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## Board Meeting Highlights - 12/09/2021

Details for the hitting wall and ball machine to be located at the PBC were discussed.

## Player Development - Ratings

[Club testing for ratings](#) Between 11/14/2021 and 12/12/2021, the following club members were successful in advancing their skill level rating. In addition, one club member successfully completed their [IPTPA](#)\* ratings test. Congratulations!

2.5 to 3.0 - Philip Benton, John Elgee, Nancy Elliott, Rick Oliveira, Jeff Ricciardi, John Schmelke

3.0 to 3.5 - Bob Stransky

3.5 to 4.0 - Bob Mee\*, Karin Striepe

## New Members

33 new members 11/9/21 - 11/30/21 - William Wahl, Donald Brush, Daniel Petersen, Maureen Murphy, Maureen Scott, Maureen Kincaid, Dan Pry, Don Janklow, Bob Holdsworth, Cindy Stiles, Michael Zelenak, Joanne Johnson, Vicki Hicks, Benjamin Graves, Walter Lingo, Mary Jo Leja, Jean Mischel, Hunt Barrett, Chris Maglinger, Sandy Conklin, Sheri Fronsee, Peter Fronsee, Matthew Powell, Mary Powell, Greg Quinn, John O' Loughlin, Kimberly Vincent, Daniel Knoedler, Joann Lathrop, Kathy Weber, Robert Mazzone, Mary Ann Mathison, Wallace Palm

## Social Activities

Dance & Dine

Location: West Center

Date and Time: Saturday, January 22, 2022, 5:00 PM

Description: An evening of dancing with Angel Perez, local singer who has a blend of country, rock & Spanish.

[Register via Pickleball.Plus](#)

## ~~2020-2021~~ 2022 Southern Arizona Senior Games Pickleball Tournament



From our tournament director, Donna Davis:

With the pandemic twice denying us the opportunity to host our first pickleball tournament at the Kent J. Blumenthal Pickleball Complex, I am happy to tell you that the Southern Arizona Senior Games Pickleball

Tournament has been scheduled for March 18-20, 2022. Registration begins Sunday, January 2, 6:00 PM via [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com). That day, those needing help to register are invited to come to the East Center Lounge 6-7:30 p.m. Members of the tournament committee will be available to offer hands-on assistance. No advanced registration for this is necessary.

I want to encourage all Green Valley Pickleball Club members with a club rating of 3.0 or higher to play in this tournament. Your participation is the number one thing that you can do to make this tournament a success. In 2019, 70 GV picklers played in our Senior Games. As our club approaches 1,000 members, I think we can blow that number of 70 out of the water in 2022.

Why non-sanctioned? The scheduling of a USAPA regional tournament caused us to move our tournament date, and made getting enough USAPA registered players and referees impossible to run a sanctioned event. UTPRs will not be affected by participating and we will have referees for medal matches.

Green Valley Pickleball club members will be required to play at their club rating. We know that UTPRs do not always accurately reflect your actual skill level. I would hope that all players make an honest assessment of their current abilities and play at an appropriate skill level. For non-sanctioned tournaments, the software program will register you at the player profile skill level that is on file on your [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com) account. If your UTPR rating is lower than your club rating please edit the rating on your current player profile on [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com) to match your club rating for this tournament. The other choice would be to leave your PT.com profile as is and opt to "play up" to your club level during the registration process. Remember when you register you can always play up in skill and down in age. You and your partner must also play at the highest skill level and lowest age between the two of you.

Never played in a pickleball tournament before?

1. This is the best time to give it a try. You do not have to travel, it is reasonably priced, you can stop beating up on your friends, and it will give you an idea how your game measures up against others in our area who are of similar age and skill.
2. There will be a seminar for first-time tournament players on Dec. 30 at 4:00 at the Canoa Ranch Social Center, 5750 S. Turquoise Canyon Dr. Green Valley. We will cover how to register, rules, etiquette, procedures, what to eat, and much, much more.

## First-Time Tournament Seminar

You got questions? We got answers! And, we want you to be successful on how tournaments work and what you can do to prepare, e.g. how to register, finding partners, protocols and procedures, being refereed, what to eat, what to pack, etc.! And, we hope you will register for the Southern Arizona Senior Game scheduled March 18-20, 2021.

