

February 2024 Pickleblast

Club President's Message

The courts continue to get busier and busier. Let's remember to be patient and understanding with each other, since wait times are up and more people are on event wait lists.

In this Pickleblast read about:

- **Board Meeting Summary:** A summary of the member survey regarding future capital projects for the club & initial information on the St Patrick's GVR Pickleball Club Tournament.
- **Courts Updates & Reminders:** The Pickleball Plus sign up schedule on Saturdays has been modified to minimize the crush of members trying to sign up at the same time and creating response time issues.
- **Board Nominations & Election:** Nominations continue until February 25, Election will be held March 5-19.
- **GVR Classes:** Check them out & sign up now.
- **And much more.**

Enjoy catching up on all that is happening in the Club!

See you on the courts!



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

Board Meeting Highlights

Next Board Meeting - Annual Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting: March 21, 2024, Time 4pm, Las Campanas Ocotillo Room, 565 W Belltower Drive

Board Meeting Highlights

a. Financial Planning Committee Member Survey

A member survey regarding future club enhancements will be sent out soon. Purpose of the survey: "to identify member preferences for court enhancement/expansion and their willingness to donate to a club funded project. Although member input is key, available space, land, engineering, cost and resources will also influence any final project.". Of course, any project will have to proceed through the normal GVR capital request timeline and approvals.

b. Club Pickleball Tournament

Plans are still being finalized for the St Patrick's GVR Pickleball Club Tournament on March 16 & 17 at the KJB Pickleball Center. Saturday, 3/16: Mixed doubles 1pm-5pm, Sunday, 3/17: Men doubles 8am-12pm, Women doubles 1pm-5pm. More details to follow.

Highlights of Work Area Reports & General Interest to Members

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

Special Notices

Name Badges: This week the club has found a new vendor to supply the club badge blanks, since our supply had been depleted and the previous supplier was not able to provide them any longer. Hopefully in the near future, badges will become available.

Volunteers

Social Committee: Mary Wright is still looking for volunteers to coordinate the social events for the club. Please contact Mary at wmary1966@gmail.com.

Court Management Committee: Mike Schultz is looking for volunteers to assist with pickleball replenishment, identifying maintenance issues at the pickleball center. If interested contact Mike at MIKESCHULTZ@COX.NET.

Paul May Memorial Celebration Thank You!

On Saturday, February 3rd, there were more than 100 club members, who were present when the Club presented a memorial bench for Paul May. It was great to have Paul's wife, Janis, their daughter Sherrie and husband attend. Here is the Thank You to the Club from Janis.



THANK YOU

Dear Pickleball Friends of Paul,

Our family, myself Janis (Paul's wife) and children Gary and Sherrie want to THANK YOU for your generous outreach of love and support for Paul. The MEMORIAL BENCH AND PLAQUE for Paul is so special and knowing he was so loved makes our hearts overflow. He so loved everyone and so enjoyed Pickleball and was so happy to be able to be as involved as he was. We all know he had his opinions and expressed them, but he also loved and would also express it.

THANK YOU AGAIN,

Janis, Gary & Sherrie

Carla Herrmann Celebration of Life - Saturday, February 24th

From Jeff Washburn (on behalf of the Strive to Be Better pickleball group): As some of you may remember our dear friend and fellow pickleball enthusiast Carla Herrmann tragically passed away on September 1st of 2023. In honor of her life and legacy there will be a Celebration of Life on [Saturday February 24th at the Abrego South GVR Center from 2-5 PM.](#)

This will be an informal event with a few brief introductory comments and then an open Microphone. Light refreshments will be served (while supplies last). We decided, in consultation with her husband Lonnie, to have the event at the Abrego South center as there are Shuffleboard courts there and that is one of the many activities outside of pickleball that Carla enjoyed. Please join us in paying our respects to this remarkable woman and her family.



Court Updates & Reminders

Saturday Morning Sign Ups: To address the issue with sign ups on Saturday, the following schedule will be implemented. This schedule is expected to be used during the peak season to avoid delays in signing up for events.

