



# PickleBlast

## *December 2018 Pickleblast*

It's the time of year when we see new and familiar faces every week. Welcome to those of you who have returned to Green Valley and safe travels to those of you who will be arriving soon.

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### **December Board Meeting Highlights**

- East Center court renovation is on schedule
- The nominations process for upcoming Board elections will start soon. Mark Robertson, Donna Talarski, and Jerry Hooley will be the committee to gather nominations and supervise the ballot tabulation.
- GVRPC will continue to order and purchase the Onyx Fuse G2 pickleballs. Should any members wish to use a different ball, they are welcome to bring
- [Helle Sparre](#) clinic is scheduled for March 8-10

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Recently we have received requests for two projects, which we can begin once we have volunteers to do the work. They are:

1. Collect ball usage fees for non-club members - create court signage, sign-in sheets for club guests, instructions on how guests can make a donation for ball usage
2. Create tournament results announcements to send to Green Valley News to let the community know that some of our club members are competing and winning in pickleball tournament play.

Please reply to this PickleBlast or [through our club website](#) if you have interest in helping with these projects.



<b>Moved to 2.5:</b>				
<b>Moved to 3.0:</b>	Kelly Bales	Patty Bartlett	Karen Brewer	John Bruce
	Patty Calver	Peggy Cornett	Wes Elder	Kathy Kennel
	Jeff Schroeder	John Stearman		
<b>Moved to 3.5:</b>	Bob Grimshaw	Graham Kidde	Steven Kuhn	Paulette Patterson
	Glenn Tomalty			
<b>Moved to 4.0:</b>				
<b>Moved to 4.5:</b>				

## Volunteer of the Month

This month's volunteer is Donna Coon. Donna works countless hours supporting our club directly and indirectly as a GVR Director. She helps to make sure our club communications, documents, membership, and court reservations are accurate and timely. Donna chairs the GVR P&E Committee and is the GVR Board Vice-President. She has been instrumental in helping to guide the new pickleball center project through this committee and readying it for presentation to the GVR Board. And, she probably does a lot of other things for our club which we don't even realize. Thanks for all of your contributions, Donna.

## Interview with Nina Campfield

This month's member interview is with Nina Campfield. Nina is currently serving as a GVR Board Director and has been very supportive of building new pickleball courts. Let's see what Nina has to tell us today.

*[PickleBlast]: Thanks for taking some time to talk to us today Nina. For our members who may not know you, tell us about your background, how you came to Green Valley, and how you discovered the game of pickleball.*

*[Nina Campfield]:* Thanks for asking. Archie and I are from Seattle. After working for a couple of big companies, Weyerhaeuser and Advanced Technology Labs (now Philips), I found that I preferred a small business environment. I spent most of my career as Chief Financial Officer for start-up, early stage and struggling companies. After I retired, I spent a year as Business Advisor to start-up companies. Then Archie and I moved to Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point), Mexico where we lived on the beach for 5 years and thoroughly enjoyed it. We'd heard about Green Valley being Tucson's retirement community so when it was time to come back to the US, we came down to check it out. After 5 years in the desert, we were amazed to find trees and mountains! Then we learned about GVR, and that sealed the deal. One day we went to East Center for something or other, saw the strange goings-on in the back and figured we might as well try it . . . neither of us has been very athletic as far as ball sports were concerned, but we were hooked from the first game.

*[PB]: You are also currently a GVR Director and serve on the Fiscal Affairs and Planning and Evaluation Committees. That puts you squarely in the center of a GVR Board that is nearing the end of a challenging year. Are the new courts coming soon and what are the most effective things our club members can do to continue to let the GVR Board know that this must be a priority?*

*[NC]:* You asked this question just at the right time – the concept design for the new Pickleball Complex was presented to the P&E Committee and an open forum last week. At its meeting following the presentation, the P&E Committee approved the concept and passed 2 motions: 1) to ask the Board of Directors to approve it and request WSM to send it to Pima County for approval; and

2) to forward it to Fiscal Affairs to determine financing. I know there have been a lot of questions, but would like to emphasize that this is a CONCEPT. The county needs to approve it before GVR/WSM can proceed with hiring contractors. And club members need to keep in mind that a project of this size takes a long time! Best case scenario, if everything goes smoothly, is that the infrastructure work could start in the spring. There will definitely be changes to the actual design – some of those came up at the forum, such as how much shade do we need, how high should interior fences be, etc. All of these will be decided by the Pickleball Club. Although financing won't be discussed until next week's Fiscal Affairs meeting, in my opinion the Pickleball Club and members can do two things -- push for the GVR/GVR Foundation agreement so that fund-raising can get started, and make pledges. I have heard people say that they wouldn't consider making a donation until ground is broken so they know that the Complex is a reality, which is hard to disagree with. However, getting financial commitments will show the GVR Board that the Pickleball Club and its members are serious about raising a significant portion of the cost and are solidly behind the Complex. I hope members continue to show up at meetings – but I think putting money (at least pledges) on the table will be even more effective.

