

October 2020 PickleBlast

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Board Meeting Update - 10-14-2020

Motions approved:

- Proposed Schedule Effective 10-18-2020 which includes new level assignment configurations at KJBPBC, shifting of 2.0/2.5 Round Ron from Friday night at EC to Thursday morning at CR and new programs to be piloted: Rated Organized Competition (ROC) and Ratings Review Prep Round Robins for 3.0 to 3.5 and 3.5 to 4.0.
- Authorize Treasurer to develop and present for Board action at the November 11, 2020 meeting

Motion tabled:

- Reservation Only Membership – Implement a new membership category for Reservations Only at \$10 per year.

Re-Opening Update

Please [click here](#) for the 10-16-2020 Eblast from GVR.

GVR Pickleball Center Update

Since the September Pickleblast the club is now enjoying the benefit of the windscreens installed at the PBC and it has made a nice difference. We are on track to have the shade structure installed at the end of this month, so please be aware of increased worker and construction activity that will take place.

New & Renewed Members (September 2020)

Alice Adams

Dana Binford

Ela Borutski

Katy Emmart

Georgia Hillyer

David Kenney

Franci Kinkade

Jean Stephenson

Roland Stocker

Pamela Wright

New Ratings (September 2020)

2.5 to 3.0: Aryn Duncan, Pat Andrews

3.0 to 3.5: Susan Stussey, Andy Velez, Dave Phillips, Carolyn Mazaika, Ted Boyd

3.5 to 4.0: Geri Bryan, Ruth Neufeld

Interview with Donna Davis re: Tournament Update

As we approach the 2021 Pickleball Tournament season, we have 2 Pickleball tournaments planned to be played at the Kent J Blumenthal Pickleball Complex. Southern Arizona Senior Games, March 27-29, 2021 and the inaugural Foundation Games, October 23-25, 2021. Both of these tournaments are **sanctioned** USA Pickleball tournaments.

NOTE: The acronym USAPA has been replaced and re-branded to USA Pickleball.

As sanctioned tournaments, the players must register and play according to their USA Pickleball Tournament Player Rating (UTPR) rather than their club rating.

USA Pickleball/ UTPR

What is the new USA Pickleball Tournament Player Rating?

The USA Pickleball Tournament Player Rating (UTPR) became the official tournament player rating on January 1, 2019.

Why implement the new USA Pickleball Tournament Player Rating System?

USA Pickleball is continuing its efforts to provide the finest in competitive pickleball play by working with PickleballTournaments.com and PickleballRatings.com to create a rating system that will greatly enhance the structure of tournaments, enabling tournament directors and organizers to create fair and balanced player brackets, while players know their precise standings.

Will USA Pickleball member players automatically get a Tournament Player Rating?

All USA Pickleball member players who have **participated in either a sanctioned or non-sanctioned tournament using PickleballTournaments.com (including previous Southern Arizona Senior Games)** will automatically get an initial USA Pickleball Tournament Player Rating in each of the event categories played.

How do I get a USA Pickleball Tournament Player Rating if I have never participated in a tournament?

A USA Pickleball member player can get a Tournament Player Rating after participating in one tournament that uses PickleballTournaments.com software. You will self-rate for your first tournament (more about that in the November Pickleblast).

How will the new USA Pickleball Tournament Player Ratings be calculated?

The USA Pickleball Tournament Player Ratings will be calculated using strategically created algorithms based on a player's match results since June 2015. The algorithms will weigh factors including strength of opponent, strength of partner and sanctioning type.

Will players have separate USA Pickleball Tournament Player Ratings for singles, doubles and mixed doubles?

Yes, players will have separate USA Pickleball Tournament Player Ratings for each event category played since June 2015 where PickleballTournaments.com was the event software. USA Pickleball Tournament Player Ratings

will be calculated for 5 competitive divisions- men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

*Stay tuned to next month's Pickleblast for further information about **USA Pickleball Tournament Player Rating and how it differs from your club rating.***

Observations

This time last year construction had begun on the PBC and excitement reigned as we imagined how the new courts would impact our play. It has been a joy and privilege to be part of a great group of folks who made it happen. Many of them remain involved, some have moved on to other interests, and we now see others who want to step up and help with the new opportunities and challenges with which the club is presented.

The biggest challenge now for the club is scheduling various types of play time in a COVID-19 restricted environment to address the needs of our membership. Included is the obligation the club has as it relates to non-club GVR members who have access to the courts and the club's reservation system. We received feedback from just under 100 members regarding the schedule. **THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING!** Listed below is a table showing a snapshot of the play preference results which guided discussion of the Scheduling Committee. Is it perfect and will it satisfy everyone? No. One of the biggest changes we have in this year's fall schedule is the availability of Reserved Courts in the morning. In the past, players could not reserve a court in the morning hours.

We will monitor usage and make adjustments as we are able.

Comments received reveal we have a mixture of interests ranging from pure social play preference to those desiring to develop and advance their skills to become more competitive within the club and others wanting to be competitive and involved with leagues and tournaments.

Level	# Responses	Preferred Center	Hours of Play	Events	Type of Play Preference
2.0/2.5	10	CR - 2 EC - 7 KJBPBC - 1	1-2 = 8 3-4 = 2	Ladies Mixer = 1 Ladies Mixer/Round Robin = 2 Neither = 3 Round Robins = 4	Focus Play - 2 Open Play - 3 Reserved Court Play - 5
3	35	CR - 6 EC - 18 KJBPBC - 11	1-2 = 21 3-4 = 14	Ladies Mixer = 5 Ladies Mixer/Round Robin = 7 Neither = 13 Round Robins = 10	Focus Play - 12 Open Play - 7 Reserved Court Play - 17
3.5	37	CR - 1 EC - 10 KJBPBC - 28	1-2 = 23 3-4 = 14 4+ = 2	Ladies Mixer = 1 Ladies Mixer/Round Robin = 6 Neither = 10 Round Robins = 21	Focus Play - 24 Open Play - 4 Reserved Court Play - 7

4.0/4.5	12	CR - 0 EC - 2 KJBPBC - 10	1-2 = 4 3-4 = 8	Ladies Mixer = 0 Ladies Mixer/Round Robin = 2 Neither = 10 Round Robins = 9	Focus Play - 6 Reserved Court Play - 6
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Do you know someone who could use a pick me up? 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.

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>

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>.

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