



## **April 2018 PickleBlast**

Welcome to the April **PickleBlast** edition. The courts are just beginning to thin out, as some of you are headed for what will be cooler climes in another month or so. But, there's still a lot of activity here and we'll cover much of that in case you've missed something.

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### **April Board Meeting**

Our April Board Meeting was held on Wednesday April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the East Center lounge. Here are the highlights:

- Two new faces! We welcomed Pam Goodrich and Mark McIntosh as newly-elected board members.
- Summer Support Core - We want to create a way for those of us here throughout the summer to continue to be a presence at all GVR meetings. We're exploring ways to indicate when and where we can participate so our club has consistent participation throughout the next several months. If you weren't part of the discussion, contact us to learn more!
- Pickleball Academy - Instructional classes for 3.5 and above and those interested in tournament play are being formed in May. Watch for more details!
- Our Social Committee has been busy planning out events for the next twelve months. We will announce each one in plenty of time for you to mark your calendars and join in the fun.

### **New GVR Pickleball Courts update**

Thanks to all who came out to the Pima County Hearing on the conditional use permit for the new pickleball court sites. Your emails and letters were recorded and made part of the public record and are being considered by the county officials

making the permit decision. And a special thanks for those of you who publicized and organized to get us all to show up.

Our club golf outing is scheduled for April 22 at San Ignacio Golf Course. If you haven't yet signed up, there's still a few days left to signup or sponsor a cart or hole! You can get the registration form [here](#). If you would like to help with any of these events, please [contact us](#) and we'll be happy to add you to the team. We cannot have a successful fundraising effort without your help.

### Website Updates

- Have a question, suggestion, or complaint? The best way to communicate with the Board is through our [Suggestion Box](#). We try to remember the conversations we have at the courts, but that's not the most reliable way to pass on your ideas. Send us your ideas through the website and we'll respond as quickly as we can.
- Don't forget about our club [FaceBook page](#). This is a great source for up-to-the-minute news on the new courts and the latest actions by GVR and the GVR Board.

### Welcome New Members! (March)

Mary Frances Dondelinger	Bill Engle	Susan and John Folinsbee	John Grahame
Guy Guillet	Robert Kontz	Phil Pitts	Donna and Kerry Shaw
Martha Teters			

### Congrats to Members with New Ratings! (March)

<b>Moved to 2.5:</b>	Sam Schaen	Susan Stussy		
<b>Moved to 3.0:</b>	Harold Lanager	Ruth Neufeld	Scott Rowsam	Bill Studer
	Tom Vincent			
<b>Moved to 3.5:</b>	Rhonda Alexander	Patrick Jude	Paul Mitsch	Mike Sharkey
	Susan Zimmerman			
<b>Moved to 4.0:</b>				
<b>Moved to 4.5:</b>				

\*\* 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 is **Dean Beilke**. In the past year Dean has taken on the tasks of managing and maintaining our club website and SignUp Genius. Without getting into too

much detail, these tasks require hours of work each week to adjust to the changing classes, social events, Round Robins, and fundraising events. And that doesn't even describe all of the work as we continue to redesign our website. If you get a chance, let Dean know how much you appreciate how we use SignUpGenius to organize our events and classes. Thanks Dean!

## **Thank You!**

Many of you who attended the Southern Arizona Senior Games watched a couple of our 3.0 men win gold and it was a struggle for them at times. Here is a message from Del Bean:

*"A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you who were concerned for me, and cared for me, and cheered for me. Because of you that day of pickleball during the Senior Games was a special day for me that I will never forget. More reasons I am so happy and proud to live in Green Valley and be a GVR and pickleball club member."*

## **Netiquette**

- It's getting warmer so remember to drink plenty of water and get plenty of shade between games. It's just so rude to pass out on the court during a game from heat exhaustion or dehydration! Plus, it's not good for you.
- If you hit a ball over the fence, remember to retrieve it after your game. Please don't leave it for someone else to clean up.

## **Observations**

Since our last PickleBlast we've learned the results of the elections for the GVR Board Directors. At first glance, it appears that we're facing an uphill battle to see prior Board commitments honored by this Board. However, once you're a Director your perspectives sometimes change and the positions you stated while running can also change. We need to stay consistent with our efforts to insist that this Board move forward with the commitments that have been made. Though some of you will be gone over the next few months, we will continue to keep you aware of how you can contribute to keep the issue of new courts at the front of GVR priorities.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Our Pickleball Club sponsored golf outing is scheduled for April 22 at San Ignacio Golf Course. This will be a fundraiser for new pickleball courts and details are [here](#).
- We will resume Inter-Community Play in May, alternating evening Round Robins at East Center and Quail Creek. More details to come.

**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***

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