*[PB]: What are some things our club is doing right and where could we improve?*

*[NC]:* I really appreciate the amount of work that is done by Pickleball Club members in figuring out court scheduling, and the amount of time members put into helping others – the classes, drills, skill development, managing round robins and shootouts, evaluations and all the work that goes on behind the scenes. I think one of the reasons the club has grown so much is that pickleball players are so welcoming and eager to help. Right now there seems to be a lot of controversy around rating systems. Personally, I don't expect to ever be a tournament pickleball player, but I do want to improve my skills. A skill-based rating system would help with that. I'd like to see the club join the IPTPA (or another rating organization if there is one) so that club members who want to be evaluated through it at least have a "local" source of information, and also promote the skill levels that IPTPA requires.

*[PB]: Any other comments?*

*[NC]:* I'd like to thank all of the club members who have been so supportive of me as a member of GVR's Board of Directors. Even though I am not running in the coming election, I hope to remain active on committees and will run again in the future. And, I'm hoping the support will continue as I work with others to elect Board members who are like-minded.

*[PB]: Thanks Nina for coming into the PickleBlast studios today and sharing about you and the duties you have taken on as a GVR volunteer. We really appreciate your contributions.*

## **Policy Update**

Our club Board has adopted a number of policies over the past two years to help standardize how and when we play and how club events are conducted. The entire [club policy manual](#) is posted on our website here, but we're also featuring a portion of the manual each month to remind all of us about our responsibilities as club members. If you have any questions or suggestions to improve our policies, send us an email or contact any Board member.

### **1. Membership**

- a. ***Any GVRPC member holding a membership or tenant card in good standing with GVR is entitled to join the Club, upon paying membership dues for the current period.***

- b. ***Any member who has not paid dues, fees or assessments to GVR as of the time such payment is due shall be deemed delinquent and removed from the GVRPC membership roster and website. GVRPC members must pay membership dues before March 1st or be deemed delinquent and removed from the membership roster, voting rolls, and website membership lists.***

### **Observations**

- Our courts are quickly becoming crowded as many of us return to Green Valley. The East Center court expansion project will place further strain on our courts and we'll need to adapt to temporary courts and a bit of inconvenience. Please be patient during the construction phase, which should end about the end of January. And watch for details about a grand opening party on January 27.
- Did you know? The courts are open for play beyond the 9 am to noon period. If you're tired of waiting to play, look at the schedule more closely and come at a different time. There is opportunity to play for each skill group outside of "rush hour". And once the East Center court remodel is complete, we will gain 4 more courts for night play.
- Credits to Bev Cote for authoring last month's report on GVRPC players at Nationals. Thanks Bev.
- Would you be interested in paying less taxes? You might qualify for an exemption, freeze, or deferral. Read more about this [here](#)?

### **Upcoming Events**

- You can now [renew your club membership](#). To remain an active member, you must renew prior to March 1 for 2019.
- East Center courts 1-3 were closed on Monday, November 19 for an estimated 65 calendar days. The temporary courts at the East tennis courts are ready and the new schedule is posted [here](#). And, you can watch a [real-time web cam](#) and view pictures of the progress on our website home page.
- Dr. Miles Romney will present a seminar on January 7, focusing on the importance of balance and stretching properly in our sport. More details will be sent as we get closer to the date.
- Upcoming GVR Board meetings are scheduled for January 29 and February 26. The discussion about approving the pickleball center design plans and funding the project are beginning and your support for the club is greatly appreciated. And, don't forget about the GVR Committee meetings scheduled monthly. The calendar for all of these meetings is [here](#).
- The Southern Arizona Senior Games pickleball tournaments are scheduled for March 5-7 for 3.0 levels and up and for March 8-10 for 2.0/2.5 levels. Registration information is [here](#).
- [Mark Rensenon](#) will be holding clinics at GVR courts on March 18-19, 2019. He is working on a schedule of clinic and lesson times and rates and we'll send you the info once we have it.
- Our club Pickleball Olympics has been rescheduled for April 14, 2019. We'll send out reminders when we get closer to the date.

**In Closing**??If you have a suggestion, comment, or a question, let us know – preferably by email – as discussions on the court sometimes (actually quite frequently) get lost or forgotten. And let us know if you find this newsletter helpful. Use the GVR Pickleball Club website (<http://www.gvrpickleball.org>) to contact us.

***That's all for now folks.....stay positive, keep smiling, and enjoy playing!!!!***



***Jeff Harrell***  
***President, GVR Pickleball***