

October 2022 Pickleblast

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Board Meeting Highlights

2023 Budget

The 2023 budget was approved based upon input from various committees and projections for 2023. Club dues will remain at \$15/year. For details refer to the Board Meeting minutes.

Reserve Fund Subcommittee

A reserve fund subcommittee will be formed to set the guidelines for the transfer of money in and out of the reserve fund. The subcommittee will also make recommendations for future court and club improvements to be approved by the Club Board. The chair of this subcommittee will be the Club Treasurer and will include 3-5 Club members, to be identified.

Policy Manual Updates

Updates to the Policy Manual regarding Skill Level Play - SLP (formerly known as Focus Play) is in effect October 1st through May 31st and Mixed Skill Level Play - MSLP will be in effect June 1st through September 30th. In addition, Gold/Silver queuing system references were removed.

Member Agreement

A Club Member Agreement was approved by the Board. All members will be required to agree to this Member Agreement:

The purpose of the GVR Pickleball Club is to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable environment for its members. This implies sportsmanship, respect, and proper court etiquette towards fellow Club members, guests, and GVR personnel. The Club will

respect the needs and goals of all players endeavoring to provide events and play to meet all player needs.

This agreement may be revised from time to time. Each member is responsible for knowing the contents of the Membership Agreement and agrees to abide by its content.

Code of Conduct

- I will comply with the GVR Pickleball Club Policies and By-Laws.
- I will comply with posted court signage and schedules.
- I will adhere to the USAPA pickleball rules.
- I will make fair line calls and respect calls made by others.
- I will not act or play in a way that maliciously threatens my safety or the safety of others.
- I will refrain from verbal outbursts which are profane, threatening or abusive.
- I will respect GVR Recreation property and perform no actions which may cause damage.
- I will comply with the GVR Recreation applicable rules & policies.
- I will do my best to present a positive image to the local community as a representative of the GVR Pickleball Club.

Networking with Members

I understand that when I join the GVR Pickleball club, personal information is entered in the Club Member Directory (Pickleball Plus) which is available on a members-only password-protected page for networking with other members. I will not download, republish or duplicate the information in the Member Directory — in whole or in part — for commercial or any other purposes. I understand that a primary means of communication between the Club and its members is via email and agree to receive emails from the Club. No information will be shared outside the Club, without your permission.

Photo and Video

While not a regular occurrence, I understand that from time to time photos and videos may be taken during on court play and social gatherings. Use of media images will be limited to instructional, marketing, and social media purposes. I understand that I may request in writing that my image is not to be used.

Club Facebook Page

The Club will pursue creating a facebook page. Details need to be finalized but will include policies & practices, and administration guidelines of the facebook page. Two administrators are currently being identified. Look for more details as plans become finalized.

New Member Orientation

A new member orientation is currently being developed to target new and prospective members. The orientation will cover every aspect of the Club including the website, Pickleball Plus, history of the club, play types, scheduling, classes, etc. Watch for details on when these orientations

will begin.

Player Development 4.0 to 4.5

Carol Hammerle, Chair of Player Development announced that plans are underway to create workshops to develop 4.0 players to 4.5. The curriculum and schedule are still being developed, with the target of the middle of December to begin. Watch for details on these workshops.

Board Agenda & Work Area Reports and Pickleblasts

[Click here](#) to access past Board Agenda & Work Area Reports. And [click here](#) for past Pickleblasts.

General Wealth Advisors & Foundation Games Tournaments

Only 3 weeks are left to register for one of two tournaments to be held on our own courts, December 9-11, 2022. Click on one of the links below to register before November 9th.

Non-sanctioned Foundation Games [Registration for non-sanctioned Foundation Games](#)

Sanctioned Generous Wealth Advisors Pickleball Tournament [Registration for the sanctioned Generous Wealth Advisors Pickleball Tournament](#)

Skill Ratings

In late September and early October, the PSD 2.5 to 3.0 summer class was given the opportunity to be the first players to be tested using the revised rating test process. The following players passed the skill assessment and game test to become 3.0 players. Congratulations!