7:00 am: Court reservations, 2.0/2.5 RR's, DS (Developing skills), Rating Testing, RAP, Lobster

7:10 am: 3.0 RR's

7:20 am: 3.5 RR's

7:30 am: 4.0 RR's and mixed skill level events, i.e. 75+ RR, Ladies RR, 3.0/3.5 Ladies RR

Cold Weather Pickleballs: On colder mornings when the temperature is below 50 degrees,

please use the ONIX pickleballs. Once the temperature is 50 degrees or above, the Franklin pickleballs may be used. Thank you.

SLP (skill level play): During SLP play in the mornings, please play within your skill level and do not 'play' up. Since, this is peak time for all of us, this isn't the time to take up a spot in the paddle queue if you are not at the same skill level as the SLP. Be fair and respectable to the players in the designated skill level.

Don't be surprised if someone checks in with you to inquire about your skill level play to keep play consistent and challenging with the same skill level.

Open Play (all skill levels): Remember at Canoa Ranch courts every day and at various times at the East Center & the KJB Pickleball Center, open play is available for those players who want an opportunity to play with different skill levels.

The latest court schedules are on the Club's website home page.

Club Board of Directors Nominations Continue until 2/25/2024.

The election will be held March 5th-19th. The results of the election will be presented at the Annual Board Meeting on March 21, 2024 at Las Campanas Ocotillo Room at 4pm.

Nominations for the Club's Board of Directors continue to be open until [February 25th](#).

The Club's Bylaws provide for a two (2) year term for the following offices (April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026).

There will be a total of 3 (three) positions available for two-year terms.

1. President (Current Board member - Patrick Furumoto)
2. Secretary (Current Board member - Bev Lauby)
3. Member at Large (Current Board member - Mike McCarry)

You may nominate more than one person to serve on the board, but you **MUST BE SPECIFIC** to which office you are nominating each person for, or it will **NOT** be a valid nomination. Please contact the person you want to nominate, to be sure they will accept their nomination. You may also self-nominate. However, you must include the **SPECIFIC** position, or it will **NOT** be valid.

Nominations should include the following.

- Person making nomination
- Person nominated
- Position
- Self Nomination - Describe motivation to serve on the Board of Directors
- Other Nomination - Describe motivation to serve on the Board of Directors
- Describe experience this nominee will bring to the position
- Rate skill and experience with computer systems to work with member databases, scheduling, communications and websites (1 - low to 5 - high)

Please submit your nominations by email to one of the following Nomination Committee

members:

Patrick Furumoto, pfurumoto@gmail.com

Al Willette, 13willette@gmail.com

All valid nominations will be acknowledged by email. There will not be any nominations accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting in March.

Member Outreach - GVR Foundation MAP (Member Assistance Program)

At the recent GVR Annual Club meeting, the GVR Foundation, stated that they are \$8,000 short of their goal for donations for their MAP (Member Assistance Program) for 2024. MAP is a program where the GVR Foundation awards money grants to GVR Members who have requested assistance in paying their yearly GVR dues. These members are usually living on a fixed income and simply do not have the means to fully pay their GVR dues.

The Club did have a donation campaign in December, 2023 for MAP, but it wasn't very successful. With the recent knowledge of the \$8,000 shortfall, the Club is asking members to consider making a donation for the GVR Foundation MAP program.

The following explains how to donate, you will have 2 choices, donating to the Club directly or to the GVR Foundation.

You will not receive a donation receipt.

1. Credit card online through Pickleball Plus, click on the link below and pay your designated amount online. Choose "GVR Foundation MAP 2024" from the drop-down menu to make your donation. <https://www.pickleball.plus/home/donations?Id=6C0338F6-D2FA-4FE9-8511-87E753945795>

2. Checks made payable to the GVR Pickleball Club may be deposited in the GVR Pickleball Club dropbox at the East Center lobby or KJB Pickleball Ctr dropbox or mailed to GVR Pickleball Club, P.O. Box 845, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

Will receive a donation receipt.