Date/Time: Thursday, December 30, 2021 - 4:00 pm

Address: Canoa Ranch Social Center 5750 S. Turquoise Canyon Dr., Green Valley

Contact us at: [sasgpb@gmail.com](mailto:sasgpb@gmail.com)

Free and open to all picklers - Club and Non-Club Members

[RSVP by clicking here to fill out form](#) by Tuesday, December 28, 2021 so we can have enough printed handouts for attendees.



## USAP/IFP Rules Changes for 2022

According to a Melody Woodsum post in the “Ask the (Pickleball) Refs” Facebook Group, “The USA Pickleball Rules Committee received a total of 71 suggested changes (after consolidation of like items) from the public. Thirty-three of those were recommended by the IFP Rules committee for consideration by the USAP Rules Committee, who passed 19 on to the USAP Board for their consideration of approval. The Board accepted 18 of those 19 proposed changes.”

With a proposed effective date of January 1, 2022, here is a handful of the more notable changes effective in the new year:

- The “provisional” status of the drop serve has been removed. This service option has now been made “permanent” beginning in 2022. Adding the drop serve as an available serve option has been a good change as it does give brand new players an opportunity for service success immediately if they are struggling with the traditional method. Here is a primer on the drop serve and the traditional serve – along with FAQs for each.
- Spin Serves using a combination of the paddle, paddle hand or non-paddle hand to impart spin on the ball will be illegal. This outlaws the “chainsaw” serve that was popularized in 2021. It is

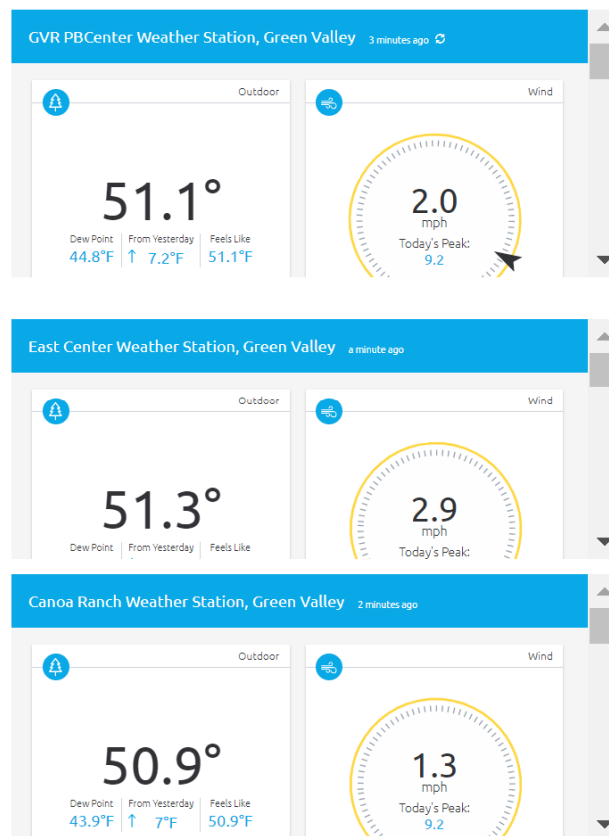
important to note, however, that the server will still be able to legally impart spin using only their non-paddle hand.

- Rally scoring was rejected. Again in 2022, you can only score points if you are the serving team.
- The official scoring nomenclature to begin a game remains 0-0-2. 0-0-Start was not approved.
- Reinstating the let serve was rejected. Serves that hit the net and land beyond the non-volley zone and in the correct service court continue to be live and should be played.

## Weather Stations Live

The three weather stations the club purchased have now been installed at Canoa Ranch, East Center, and Pickleball Center. Each offers real-time, location specific data for Temperature, Wind, Rainfall, Barometric Pressure, Humidity, UV Index, Solar Radiation, Forecast, Sun / Moon. And, the information is linked on the internet. Interesting to see how the wind is different between all three locations. Thanks to the GVR Facilities and IT Departments for helping get this accomplished. To access the online display, please go to the [club's homepage](#) and click the Weather button. See snapshot below for view of the display.

Weather Stations



## 2022 Board Nomination & Election Committee

The committee will be composed of Mary Wright, Member at Large; Mike Andrews, General Member; and Gina Rowsam, President. Following is information and the timeline for the nomination and election process.

