

AGENDA & REPORTS

Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club Board of Directors Meeting

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The October 14, 2021 meeting has been cancelled as there were no business items brought forward for a vote and there was not going to be a required quorum of directors present. See board and work area reports below. And, when you see the board members and volunteers who work very hard to make this club run so wonderfully, thank them!

Committee / Work Area Reports 10/14/2021 Board Meeting

President, Gina Rowsam

GVR UPDATE

Commercial Purposes - The GVR Board of Directors deliberated in September 2021 to address a longstanding issue with respect to how they defined and regulated commercial purposes at GVR facilities. They voted to update the CPM (Corporate Policy Manual) which affects individuals wishing to display items on GVR property. See below. We have also been informed that an application form is being developed by the GVR administration which will include a statement that GVR properties and facilities may not be used for commercial purposes; that all financial transactions need to take place off of GVR property. So, for those who have made inquiries to the club about selling pickleball related items still wishing to pursue this, please contact GVR.

SECTION IV – FACILITY USE

SUBSECTION 1. GENERAL FACILITIES RULES AND REGULATIONS (updated 9/22/2021)

L. GVR facilities will not be used by any member for commercial purposes with the following exceptions: (1) with the prior written approval of GVR administration, a GVR member may temporarily display items for sale at a particular facility if they are intended to assist or benefit those using that facility to participate in the associated/related activity; and (2) personal sales resulting from hobby pursuits. It is the responsibility of each individual seller to obtain an Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax License.

Facility & Court Signage - The club is working with GVR as they develop updated signage to post at facilities and courts to indicate pertinent rules and regulations and information needed in a 911 emergency situation. In the meantime, we recommend that members input physical address information into their phone contacts to access if an emergency situation arises.

East Center - 7 S Abrego Dr.

Canoa Ranch - 5750 Turquoise Mountain Dr.

Kent J. Blumenthal Pickleball Complex - 2612 Camino de la Canoa

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Developing Skills - This summer provided clear evidence that we have many club members interested in improving their game through skills development. Through the tireless work and passion of several volunteers the club was able to offer summer programming in a way not offered before because of the limitations we had with respect to the number of available courts (see Carol Hammerle's report below for stats). Especially notable is our cohort of new members at the beginner level. In the past, we had difficulty getting 2.5s to participate in round robins. Now, because of several variables I am delighted to report they continually ask for more courts for round robins because they're bursting at the seams!

Briones Pickleball Clinic - Many of us have benefitted from watching Jordan Briones through his many YouTube offerings on various topics for skill and play improvement. See Carol Hammerle's report below for full information and watch your email for details when registration will open for these clinics. Thanks to Paul May for initiating this opportunity.

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Volunteer Always Needed - Our club offers many programs and opportunities to promote player development and it can only happen with a solid stream of volunteers. If you are interested in helping with anything, please let someone on the board or in charge of a particular area know. It is appreciated. Think of where we would be if those who volunteered during the beginning stages of our club never stepped up. We stand on the shoulders of many who gave a lot for us to have such great facilities, resources and opportunities. Let's keep it up for everyone now and those who have yet to discover this amazing and life changing game!

RATINGS

Information about the revised Ratings process can be found on the club's new website. Details for the entire process are on the club's webpage [Player Development > Ratings](#) as well as in the [FAQs](#) click on Ratings subcategory. Again, my thanks to the Ratings Review Workgroup (nearly 20 members!) who met and deliberated with the goal of creating a program that will help build the club as it focuses on skill and play development for all members.

The process addressed concerns and complaints raised by club members as it relates to impressions of our ratings not holding up to other similarly situated clubs, subjectivity of the prior method of ratings testing which included an evaluation, and lack of emphasis of demonstration of specific skills in the most recent ratings process of obtaining a minimum of 21 points across three games. The goal was to create a reasonably objective system that aligns with the USA Pickleball and IPTPA skill rating information.

