



PickleBlast

March 2019 PickleBlast

Our club annual meeting was held March 20, 2019. Bylaw revisions were approved by the membership and four director positions were filled. Election results are below.

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Annual Meeting Highlights

- Bylaw revisions regarding board elections were approved
- Gina Rowsam (Vice President), Donna Talarski (Treasurer), Sandy Heintz and Paul Serra (Members-at-Large) were elected as club directors.
- East Center court renovations are complete - celebration party to follow!
- The process for the pickleball complex continues - design plans are being adjusted by the Advisory Group
- The GVR Board continues to mention sending the pickleball complex project to a GVR membership vote and has now indicated that they would like to review the RFP prior to distribution to contractors. New courts are still not a certainty.
- In the event the pickleball complex project does not happen, GVR has indicated that repurposing other sports courts for pickleball would be considered.

GVR Pickleball Complex Update

Our Pickleball Complex Advisory Group has been meeting with WSM Architects and GVR staff to modify the complex design to reduce the estimated costs to comply with the funds approved by the GVR Board. We anticipate having an RFP package ready in April to send to prospective contractors, with a contract award goal of June 1.

GVR Foundation
Statement of Revenue and Expense
PICKLEBALL
Year-to-Date: 1/1/2019 - 2/28/2019
Acct is In (4100, 4102, 9030)

			Current Year	Prior Year		Totals
			Year-to-Date			
Revenue						
	Pickleball Contributions		\$6510.71	\$10,785.00		
	Pickleball Golf Receipts		\$0.00	\$15,808.00		
Revenue Totals			\$6,510.71	\$26,593.00		\$33,103.71
Expenses						
	Pickleball Expenses (Golf)		\$0.00	\$4,080.15		
Expenses Totals			\$0.00	\$4,080.15		\$4,080.15
Excess or (Deficiency) of	Revenue Over Expenses		\$6,510.71	\$22,512.85		\$29,023.56
	Pickleball Grants		\$0.00	\$50,000.00		

Pickleball Club Reserve for New Courts: \$71, 879.71
Foundation Reserve for New Courts: \$29,023.56
Foundation Grants for New Courts: \$50,000.00
Total: \$150,903.27

Welcome New Members! (February)

Conrad Bristow	Vicki and Dave Gabrielson	Timothy Jans	Vickie Marron	Jane Robertson
Cynthia Smith-Jans				

Congrats to Members with New Ratings! (February)

Moved to 2.5:	Cindy White			
Moved to 3.0:	Frank Senelly	Mike Mogavero		
Moved to 3.5:	Dave Pauls	Jean Roske		

Moved to 4.0:				
Moved to 4.5:				

Year in Review

- Significant progress has been made towards defining and starting the pickleball complex project. Latest timelines estimate that new courts will be available in less than a year from now. While money has been allocated for this project, it is far less than the estimate for a full 24 court complex. There may be a way for our fundraising dollars to assist in building additional courts, but that discussion cannot be held or plans made until we are certain what will be built.
- The GVR Friday Eblast now includes a regular report on the progress of the pickleball complex, including information on the construction timeline.
- The East Center courts expansion project started late in the year and took the majority of the high season to complete. The additional court and 4 additional lighted courts have provided some much-needed relief for court time, but we still are experiencing limitations on morning play, classes, and the configuration of club events. Please keep in mind that the scope and scheduling of this project was not controlled by our club. We enjoy courts provided by GVR staff and Directors and they have the ultimate say in what, when, and how.
- Our club has formed a partnership with the GVR Foundation to raise funds for the pickleball complex. These are the folks who can help us raise corporate contributions and grants which represent the possibility of larger amounts than our individual contributions. The GVR Foundation has created campaign materials and is ready to begin talking with prospective donors. An agreement between the GVR Board and the GVR Foundation has been created and continues to await GVR Board approval.
- We have had excellent representation at GVR Board and committee meetings and your participation has made a difference. GVR Board and committee members have remarked frequently that they appreciate the information and involvement that our club provides and they are quite aware of our presence. Please don't stop. Until the shovel is in the ground the pickleball complex remains a concept and subject to the actions of the GVR Board and committees. Seating of new GVR Directors in April will require that we make the effort to again present our case and explain that our request for additional facilities is not only now five years old, but we are the only GVR club ready, willing, and able to make a significant contribution towards what we request. There is much discussion about allocating resources to other clubs but none of them have been waiting as long and none are prepared to offer what we already have.
- We have refined our educational offerings this year - adding new classes with new instructors in response to what our club members have requested. This is quite the challenge with the limitations on court time and we have been creative in finding ways to offer more classes. Thank an instructor whenever you get the chance. These

folks are largely volunteering their time and efforts to promote our sport and our club. There is much more work involved than what you see on the courts.

Southern Arizona Senior Games

Another busy week of Senior Games Pickleball is complete. This year's games drew 340 players, over the 3 day tournament held at Quail Creek Pickleball complex. Players rated 2.5 or lower competed for two days at GVR East Center.

Of the 340 players, 107 claimed Green Valley Pickleball Club as their home club. In the So Az Senior Games, Pickleball draws the largest number of players from other locations, traveling from Tucson and Phoenix area, as well as New Mexico, California, and Mexico. Green Valley Club players fared well in competition, earning 33 per cent, or 58 of the 174 medals awarded: 24 Gold, 11 Silver, and 23 Bronze. 24 players from Quail Creek won 13 medals: 3 Gold, 8 Silver, 2 Bronze.

A tournament of this magnitude requires many coordinators and volunteers. 53 volunteers staffed 102 positions and 55 referees oversaw 383 matches. At least 30 line judges helped with the gold medal matches for each division of age and skill including 11 for women (56 teams), 9 for men (65 teams) and 12 for mixed (85 teams) as well as 3 divisions of 2.5 level.

Note: If you volunteered and did not receive a volunteer shirt, they will be available on March 27 at the Senior Games closing ceremony. If you cannot attend, please contact Miles Waterbury at: miles@gvrec.org.

IPTPA Rating System

Recently our club board approved the funds to join IPTPA at the club level for the next three years. This means that all of our club members will receive a \$10 discount when registering for an [IPTPA ratings session](#). When you register, indicate that your rater is either Joey Farias or Sean Rickard and that you're a member of the GVR Pickleball Club.

Observations

- There was some confusion with our voting process during this year's annual meeting. We will discuss changes to the process, possibly including electronic balloting beginning with our April Board Meeting. Join us if you'd like to contribute to these changes.
- Those ever popular name tags are once again available. You can order [here](#) and support our club!
- Thanks for your patience with the East Center courts. This project started way too late and dragged on for what seemed like forever. For the most part, we all rolled with it and were patient with the process.

Upcoming Events

- The third annual Quail Creek Classic Pickleball Tournament will take place at Quail Creek courts March 23 and 24. The tournament will be a fun, non-sanctioned event. The format is a round robin so everyone will play at least 4 games. Players ages 16+ and levels 2.5+ are invited to participate. If you can referee, the need is urgent. Send any questions to Lenny Friedman at lenny.pickleball@gmail.com
- The 2019 Green Valley Firefighters Foundation tournament is scheduled for April 13-14. You can register [here](#).
- The annual GVR membership meeting is scheduled for March 26 at 9am at West Center. Next GVR Board meeting is scheduled for April 26 1:30pm at West Center. And, don't forget about the GVR Committee meetings scheduled monthly. The calendar for all of these meetings is [here](#).

In Closing SEP SEP 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!!!!



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