



# September 2018 PickleBlast

Welcome to the September 2018 edition of the award-winning PickleBlast. Fall weather is coming as our temps are dropping to the mid-90s and some of you who have been gone for several months are beginning to return. Here's the latest news!

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### Board Meeting Highlights

- GVRPC is participating in the GVR Conduct Expectations program
- New fall court schedules are in effect October 1. A preview will be on the website starting Sept 24.
- GVR committees and Board are expected to approve expansion and new lighting at East Center
- The design for the new pickleball center is nearly complete and will be released within a couple of weeks
- The Board is evaluating our ratings process and will discuss further at the next meeting

### New GVR Pickleball Courts update

The design advisory group is continuing to meet with GVR and the architects. We are working towards a goal of releasing a design for your review later this month. Recently the GVR Board approved the funding request from the GVR Foundation, so work is now continuing on soliciting corporate contributions.

**GVR Foundation  
Statement of Revenue and Expense  
PICKLEBALL  
Year-to-Date: 1/1/2018 - 8/31/2018  
Acct is In (4100, 4102, 9030)**

			Current Year		Prior Year		Totals
			Year-to-Date		Year-to-Date		

<b>Revenue</b>							
	Pickleball Contributions		\$620.00		\$6,240.00		
	Pickleball Golf Receipts		\$15,808.00		\$0.00		
<b>Revenue</b>			<b>\$16,428.00</b>		<b>\$6,240.00</b>		<b>\$22,668.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
	Pickleball Expenses		\$4,080.15		\$0.00		
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<b>Excess or (Deficiency) of</b>	<b>Revenue Over Expenses</b>		<b>\$12,347.85</b>		<b>\$6,240.00</b>		<b>\$18,587.85</b>

**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! (August)**

Karin Butler	Dick Gunder	Meg Kane	Diane Liguori	Julie and Jay Zeilenga
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**Volunteer of the Month**

This month's volunteer is **Connie Griffin**. Connie is a Director with the GVR Foundation and contributes her talents as a grant writer. She has been working tirelessly on applications for grants for the Foundation and for GVR. Connie was instrumental in obtaining the recently announced grant from Freeport-McMoRan (for \$50,000!!) towards the construction of new pickleball courts. Thanks Connie for all you do for the GVR Foundation, GVR, and our club!

**Interview with Deb McPartland**

*[PickleBlast]: Thanks for taking some time to talk to us today Deb. 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.*  
*[Deb McPartland]: I spent my career in banking and IT working for Bank of America and Hewlett Packard. My last position with HP took us to Austin. We lived in Sun City just outside of Austin and loved the camaraderie with our neighbors. When I retired, we decided that we loved the weather but wanted to be closer to our kids and grandkids. Jim's dad lived in Rio Rico for 30 some years and we had been to Green Valley during some of our visits. We decided that Green Valley fit the bill, great weather, the same kind of camaraderie and a drive-able distance to all of our family and friends. Pickleball became a big part of our free time when we moved to Texas. Jim had golf buddies who introduced him to the game and slowly but surely it became our go to sport.*

*[PB]: You have become very active in our club leading the Social Committee and taking on the responsibility of managing our email communications, including the PickleBlast. Thanks for doing this and please share with us some of the social events scheduled for the next few months.*

[DMP]: Our next event is a Pickleball Olympics on October 28th at the East Center. Teams will compete for fun prizes by playing creatively crafted games some with paddles, some without, maybe a hula hoop or a chair... Dinner to follow

On February 28th, we have our Winter Dance. The theme this year is Mardi Gras and Jim Simmons will be providing our music. More info to come.

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

[DMP]: I think our club does a good job of providing information about the club and works hard to keep the club members engaged, ensuring that everyone's ideas are heard. I know that the weather impacts our play, but we have a lot of downtime on the courts. I wonder if there are drills or pickleball games (The Dink game, King/Queen of the Court, 4 square, etc.) that can be scheduled to fill the courts.

*[PB]: Anything else you'd like to share about what we can do to contribute to the work the Social Committee does?*

[DMP]: First, I would like to thank Pam Sweigart, Kathy Harrell, Marsha Olson and Dianna Michels for their participation on the Social Committee. We would love to have a few more people on the Social Committee. The time commitment is not a huge one. We generally meet a couple of times prior to an event for planning purposes, have an annual planning meeting in March and help with set up and managing events. Also if anyone has any ideas for future social events, please let me know.

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

## **Netiquette**

The seasons are changing and some of us are returning to the area after being gone during the summer. While we relax the focus play rules during the summer, it's time to return to the rules regarding focus play as described in our [club policy manual](#). Please make sure you're familiar with those rules and help us keep things running smoothly.

## **Observations**

- Changes are coming! The design plans for the new pickleball complex are almost complete, as are the plans to upgrade the East Center courts. As these details are finalized, we will provide them to you. Look for an announcement about a design review meeting for our club in the next few weeks.
- As we approach the time when upgrades will be done at the East Center courts, we'll need to make adjustments to our court schedules to reflect the temporary loss of courts 1-3. We understand that this may create a schedule crunch but we'll do our best to have equitable playing times for all.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Our Pickleball Olympics and dinner are scheduled for October 28. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this event, go to SignUp Genius and enter your name.
- Upcoming GVR Board meetings are scheduled for September 25 and October 30. Now that some of you are returning to Green Valley, please put these on your calendar as we continue to show our support for new courts.

**In Memoriam**

For our loved ones and fellow pickleball players, please take a moment of remembrance for those who have left us recently:

John Cole  
Randy DeByle

**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, Club President***