

April 2022 Pickleblast

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Board Meeting Highlights - 4/14/2022

Motions that were made, seconded, and passed:

- To purchase a shelving unit for the PBC storage area,
- To purchase a laser printer for the PBC office from the proceeds from the SASG raffle,
- To allow 2.5 members and non-members to sign-up for Developing Skills classes.

Southern Arizona Youth Pickleball Tournament

From Lenny Friedman, USAPA Ambassador Green Valley/Sahuarita, AZ

I started the Southern Arizona Youth Pickleball (SAYP) about 5 years ago. I have taught pickleball at Walden Grove High School, Continental School, Wrightson Ridge School, and summer camps through Sahuarita Parks and Recreation. The First Southern Arizona Youth Pickleball Tournament will take place at Continental School on April 28. Volunteers and spectators are welcome.

SAYP is in need of more new or used pickleball paddles for the kids. Paddles can be donated to me or dropped off at Continental School administration. All financial donations made to Continental School Pickleball Program are tax deductible.

I hope to expand Southern Arizona Youth Pickleball to other schools in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties. Volunteers and suggestions are always appreciated.

More details to come as received.

Inter-Community Summer Play

Inter-Community with Quail Creek Pickleball Club will begin in June and run through August. Cathy Cifferi and Mike Gustin have volunteered to coordinate the play.

More details to come.

Summer Court Schedule effective May 1st

Notable changes:

- Monday Ladies Mixer at East Center moved to Saturday at 7am-10am at the PBC
- Friday Ladies RR moving from 1pm to 6pm
- Adding a Men's and a separate Women's RR at the same times for 3.0 and 3.5 players

See actual schedules for further details.

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Player Development - Ratings

[Club testing for ratings](#) Between 03/23/2022 and 04/21/2022 the following club members were successful in advancing their skill level rating. The * denotes [IPTPA](#) ratings test. Congratulations everyone!

- 2.5 to 3.0: Chavez, Norene; Graaf, Robert; Baker, Cathy; Baker, Tim; Hesse, Steve; Houghton, Kay; O'Connell, Kevin; Howell, Julianne; *Gerber, C. Leigh; *Gerber, Warren; *Morrison, Susie. *Fronsee, Peter
- 3.0 to 3.5: Ricciardi, Jeff; Chandler, Diane; Klund, Kelly; Salinas, Dena
- 3.5 to 4.0: Ciferri, Cathy; Salerno, Jay; Grahame, John; Nistico, Rick

Ratings Testings will end in April and resume in October.

New Members

44 new members in Month of March, 2022:

Charlie Wilber, Jane Hart, Jeffrey Hart, Lyman Thompson, Neil Knudsvig, Patricia Dean, Joe Jackson, Scott Somers, Sue Thomas, Janice Banks, Michael Demers, Michelle ORourke, Vince Konigsberger, Karolynn Smith, Cher Babkiewich, Frank Babkiewich, Mary Harris, Randy Hackbarth, Cindy Meekin, Bruce Meekin, Sr, Ken Steh, Steve Holtz, Lori Bishop, Estelle

Social Activities

Thanks to all of our Volunteers! At our April 2, 2022 Dink & Dine we recognized our club volunteers. We have more than 205 members volunteering their time, experience, and talents in many areas including 85 in Player Development, 63 in Ratings, 89 at the SASG, and 74 in other key areas, such as Club Board, Social, Website, Pickleball Plus, Name Badges, Ball Machine Training, RR Coordinators, and the Continental After School Program.

Next Dink & Dine will be May 21st, 5-8pm at the East Center. We will be Celebrating a Belated Cinco de Mayo!

- Bring your favorite Mexican potluck dish to share.
- B.Y.O.B. The club will provide plates, utensils & cups.
- Sign up is available at <https://gvpc.pickleball.plus/>

Viva La Fiesta!

Club Classes

The Club offers options free of charge to active club members for those looking to learn (beginners) and improve (intermediate and advanced) their skills. While there is no charge for these they do require registration through Pickleball Plus (gvpc.pickleball.plus) (select Events tab and look for available options). See [explanation of Pickleball Plus](#) for more information on the sign up process.

Developing Skills (to sign up look for DS on the Event tab in [Pickleball.Plus](#)). Sessions are designed for new and beginner players who have completed the GVR Pickleball 101 class or equivalent. These sessions incorporate drills and game play with a coach observer. Coaches are authorized to advance players from 2.0 to 2.5.

Player Skills Development (sign ups are limited in number, it's recommended to look for openings at the beginning of the month for PSD on the Event tab in [Pickleball.Plus](#)) sessions are intended for intermediate and advanced players seeking to move up to the next level. They are organized around the [ratings process](#) skills requirements.

GVR Classes

All GVR Classes have ended for the year. They will resume in October.

Training for Ball Machine

For the summer, there are monthly signups for the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 am, East Center Court 1. Signups will be open 30 days in advance of the training date. Signups will close two days in advance of the training date to allow instructors time to prepare. Once you have been trained you will be added to the certified Tutor Group allowing you to reserve Tutor.

April 1st Transition

On April 1st, I began my term as President, and if you ask me how it is going. I would say, I am excited about the direction of the Club, overwhelmed by everything I will need to learn about the workings of the Club, and very thankful for the support of the Board, Committees, and many others.

I will do my best to continue the positive direction of the Club. At the same time, I realize there are areas to be addressed, so I will be asking questions, seeking recommendations, and working with the Board, Committees, and others to make the necessary adjustments.

I plan on being on the courts to observe what's happening and to hear what's on your mind. I urge you to be a part of making the Club the best it can be for GVR and its members.

See you on the courts!

Patrick Furumoto, President
GVR Pickleball Club