3. Donate online to the GVR Foundation (Write GVR Pickleball Club MAP in the memo line). Here is the link: [Donate Now — GVR Foundation \(gvrecfoundation.org\)](https://www.gvrecfoundation.org)

4. Write a check to the GVR Foundation (Write GVR Pickleball Club MAP in the memo section)

Mail to: GVR Foundation, PO Box 1553, Green Valley, AZ 95622.

GVR Maintenance Court Washings

GVR informed the club that court washings will occur as follows. As in the past, GVR will begin and finish as quickly as possible. Until court washings have been completed that day and the courts are dry, do not play on the courts. Schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

Canoa Ranch & East Center: Friday, April 12th, 5am-1pm

KJB Pickleball Center, courts 1-16, Thursday, April 25, 5am-1pm

KJB Pickleball Center, courts 17-24, Friday, April 26, 5am-1pm

Skill Ratings

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

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. It is disappointing when people are no-show because we work hard to bring volunteers to help our students and testees to be successful. **Please be respectful and cancel appropriately with plenty of notice for us to adjust. Call Marilyn or Greg with notice please.**

We really need more volunteers! Feeders and Recorders especially. If you're interested in more information on these roles please contact me and I'll get you in contact with our lead volunteers. We cannot provide these training and testing sessions without help from our members. [If you're interested in more information on these roles please contact Greg Wright at GWMW1@Q.COM](mailto:GWMW1@Q.COM).

Through January, 2024, we have experienced 91 member tests, with 61 successful, which is 63%. At this time last year we had 104 tests with 66 successful.

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

2.5: Ruby Stoker, Peder Allison, Joni Barnes, William Jenkins, Jill Evers-Bowers, Carole Paveglio, Larry Stoker, Merna Keress, Steve Swanson, Kaye Krave, Verni Greenfield, Gail Rhamy, Marian Avoy, Terri Martin

3.0: Pamela Moore, Todd Solomon, Ruby Stoker, Lorri Reuer, Kay Eason, Dan Klema, Kevin Terhune, Larry Stoker, Michael Erickson, Donna Bloom, Lorraine Lundmark, James Gersonde

3.5: Maureen Grant, Wally Grant, Nancy Klema, Buzz Carhart, Dorothy Graff, Arnie Minka, Dale Statsman, Kim McCarty, Julia Cole, Deb McPartland

4.0: Hoa Le Bussanich

4.5: Marlene Rockwell, Suzanne Nordhagan

New Members

42 new members –

Jana Buchholz, Mark Buchholz, Patricia Kurt, Linde Hinkel, Kathleen Hadley, Ted Mongeon, Cheryl Mongeon, Wendy Givens, Rick Givens, Connie Keogh, Henry Morley, C. Steve Benson, William Mayes, Barry Gillaspie, Cindy Zurek, Patti Chivvis, Steve Mead, Nancy Ennor, Scott Ennor, Debra Hathaway, Ken Hathaway, Paula Wallace, Dennis Wheatley, Mary Gruidl, Dorothy Bruxvoort, Scott Sherrick, Doug Edelson, Kathleen Solomon, Veronica Wheatley, Wilbur (Ed) Whitaker, Fred Dow, Susan Flores-Dow, Arnie Minka, Dzidra Minka, Ron Raisleger, Ellen Werr, Howard Spizman, Jonathan Wapner, Mary Brost, Alison Linton, Kellee Thorpe, Louise Gordon

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: Duration - 2 hours

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 Steve Fernandez

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 Donna Davis

PB 201, 202, 301 Carol Hammerle

PB 201: Mar 11, 18, 25

PB 301: Feb 19, 26, Mar 4

Pickleball Mindset of Winners by SNAP Kathy Palese

- March 5, 12, 19

- March 26, April 2, 9

Pickleball Major League by SNAP Kathy Palese

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

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.