George Black, Michele Black, Kent Blumenthal, Divya De Garde, Jill Deaton, Stephen Dreier, Debbie Forney, Samuel Gorsline, Philip Hirtes, Diane Hutchison, Ursula Kempe, Maureen Kincaid, Kim McCarty, David Meents, Cindy Stiles, Victoria West

New Members

New members for Sept. – Liz Cronin, Walt Stahlnecker.

Social Activities & Logo Apparel

Next Dink & Dine will be our Annual Halloween Contest & Chili on Saturday, October 22 at the East Center at 5pm.

- **Halloween Contest (Costumes are optional)**
- **Bring your favorite chili, or a dish or dessert to share. BYOB.**
- **Sign up is available at <https://gvpc.pickleball.plus/>**
- **The Club will provide plates, utensils, napkins, & cups.**

There has been a change in the supplier for GVR Pickleball Club apparel to Pickleballxtra.com. They have a wider selection of apparel including hats and visors.

CLUB REWARDS - Members can now receive 5% off everything they purchase from PickleballCentral.com. (Excludes Douglas Nets, Pickleball Magazine, & Gift Certificates). When checking out, type in your club's unique discount code (CRGreenValley) in the coupon code box, hit the "apply" button & you'll see 5% of the bill disappear! For our Club, every time a member uses our club discount code, 5% of your purchase goes into the club's fund.

OUTREACH - GVR Foundation's first annual Neighbors Helping GVR Neighbors club challenge will kick off on November 1 through December 31. This challenge will be with other GVR clubs to help raise money for GVR neighbors in need of MAP (Member Assistance Program) funding to pay their annual dues.

In 2022, over 1,100 GVR neighbors are living on less than \$1500/per month. Monthly budgeting can be challenging for those with limited funds.

Two awards will be given in January 2023. One to the club that donates the most money to MAP overall & one for the club that donates the most based on number of members.

There will be four ways to donate to this challenge, details will be sent via email to you prior to November 1st, the beginning of the Club Challenge.

Our Club has the heart & soul of GVR! We have shown this before. LET'S WIN THIS CHALLENGE!

Club Classes

The Club offers classes free of charge to active club members for those looking to learn and to improve their skills. While there is no charge for these they do require registration through Pickleball Plus (gvpc.pickleball.plus).

Developing Skills for 2.0 & 2.5 players. Players are encouraged to use Developing Skills as a stepping stone to improve their skills after taking a GVR 101 class. Also, players may use Developing Skills as an introduction to pickleball, then move into a GVR 101 class. After 4 sessions players will need to join the Club to continue to sign up. These sessions incorporate drills and game play with a coach observer. Coaches are authorized to advance players from 2.0 to 2.5.

GVR Classes

There still may be openings in the GVR Pickleball classes below. Check them out and sign up. Tell your friends, who want to learn to play or to improve their pickleball skills.

All classes are held at the Kent J. Blumenthal Pickleball Center. Times are as follows: PB 101, 201, 202, and 301 are 3-5pm, SNAP and SNAP it UP - Pickleball are 12-2pm.

[Click here for GVR registration info and policy.](#) Or, call (520) 625-3440, please choose option #2 for class registration.

GVR Fall 2022 GVR Course Schedule

PB 101 Fall Schedule 2022:

- A: Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 Mike Gustin
- B: Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 Al Willette

PB 301 Fall Schedule 2022: Carol Hammerle

- PB 301: Nov 14, 21, 28

SNAP Fall Schedule 2022: Kathy Palese

- Nov 1, 8, 15

- Nov 22

Training for Ball Machines

The Tutor Ball Machine at the East Center and the Lobster Ball Machine at the PBC are available to reserve. If you are wanting to be trained on either ball machine, check Events in Pickleball Plus to sign up.

Play Safe, but Be Prepared

As a reminder, when you go to play pickleball. It is a great idea to have a copy of your insurance card, driver's license, and emergency contact. Hopefully, you will never need to use them on the courts, but they are important, if you have a medical issue.

Club President's Message

Wow! With the start of our peak season, there are many activities happening within the Club as you can see above.

Of course, it is the many, many volunteers who make it all work from the Club Board members, coaches, committee members, and others. They all deserve a huge thank you!

The club can always use more volunteers, so if you are willing and have some time to give, just let me or a Board member know. We will find a spot for you.

See you on the courts!



Patrick "Just One More Game" Furumoto, President
GVR Pickleball Club