The overarching goals/philosophy for the Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club ratings process are to provide players with a clear system to understand and opportunities to:

1. Demonstrate awareness of, ability to find, and basic understanding of the IFP/USA Pickleball Rules
2. Understand specific shots, court positioning, and strategy for requisite skill level
3. Demonstrate specific shots for requisite skill level
4. Provide players the opportunity to demonstrate execution of skills, court positioning and strategy in a game situation for requisite skill level
5. Clarify process and elements required for members requesting transfer of a rating from another organized club

Coordinators - Mike (club board director member at large) and Margaret McCarry have agreed to serve as coordinators for the Player Development Ratings Program that runs from mid-October through April. Their role will be to organize and oversee the skill level coordinators, feeders, evaluators, game play testers, and administrative volunteers. The intervening months, May through September, will include opportunities for skills development and play practice. Through a prior survey we gathered names of individuals interested in helping with this program across each of the areas, but more help is always needed and appreciated. If you are interested in serving, please let Mike or Margaret know.

Administrative Support - Mary Furumoto has agreed to assist in a new role of administrative support of the process where we will develop a centralized database in the club's cloud account which will track this activity.

Other Options - If individual circumstances warrant as it relates to timing for testing, club members are encouraged to pursue other options for obtaining a rating including USA Pickleball sanctioned tournament play and testing through IPTPA (International Pickleball Teaching and Professional Association).

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WEBSITE

The new website went live on October 2, 2021. Thank you to the many club members who took time to go through it and provide constructive feedback and suggestions which either have already been addressed or have been put on a list to consider. While we have a great base from which to work there are some additional refinements, elements and features that will continue to roll out as our volunteers have time to create them, particularly in the area of video content in areas for player development and tutorials for the ball machine. As mentioned in prior communications, Sam Schaen has assumed the role as our webmaster and we have developed a team of folks who can also work on the site as well. So, with these wonderful volunteers we are in great shape moving forward.

PICKLEBALL.PLUS

Dean Beilke is the club's manager for Pickleball.Plus (PBP), our member database, scheduling and sign up system. With Sam Schaen taking on responsibility for the website, Dean is able to solely focus on PBP. He works with our scheduling and player development groups to create court schedules and class opportunities. It takes a lot of patience and a great mind to sort through all of the variables to make our experience on the courts what it is. We are fortunate to have Dean's passion and talent to "always make it happen!"

SOUTHERN REGION APPL (ARIZONA PICKLEBALL PLAYERS LEAGUE)

Carol Hammerle's report below shows the high level of interest and enthusiasm of our club members for league play. Last year, due to COVID, we held the matches at Canoa Ranch. This year all matches will be held at the Pickleball Center. Thank you to all of our members who replied to our survey to capture interest. It is exciting to see the teams taking shape!

COURT SCHEDULING

Please make sure to review and study the schedules which took effect this month as we have added new opportunities and additional court reservation slots at each facility. Also, with snowbirds returning and crowds increasing, be mindful and respect the court assignments for each type of play. Here is a legend for abbreviations used on the court schedules:

DS = Developing Skills - new and beginner players (registration required sign up through Pickleball.Plus)

FP = Focus Play - designated skill levels play

ICRR = Intercommunity Round Robin (registration required sign up through Quail Creek's SignUpGenius)

LM = Ladies Mixer - all skill levels of women welcome to play

OP = Open Play - all skill levels welcome to play

PSD = Player Skills Development - intermediate and advanced players (registration required sign up through Pickleball.Plus)

RC = Reserve Courts - club and non-club members may reserve courts (registration required sign up through Pickleball.Plus)

RR = Round Robin - club member skill level tournament (registration required sign up through Pickleball.Plus)

SR-APPL = Southern Region Arizona Pickleball Players League - club and visiting teams league play

COURT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

Weather Stations - As GVR has made the decision that they cannot provide a live feed of the cameras which are

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in use (which club members used to see if it was windy), the club's board voted last month to use club funds to purchase weather stations which will be affixed at each facility. Each weather station will be linked to the internet and we will post that information on the website. These weather stations will aid players wanting to know what the wind speeds are at each location. And, if we get another fabulous monsoon season next year, precipitation!

Benches - More benches are on their way! We have received word from GVR that they will purchase additional benches which are greatly needed at the Pickleball Center.