The [Club Bylaws](#) state that the following positions be elected in even-numbered years:



President, Secretary, and Member at Large Position 2. [Click here](#) to see current board members and positions each holds.

Should a standing board member wish to be a candidate for a different board position, the following provisions shall apply:

1. The board member must provide notice to the board of their intention to resign from their current position no later than January 1 of the election year, to then run for a different office or position. This resignation is to be effective on the date of the annual meeting, so as to not hinder the board from conducting business from January 1 until the annual meeting.
  2. Should the resigning board member be successfully elected to a different office or position, the vacated position shall be considered the board member's first term and the second position would be considered the board member's second term.
  3. The vacated position will have the remaining one year left and will then be up for election to maintain the current position rotation.
- Nominations Open (separate email with details and instructions will be sent) - Saturday, January 1, 2022
  - Nominations Close - Thursday, February 24, 2022
  - Board Notified of Slate - Friday, February 25, 2022
  - Slate Presented to Eligible Members - Tuesday, March 1, 2022
  - Ballots (electronic and paper) Distributed - Tuesday, March 1, 2022
  - Electronic Voting Deadline - Wednesday, March 16, 2022 by 6 p.m.
  - Paper Voting Deadline - Tuesday, March 14, 2022 (postmark by or deposited into club's dropbox)
  - Annual Meeting - Thursday, March 17, 2022

## 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](http://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 (at the 2.0/2.5 level) 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** (to sign up look 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

Registration has opened for the following Winter 2022 classes offered through GVR. [Click here](#) to access catalog descriptions, prerequisites, cost and registration instructions for the following. All classes are held at the Pickleball Center.

PB 101 - beginner (4 week sessions offered on T and W from 3-5 pm)

PB 201 - intermediate (3 week sessions offered on M from 3-5 pm)  
PB 202 - intermediate (3 week sessions offered on M from 3-5 pm)  
PB 301 - advanced (3 week sessions offered on M from 3-5 pm)  
SNAP Pickleball - intermediate/advanced (3 week sessions offered on T from 12-2 pm)  
SNAP to the Next Level - intermediate/advanced (3 week sessions offered on T from 12-2 pm)

## Training for Ball Machine

We have had a transition in our volunteer lead for our ball machine management and training. Sincere thanks to John Dresbach for his efforts over the past several years. He is moving on and Maria Acevedo is now our lead for this training aid. Please refer to the Events tab in Pickleball.Plus for training sessions she is coordinating.

There will be monthly signups for six participants on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 pm, East Center Court 7. Signups will be open 30 days in advance of the training date. The January 12th signup is currently open for signups. Signups will be blocked 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.

## Meals on Wheels Donation

What generous members we have in our club! On Tuesday, December 21, 2022, we will present a check to Meals on Wheels in the amount of \$3,015.00. Thank you to everyone who donated! It was our first time to try the online payment option and for the most part it worked fine. But, we did hear from some that they had issues. We appreciate everyone's participation and good heartedness during this season of giving.

## Connect on Facebook!

If you have not joined our Facebook group page I encourage you to do so. It is a private group limited to active club members. Here is the link. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/252938121566884>

## Observations

As we wind down 2021, there is a lot to be grateful for while keeping in mind some in our club are facing difficulties. It is my hope that we all can keep a good perspective on what is truly important and that our focus, energy and attention will be directed in a manner that encourages and edifies those around us. For many, pickleball represents such a huge positive force in their lives that when there is a "bump in the road" with respect to how, when, where, and with whom they want to play, it can easily turn into a challenging situation that leaves them with a deflated spirit and feelings of frustration. While we cannot be responsible for how someone chooses to think or the feelings they have about a situation, the way in which we interact with them can be a difference maker for them. Stay positive and display the type of behavior you would want for yourself - you know - THE GOLDEN RULE!

I am also uber mindful of everyone in the club that makes all of this possible. There are so many members who suit up and show up continually to help anyone enjoy and grow in the game while giving of themselves. Club volunteers are not paid to do what they do. They just do it. Truly an amazing gift we give each other! Thank you.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Carpe Dinkum!



Gina Rowsam, President  
GVR Pickleball Club