills test and learn how to play ghost doubles. The purpose of the RAP sessions is for [testing candidates](#) to practice and experience the testing situation one level higher than their current rating; it is not intended as instructional help.
 - i. Highly recommended at least two weeks prior to Rating Testing to identify which skills as weakness to work on before testing. You will receive a copy of your practice skills test
 - ii. [Sign up in Pickleball.Plus to attend.](#)
 - iii. [Testing candidates](#) are limited to one RAP session per season per skill level, at one level higher than current rating.
- ~~p. Ratings testing—Three Parts~~
 - ~~i. Step One—Take the Rules test~~
 - ~~ii. Take the online USA Pickleball Players Rules test, [click here.](#)~~
 - ~~iii. Upon completion of the test, the member will receive an email from USAP with the results.~~
 - ~~iv. Forward the email to greenvalleypickleballclub@gmail.com.~~
 - ~~v. Once confirmation is received by the club, the requestor will be added to a group of members eligible to register for available slots for Skills and Game Testing.~~
 - ~~vi. NOTE: you do not have to be a member of USA Pickleball to take the test. When registering for the test, simply leave the USAP field number blank. The Club does not require a passing score for the test as it is weighted toward tournament play and we realize that this will not be the reality for the majority of our players. The intent for this element is to ensure that club members know how to access the official rules of pickleball and have been exposed to interpretations of various play scenarios.~~
 - ~~vii. You will receive an email explaining testing details from the Ratings Testing Coordinator~~

I. [Ratings Testing](#)

- i. Testing candidates will sign-up in Pickleball.Plus for testing one level higher than their current club rating. The Testing schedule will be posted under events on Pickleball.Plus. Skills testing will be one day, followed by game testing no more than six days after. This will also reserve a position (with no further event sign-up) for game testing, should the testing candidate pass the skills test. The commitment must be to participate in both skills test and game testing in the signup cycle.
- ii. Each ratings level will have a minimum passing score (see skills testing links below).
 - a. A number of different skills will be tested. Each skill is assigned an X number of attempts and a minimum target number of successful attempts.
 - b. A passing combined score for all the skills tested is required. It should be noted that you could achieve zero points for a particular skill that can be offset by scoring higher in another skills.
- iii. The Testing Team will review the test results with each testing candidates at the conclusion of skills testing.
- iv. If the testing candidate is not successful in passing the skills test, no game test will be scheduled. Unsuccessful testing candidates may sign-up again one month later in Pickleball Plus to retest.
- v. If the testing candidate is successful in passing the skills test, they are automatically scheduled for following game testing event.
- vi. Game Test Details
 - i. The Game testing portion will be conducted with three Control Players with rating of the level of the test.
 - ii. The testing candidate will play three games total, one with each Control Player as their partner.
 - iii. Games are to 11 points, win by one, no rally scoring, and switch ends of the court after the first team achieves 6 points.
 - iv. To pass the game test, the testing candidate must accumulate 23 total game points
 - v. If unsuccessful, the testing candidate may notify the Game Testing team and the Ratings Coordinator of their desire for second test, with a 30 day minimum wait time. A testing candidate who does not accumulate at least 23 total game points will not be required to repeat the skills test again, provided the game re-test is scheduled within the same testing season.
 - vi. will not be required to take the skills test again, if second test is within the same testing season.

~~q. Step Two Skills and Game Tests~~

- ~~i. Limited to those who have been placed in the eligible group)~~
- ~~ii. Step 2: Skills and Game Tests – Register via Pickleball.Plus after having submitted Rules Test results. (Limited to those who have been placed in the eligible group).~~
- ~~iii. The skills test will be conducted first, then followed immediately by the game test.~~
- ~~iv. Skills test will be conducted first, immediately followed by the game test~~
- ~~v. Each test level will have a minimum passing score (see skills testing links below)~~
- ~~vi. The skills test will have a minimum passing score depending upon the skill level.~~
- ~~vii. The Testee will be notified if they passed the Skills Test after the finishing of the Game Test portion.~~
- ~~viii. Skills Test details:~~
 - ~~* A number of different skills will be tested. Each skill is assigned an X number of attempts and a minimum target number of successful attempts. In order to remain as objective as possible, the skills test is modeled after IPTPA recommendations and how they test.~~
 - ~~* A passing combined score for all skills tested is required. It should be noted that you could get zero points for a particular skill that can be offset by scoring high in another skill.~~
 - ~~* Each skill level has its own criteria for passing.~~

i. ~~Game Test details:~~

- ~~▪ The format for the game test will consist of two players on the court playing “ghost doubles” as defined by the IPTPA. Three games to 11 points, rally scoring, and changing ends at 6 points. 23 total points for the 3 games will be required to pass.~~
- ~~▪ The Testee will play the games as follows:~~
- ~~▪ Scenario #1: 3 Testees—Each will play against 2 Testees and 1 Control Player~~
- ~~▪ Scenario #2: 2 Testees—Each will play against 1 Testee and the Control Player Twice~~
- ~~▪ Scenario #3: 1 Testee—Will play against the Control 3 times.~~
- ~~▪ To be successful, a Testee must pass both the Skills and Game Tests. They will be informed after completing the game test, whether they passed the skills test and game test.~~
- ~~▪ If either test is not passed, then the Skills and Game Tests will need to be taken again.~~
- ~~▪ Current forms outlining the skills along with responses to frequently asked questions are located in the Ratings and FAQ sections of the website.~~

[3.0 Rating Test Form](#)

[3.5 Rating Test Form](#)

[4.0 Rating Test Form](#)

r. Select [here](#) to access the Ratings FAQs.

~~s. A month interval shall be observed between unsuccessful skill/game attempts.~~

~~t. Testees will have a limit of 2 skill/game attempts per skill level during the rating year (September—August April).~~

u. Members desiring to move down a skill level can submit a private request to the Ratings Committee at any time. [Submit email to gvrpbclubratings@gmail.com](mailto:gvrpbclubratings@gmail.com)

Addendum 3

Motion to accept [proposed changes](#) to the Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club Policy Manual – Section 5 “Court Usage and Scheduling” timeframe from: June 1 through September 30 to: [May 1 through October 31](#).

Basis: Club members from the 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 Skill level Groups have requested this change for 2 seasons, based upon the fact that the number of available players drops significantly in May and does not pick up until November. Also, mixing skill levels gives players an opportunity to play up a level to evaluate how they can compete. And to allow higher level players to provide mentoring to lower-level players.

Excerpt from GVR PBC Policy Manual Section 5 – Court Usage and Scheduling

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 SLP – includes 2.0/2.5 & 3.0 skill levels
- For 3.0 SLP –includes 2.0/2.5 & 3.5 skill levels
- For 3.5 SLP –includes 3.0 & 4.0 skill levels
- For 4.0 SLP –includes 3.5 & 4.X skill levels
- MSLP is open to Club members, GVR members, GVR Tenants & GVR guests and uses paddle queuing to determine who plays next. No prior sign up is required.
In effect, May 1 through October 31.