

Pickleblast - June 2018

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June 2018 PickleBlast

It's **PickleBlast** time! The heat is definitely on here. Hope you're having a great summer wherever you are. Here's the latest news.

What's in this PickleBlast?

- New GVR Pickleball Courts update
- Welcome New Members
- Member Rating changes
- Volunteer(s) of the Month
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New GVR Pickleball Courts update

The most recent GVR Board meeting provided plenty of action regarding the new pickleball courts. The Board voted to fund the design and development phase and the engineers and architects are working diligently to provide the necessary information to then create the design for 24 courts. There is some concern over the failed proposal for GVR to fund the creation of fundraising campaign materials, with a meeting between the GVR Board and the GVR Foundation scheduled for next week to continue discussions. We'll send updates as we receive more information.

GVR Foundation

Statement of Revenue and Expense

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Year-to-Date: 1/1/2018 - 5/31/2018

Acct is In (4100, 4102, 9030)

			Current Year	Prior Year	Totals
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		Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	
Revenue				
	Pickleball Contributions	\$620.00	\$6,240.00	
	Pickleball Golf Receipts	\$15,808.00	\$0.00	
Revenue		\$16,428.00	\$6,240.00	\$22,668.00
Expenses				
	Pickleball Expenses	\$4,080.15	\$0.00	
Expenses		\$4,080.15	\$0.00	\$4,080.15
Excess or (Deficiency) of	Revenue Over Expenses	\$12,347.85	\$6,240.00	\$18,587.85

Pickleball Club Reserve for New Courts (Club) \$54,266.90
Pickleball Club Reserve for New Courts (Foundation) \$18,587.85
TOTAL \$72,854.75

Welcome New Members! (May)

Mary Ahlbrecht	Michael Harrington	David Rambow	Sandra and Jimmie Secrist
Shirley and Jack Stoddard			

Congrats to Members with New Ratings! (May)

Moved to 2.5:				
Moved to 3.0:	Dennis Au	Bob Bartlett	Ellie Birmingham	Linda DeClerk
	Richard Farrell	Bob Stephenson		
Moved to 3.5:	Maria Acevedo	Jeanne Ingalls	Jim Kimbrough	Irene Robinson
	Marilyn Vitale			
Moved to 4.0:				
Moved to 4.5:				

** Have you received a new rating through USAPA or IPTPA? If so, let our Secretary Pam Goodrich know and she'll update your club profile.

Volunteer of the Month

This month's volunteer(s) are our **Round Robin Coordinators** - Paul May, Karen Riley, Mark Robertson, Susan Stussy, and those of you who help fill-in when they're gone. We appreciate your dedication and time to making sure our Round Robins run smoothly and efficiently. It makes for a great experience throughout the year. Thank you.

Interview with Mark McIntosh

This month's interview is with our new Member At Large, Mark McIntosh (aka Mac Mac). Mark was elected in March to our club Board and is a tireless advocate and representative in the effort to get more of us to attend GVR meetings and make our positions known. Let's hear what he has to say.

[PickleBlast]: Thanks for taking some time to talk to us today Mark. 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.

[Mac Mac]: I'm from Peoria, Illinois, but moved to Bloomington Illinois to take a job with the city of Bloomington where I worked for over 30 years. I retired as a Heavy Operator. My wife Connie and I would come to Arizona to visit our best friends Bruce and Kathy Palese. Besides hanging out with them we found ourselves really enjoying the people and the weather. So we made the move here. Once here Kathy and Bruce turned us on to Pickleball. I wanted to move here to golf more, but pickleball has taken its place completely. As we pickleball people know, it can be very addictive.

[PB]: Your work to encourage our membership to become more involved with GVR as we work towards our vision of new courts has been remarkable and appreciated. For those in our club who aren't familiar with the current issues and how to participate, would you give us an idea of the ways we can all be involved in the process of getting new courts?

[MM]: As for me getting so involved it just seemed natural. I play the game five days a week, sometimes more. My thought was, how could I not get more involved in helping to get more courts? To have the biggest active club in the GVR, but only have 11 courts didn't make sense to me. I had seen a group of people working very hard to try and get more courts so I just thought what can I do to help? I decided to help push people to come to very important meetings that involved the pickleball complex. There is power in numbers. I just feel as a club of 700, we can't ask a small group of people to get this done. We need as many people as possible to make this happen. It's important for the club, GVR, and Green Valley.

If you want to know how the whole club can help? It's simple! Go to GVR board meetings, go to any meeting that involves pickleball, let them know your feelings on pickleball and how important it is to you, write the GVR board as much as possible until this complex is a reality. Be a part of the process. Don't complain about it. Take action. You can ask my wife, this is not something I'm used to doing. I want to be a part of the complex being built. All pickleball club members should want to be a part of this getting done.

[PB]: Although the new pickleball center has taken center stage, we have many other challenges in providing our members with the best possible experience each time we come out to play. Would you describe some of your ideas on how we can make our club better?

[MM]: That's a tough one. It would be nice to see more clinics from some of the best players in the game. I think it's very important to have skill clinics or classes. There is more to the game than just hitting the ball hard. Other clubs have a lot of professional players come to give clinics to teach proper foot work, the right shot, when to take certain shots, how to play better at the kitchen, how to handle the " bangers". When people start learning those things a lightbulb goes on and it's great to see. I still have a lot I need to learn, so I know I would take the clinics. I think there is a separation between levels right now and that's sad. I think getting a complex and getting all levels playing in the same area would help fix that. Lower level players can ask upper level players what they need to do to get better. Like I said, that's a tough one. Maybe we can get a list of upper level player that would be willing to give personal help to lower level players. I think that would help a lot. I would say to all,

take as many classes as you can, and then put the things you learn in your game. We need this club to come together more. Maybe more fun outings so we all can get to know one another. That would be great.

[PB]: Mark, thanks for taking some time to share your thoughts and for all of us to get to know you a little better. We are excited to have you on the Board and look forward to working with you to accomplish great things!

Netiquette

- Please observe the posted start times at both East Center (6:00 a.m.) and Canoa Ranch (7:00 a.m.). Start times are set by GVR and are a result of agreements with neighboring HOAs. Some of you have started playing prior to these times as the weather warms. If that continues, you can expect GVR to keep the courts locked until the published start times, so please follow the posted times.
- Remember to retrieve any balls you hit outside of the courts and return them.
- Stay hydrated and protected! It's the season for heat stroke and succumbing to that can really mess with your game.

Observations

Many of you are aware of the ongoing work our volunteers are doing to use different pickleballs to get the right balance of endurance and performance. As part of this work, our club is working with GVR Staff to evaluate the schedule for court cleanings. GVR doesn't have sufficient staff to clean the courts more frequently than quarterly, so we're looking for volunteers to learn how to use the cleaning equipment and help clean our courts more often. If you're interested in participating, contact us through the website or reply to this PickleBlast. We'll announce a training date around the end of June and add a signup on SignUpGenius once we have made all of the arrangements with GVR.

Upcoming Events

- We're having an ice cream social and Round Robin! August 22 at East Center. More details to come.
- Our Pickleball Olympics and dinner are scheduled for October 28. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this event, go to SignUpGenius and enter your name.
- Upcoming GVR Board meetings are scheduled for June 26, July 31, and August 28. Most of us who are full-time residents take some time to get away during the summer, so please attend those meetings that you can.

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 Club