Ball Machine - If you have not seen our [information page on the ball machine](#), please check it out as it has information about what club members need to do to be certified to use it and also a video created by Jordan Briones (he'll be here in November to run clinics) on how to use it for skill building. Also, we are having issues with club members who have door codes for the East Center using the ball machine but not going through the reservation process. This has affected members who had reservations for the machine but it was not available or the battery had been depleted and they could not use it.

SOCIAL & OUTREACH

We continue to have good turnouts for our Dink & Dine events, thank you members for participating! We look forward to having our snowbird members back and joining the fun for our remaining events. Details on the website and signups in Pickleball.Plus.

Franci Kinkade reported that on September 11th an informal pickleballers group that calls itself "Fireballs" organized a walk and put out a call to everyone in the group, including those who are snowbirds. Many answered the call and they were able to donate to the Community Food Bank a total of \$1600 to help those who are food insecure in our community.

Past-President, Jeff Harrell

Provided counsel to the board regarding the history of past decisions.

Vice President, Mike Clemens

The following report was for the September meeting.

My role in managing the GVR pickleball courts at all three locations have been transferred to fellow board director Paul May. Please notify Paul may2azgv@gmail.com if players see anything that needs maintenance on the courts.

Inter-community (IC) play ends on August 31. Thank you to the club members who participated with our friends from Quail Creek Pickleball Club. I want to thank Paul Serra for assisting me in the coordination of IC play at our GVR courts.

I have the following observations about IC play this summer:

1. Little interest was displayed from 2.0/2.5 and 3.0 players from both clubs for daytime IC play at our pickleball center. 3.5 players showed some interest but then it waned after a few weeks.
2. Nighttime IC play had little interest from 2.0/2.5 and 3.0 players from both clubs.
3. 3.5 players again showed much interest in evening IC play but then it went down in the middle of the summer.
4. 4.0 players showed positive interest and participation in both daytime and evening IC play.
5. IC daytime play for all levels was impacted by developing skills classes held at the pickleball center. Future daytime IC play should not be scheduled if developing skill classes are held concurrently.

Treasurer, Patrick Furumoto

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As of September 14, 2021

Checking Acct Balance \$31,754.64

Savings \$11,720.63

Total \$43,475.27

Net Change from August 13, 2021: \$126.93

Secretary, Susan MacMillan - 2.0/2.5 Rep

New Members: Kenneth Paddie, Cathy Heinitz, Patricia Dugan, Kirk Cross and Dave Munroe

Member at Large, Paul May - 3.5 Rep, Policy Manual & Court Maintenance

Inventoried and ordered balls for fall usage. Monitored and reported court maintenance work orders to GVR.

Member at Large, Mike McCarry - 4.0+ Rep, Player Development & Ratings

The first week of October will be the start of the classes called Player Skills Development (PSD) for levels 2.0 to 2.5, 3.0 to 3.5 and 3.5 to 4.0. The skills taught in these classes will be the skills that participants will be judged against in the Skills portion of the test to move up. New sign ups will be available in Pickleball. Plus each month on the Saturday before the classes. These are a bit different from other sign ups such as Round Robins which are done weekly, i.e. participants will only need to sign up once for all of the PSD classes and are expected to attend them all. The October PSD classes run for the first three (3) weeks of the month on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at the PBC.

We continue to refine the new process for the ratings testing. A main difference from prior years is that available slots for testing will be limited to those who are eligible to test. Eligibility begins with the submission of the USA Pickleball Rules Test results. Details for the entire process are on the club's webpage [Player Development > Ratings](#) as well as in the [FAQs](#) click on Ratings subcategory. Discussions with volunteers are being finalized as it relates to the day testing will occur (to address concerns raised about how it was done in the past). Members who are eligible to register for testing will receive direct communication about details.

Member at Large, Mary Wright - 3.0 Rep, Social Committee

September 18, 2021 - Dink and Dine at East Center Auditorium. Approximately 50 attended the event and open play.

Paul May took profile pictures of approximately 18 members that did not have a picture.

