

November 2023 Pickleblast

Club President's Message

Many happenings in the Club to read about this month. Learn about the upcoming Club's Member Outreach Project, KJB Pickleball Center enhancement presentation, Advance 4.0/4.5+ Committee formation, and in January a Byrd Penney Clinic and Dine & Dance. Also included is a pickleball drill to try, submitted by members Mike Goodrich and Juli Howell.

Thanks to everyone who is making the above activities possible! A great segue into a repeat of last month's message below.

We need volunteers!!!

Here are volunteer needs for the Club.

- Tournament Committee Chair - Need immediate, if you are interested in leading this committee in organizing and conducting tournaments for the Club.
- Need two 2.0/2.5 players to join the Scheduling Committee, who meet to review & recommend changes to the court schedules..
- Social, Member Outreach, & Apparel Liaison Committee Chair - Need in March, 2024: Organizing and supporting the Dink & Dines, Member outreach contacts, & being the liaison between the Club and our clothing vendor. Contact Mary Wright at wmary1966@gmail.com for more details.
- Rating Testing needs feeders and recorders for testing on Wednesdays. Please email Greg Wright, GWMW1@Q.COM, if you are interested in learning more about helping out.
- In March, there will be the following two-year Club Board positions becoming available: President, Secretary, Member-at-Large.

We need you, if you are interested, please let me know by emailing the club address: greenvalleypickleballclub@gmail.com. I am available to talk to you about any of the above opportunities to help the club out.

See you on the courts!



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

Board Meeting Highlights

Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting: December 14, 2023, Time TBD pm, East Center Lounge, 7 S Abrego Drive

Board Meeting Highlights

Member Outreach for 2023

The member outreach recipients will be the Green Valley Food Bank and the GVR Foundation MAP program. [More details will be forthcoming towards the end of the month when the donation campaigns begin and instructions on how to donate.](#)

CD Rollover

The Financial committee reported that the \$10,000 CD was withdrawn and an additional \$5,000 from checking was included in a \$15,000 12-month CD at Commerce Bank.

Advance Play 4.0/4.5+ Committee

An advanced play committee was approved with the goal of establishing new programming for advanced 4.0/4.5 players. The new programming will be offered to 4.0/4.5+ players who qualify for play through a selection process to be determined.

Financial Committee KJB Pickleball Center Court Enhancement Presentation

Al Willette presented possible enhancements to the KJB Pickleball Center based upon the original master plan. Comments were received by those present. This will be a multi-year project. There will be more discussions in the future to determine specific enhancements, priorities, funding, etc. See below for highlights of the presentation.

GVR Thanksgiving Schedule

- On Wednesday, November 22, since all centers and amenities will close at 6pm, the 2.0/2.5 [Wednesday Evening RR will be canceled.](#)
- On Thursday, November 23: Limited facilities available: Canoa Ranch, Pickleball Center - Open, East Center - Closed

Byrd Penney Clinic - January 15-20, 2024

Carol Hammerle has scheduled Byrd Penney to conduct a clinic at the KJB Pickleball Center for skill level groups 3.0, 3.5, & 4.0/4.5+ during the week of January 15. [More details to follow as plans are finalized.](#)

Highlights of Work Area Reports & General Interest to Members

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

Paul May's Memorial Service

Paul's memorial service will be held Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the Evangelical Free Church of Green Valley, 1393 West Mission Twin Buttes Road, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

Please no flowers, if a contribution wants to be made please make it to the Gideons (Mail to: The Gideons International Green Valley Camp, P. O. Box 704, Green Valley, AZ 85622) or Samaritan Purse ([Samaritan's Purse International Disaster Relief — International Relief \(samaritanspurse.org\)](#)).

KJB Pickleball Center Court Enhancement Presentation

The following link has the highlights from Al Willette's presentation on enhancements to the KJB Pickleball Center based upon the original master plan for the Facility..

Click on this link to see highlights of the presentation. [KJB Pickleball Center Enhancements Nov2023.pdf](#)

There will be additional discussions, evaluations, and estimates before any future plans are finalized. This will definitely be a multi-year project and will need the full support of the club and GVR before proceeding.

New Safety Railings

There are new safety railings installed at the KJB Pickleball Center at the corners with river rock. Thanks to Paul May, who submitted the request to GVR.



Skill Ratings

For complete information about Skill Ratings and RAP (Rating Assessment & Demo Practice) visit the Club's website Rating tab at: [Ratings | PB2021 \(gvrpickleball.org\)](#).

Key reminders!