Player Development Committee - Carol Hammerle, Chair

Summer Program

- Developing Skills 2.0/2.5 Coordinated by Jane Hunt, Sam Schaen, John Frazier, Steve Hoge
- Program was held on Tuesday/Thursday utilizing 4 courts from 7:30-9 AM. Approximation of numbers is over 100 players with 15 players being moved up from 2.0-2.5.
- Rating form feedback was to include a self assessment and consider abbreviating the form. I would suggest we continue to evaluate the form throughout the year.
- New Programs for the Club
- Additional Developing Skills were added this summer starting in May for 3.5-4.0. Four courts with PB plus being used each week for players to sign up. A maximum of 16 players per session was allowed providing skill development and game strategies to support the rating program.
- The success of the 3.5 program initiated the need for Developing Skills 3.0-3.5 which spiraled into DS for 2.5-3.0. All three of the programs filled to capacity every week demonstrating the need to continue to

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provide this type of player development next year starting in May 2022.

GVR Classes

PB 101 Fall Schedule 2021:

- A: Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 Mike Gustin
- B: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 Al Willette
- A: Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 Mike Gustin
- B: Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 Al Willette

PB 201, 202, 301 Fall Schedule 2021: Carol Hammerle

- PB 201: Oct 4, 11, 18
- PB 202: Oct 25, Nov 1, 8
- PB 301: Nov 15, 22, 29 (3.5 level)

SNAP Fall Schedule 2021: Kathy Palese

- Oct. 5, 12, 19
- Nov 2, 9, 16

SNAP to the Next Level FALL 2021 (NEW) Kathy Palese (3.5 level or completed SNAP)

- Oct 26
- Nov 30

Volunteers Needed - Please note instructors are always in need of volunteers to help them with classes and this is a great way to hone your own skills. If you have any interest in assisting with classes as a volunteer coach, please contact me or one of the instructors listed above.

Southern Region APPL (Arizona Pickleball Players League)

TAPPL (Tucson Arizona Pickleball Players League) will now be called Southern Region APPL.

New additions to APPL this year are 2.5 skill level and mixed teams.

GVR Pickleball Club is in the process of forming teams. To date we have the following teams:

- 2.5 Women's
- 2.5 Men's
- 3.0 Women's
- 3.0 Men's
- 3.5 Women's (2 teams)
- 3.5 Men's
- 4.0 Women's (2 teams)
- 4.0 Men's (2 teams)
- 4.0 Mixed

Courts have been marked at the Kent J. Blumenthal Pickleball Complex for practice times and match play. Please see the website schedule. GVR Pickleball club will provide Franklin balls for all home matches.

Briones Pickleball Clinic

GVR Pickleball Club is proud to present a clinic by Jordan Briones (see bio below) to be held November 10-11, 2021 for all skill levels 6-8 players per level. Sessions will be 3 hours with 2 sessions each day at a cost of \$105. Players will sign up for the 3 hour sessions utilizing [Pickleball.Plus](#).

Jordan Brave Briones was born and raised in Northern California. Back in early 2014, Jordan picked up his first

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pickleball paddle. He was invited by a friend, and after about 5 minutes, he was hooked for life. Previously, his passion was for tennis, but like many others, that changed very quickly. After playing and challenging all the local recreational players in his area, he finally entered his first tournament that year in Southern California with his father, and got crushed. Two and out.

After that began a lifelong journey to learn and master all the skills and strategies in the game of pickleball. With the lack of information on pickleball at that time, Jordan was forced to really study the game from the inside out. He spent the next few years working really hard on his game, and it definitely paid off, as he started competing at the national level. In 2017, he co-founded [PrimeTime Pickleball](#). This then became the largest, and most well-known pickleball instruction resource for pickleball players on the internet. After helping tens of thousands of pickleball players all around the world, he decided to start [Briones Pickleball](#) in late 2021.

Jordan was ranked top 20 in the nation at the peak of his playing career. After years of competing with and against some of the all time greats, he decided to focus on growing his family and focus more on teaching others all the skills and strategies that he learned along the way. Today he is a proud husband of his wife, Katrina Briones, and also a proud father of their three kids: Josiah, Mayah, and Jedidiah.

Webmaster & Scheduling - Dean Beilke, Chair

Court scheduling included the addition of several new elements at all centers. An updated schedule was implemented 10/03/2021.

Tournaments - Donna Davis, Chair

Kept in communication with GVR Foundation and Greater Green Valley Community Foundation regarding 2022 Foundation Games.