The first step in the Rating process is to submit the results of the USA Pickleball Rules test. See website for the link to the rules test.

No-Shows! When you sign up for RAP and do not show up, this counts as your 1 allowed sign up. As for testing, if you sign up and do not show up, this is counted as Failed skill test. You are allowed two attempts per year for testing at one rating level. Please be respectful and cancel appropriately with plenty of notice for us to adjust the volunteers needed to conduct rating testing and RAP.

Tips for rating testings:

- 1) Attend RAP sessions at least two weeks before your scheduled test. This is an excellent opportunity for test simulation.
- 2) Practice, practice your skills, with one of the ball machines or even better with a skilled partner.
- 3) Practice, practice the ghost doubles game play with a skilled partner. Too many of our testees have been taking this for granted. A reminder this game forces you to learn patience, let your opponent make the mistakes, and control of your game
- 4) Ideally, in the final two weeks before testing, focus on practicing the skills and play ghost doubles

[Rating Testing needs more volunteers! Feeders and Recorders especially. If you're interested in more information on these roles please contact Greg Wright at GWMW1@Q.COM.](#)

During the first two months of the current ratings testing season, we have provided 33 tests, with 25 successful testees or 76%. Congratulations to those who moved up!

Members whose skill rating has changed through the Club rating process, IPTPA, DUPR, or other accepted rating testing.

New 2.5: Sharon Day

New 3.0: Ann Forsyth, Nancy Habegger, Martha Wahl, Doug Bennett, David Egan, Jeff Chihak, Sherry Foti, Randy Marsh, Bill Edwards, Ward Clark, Gary Thurber, Mark Hyer

New 3.5: Chris Balka, Victoria Bic, Dana Blumberg, Alexander Bic, Mary Keil, Michael Blumberg, Ann Grediagin, Larry Swenson, Mike VanOurkerk

New 4.0: Elaine Petersen, Fred Petersen, Michael Day, Randy Swanhorst

New Members

43 new members in October –

MaryBeth Henry, Susan Althens, Mark Hyer, Margaret Hyer, Jim Weisz, Louise Thurber, Nancy Bolton-Rawles, Pat McCoy, Terry McCoy, Bonnie Lauletta, Frank Ward, Ann Ward, Adam Perlman, Richard Mahoney, Kirsten Keeley, Theresa Ellis, David Cohen, Margaret Richart, James Hedrick, Bryson Nishimura, Darla Taylor, Carolyn Berger, Dexter Pearce, Lawrence Hall, James Gersonde, Rebecca Meinking, Bridget Nishimura, Gary Thurber, Gail Rhamy, Gary Patzer, Carol Dunlap, Dave Ormsby, Kathi Kankis, Carole Paveglio, Jerome Richart, Jeff Jeney, Patty Jeney, William Kiefiuk, Bill Edwards, Buzz Carhart, Robert Rogers, Jean Smail, Jo-Anne Federicos

Social Activities, Member Outreach, Facebook & Logo Apparel

SOCIAL - Dink & Dine, Halloween Contest & Chili on 10/21/23, Pictures on private club Facebook Page.

Upcoming Socials - HOLD THESE DATES

- Dine & Dance with Angel Perez & Daniel @ West Center on January 27th - More details later
- Dink, Dine & Toss (Cornhole) @ East Center on February 17th
- Volunteer Appreciation @ East Center on March 16th

WELLNESS - Sent 1 Get Well Card

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR -

[Social, Member Outreach & Apparel Liaison Committee Chair - Need March, 2024](#)

Organizing & supporting the Dink & Dine monthly socials, Member outreach contacts, & being the liaison between the Club and our clothing vendor. Contact Mary Wright @ wmary1966@gmail.com for more details.

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 Pickleball 101 class. These sessions incorporate drills and game play with a coach observer. After 4 sessions players will need to join the Club to continue to sign up.

Coaches are authorized to advance players from 2.0 to 2.5.

GVR Classes

PB 101 Winter Schedule 2024:

A: Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 Mike Gustin

B: Jan 10 17, 24, 31 Donna Davis

C: Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1 Jeff Ricciardi

A: Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 Jeff Ricciardi

B: Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 Donna Davis

A: Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 Mike Gustin

B: Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 Donna Davis

A: Apr 2, 9, 16, 23 Bev Cote

B: April 3, 10, 17, 24 Donna Davis

PB 201, 202, 301 Winter Schedule 2024 Carol Hammerle

PB 201: Jan 8, 15, 22

PB 202: Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 12

PB 301: Feb 19, 26, Mar 4

PB 201: Mar 11, 18, 25

PB 202: Apr 1, 8, 15

SNAP Classes Winter Schedule 2024 Kathy Palese

- January 2, 9, 16

- January 23, 30, February 6

- February 13, 20, 27

- March 5, 12, 19

- March 26, April 2, 9

Pickleball Major League by SNAP will allow minimum of 24 (12 ladies,12 men) maximum 48 (24 ladies, 24 men) Kathy Palese

January 7, 14, 21, 28 (4.0+ rated players)

February 4, 11, 18, 25 (3.5 rated players)

March 3, 10, 17, 24 (4.0+ rated players)

Training Drill from Club Members - Mike Goodrich & Juli Howell

Play “Shrink-n-Dink”™

Juli and I are 3.5 and 4.5 pickleball enthusiasts yet even though we play at different skill levels, we frequently run into the same issues....failure to get to the kitchen-line and hitting the ball aggressively when we shouldn't. We've often asked ourselves, why is it that so many players focus on complicated serves, but don't work on their net game? In our attempt to answer these questions, we created **Shrink-n-Dink™**, a drill-game that allow us to be more effective and strategic in getting to the net while optimizing-

- Consistency
- Accuracy
- Dinking strategy and placement
- Patience
- Soft touch
- Recognition of out balls
- Depth of serve and return
- Soft touch to win a point

If you could achieve these results, would you be willing to give **Shrink-n-Dink™** a try?

Shrink-n-Dink™ Consistency Drill-1

This drill starts with playing a regular game between the shrunken baselines. To shrink the court, apply Scotch Rough Surface Painters Tape™ across each transition zone about 7 feet from the baseline as illustrated in the diagram attached.

Next, play a game of pickle ball with 4 people on the shrunken court. Practice patience and consistency and soon you will notice your serves, returns, dinks, dropshots, spotting out balls, and put-away shots improve. The aim of Drill-1 is to emphasize getting to the kitchen line without error.

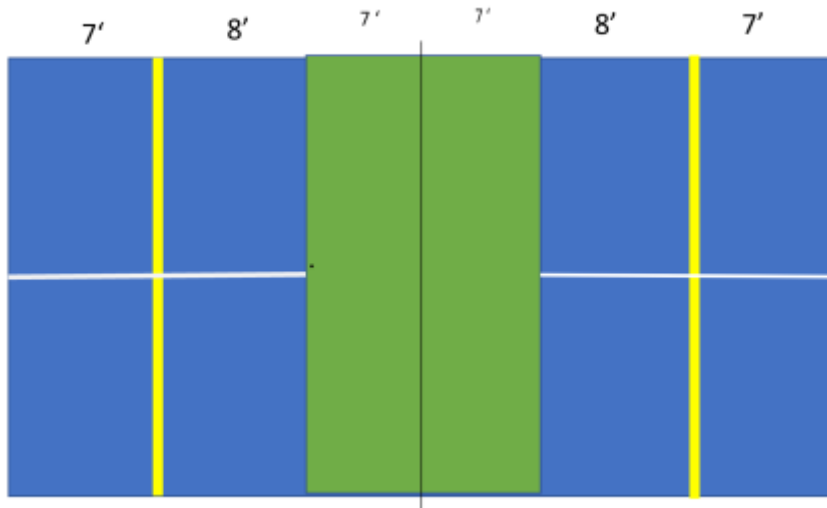
Shrink-n-Dink™ Consistency Drill-2

For this drill now use the regular (not taped) baselines for serve-return. For the serve or return to be good, both must land deep (on or between the taped **Shrink-n-Dink™** line and regular baselines). After a good return, players then should move into the **Shrink-n-Dink™** court and the rest of the point is played like Drill-1. The aim of Drill-2 is to reinforce deep serves and returns.

Shrink-n-Dink™ is designed to bring players to the kitchen-line to achieve the results mentioned above and to have fun while improving your game.

Let us know how you do and what you think!

Shrink-n-Dink™ Court Layout Diagram: Shrink-n-Dink™ new baselines are represented by yellow lines placed about 7 feet inside the regular pickleball court baselines.



Training for Ball Machines

The Club has a Lobster Ball Machine at the East Center and the KJB Pickleball Center. Both are available to reserve through Pickleball Plus. If you want to be trained on the Lobster ball machine, check Events in Pickleball Plus for the monthly training sign ups.

Play Safe and 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.

Also, if you see plastic bags in the cabinets at the 3 locations, they are to be used for impromptu ice packs in case there are no ice packs in the first aid kits.