



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter JANUARY 2020

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BARNEY McCALLUM...THE TRUE “FATHER” OF PICKLEBALL!



While Joel Pritchard is often called the father of pickleball, his friend and neighbor, Barney McCallum, deserves the same attention. Using his handyman talents, Barney designed and made improved paddles and later headed a company, called Pickle-ball Inc., which made pickleball equipment. According to Frank Pritchard, son of Joel Pritchard, “Barney really was the guy that drove it. My view is that he should get most of the credit.” Barney died November 18 at his home in Seattle. He was 93.

Want to know how Barney changed the game of pickleball, click on the link below. To return to the Newsletter, click on your back arrow at the top left of your screen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXhhcfqaNZ0&authuser=1>

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS!

Congratulation to our 2 new board members

Tony Masterjohn

John McConnaughey

Joining our returning board members

Sigrid Flatness

Nelson Brown

Dave Burnham

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!

Friday, January 17, 2020

5PM to 7PM

Activity Center Auditorium



This meeting will officially introduce the new board for 2020 and their agenda for the upcoming year.

This event will be a chili and soup potluck. Members are asked to bring either a chili or soup or dessert. The club will provide salad and bread.

Watch for the email with registration details coming out the first week of January.



What's New on the Courts!

Jeff and Nelson recently fabricated wooden net holders. These holders lift the nets on courts 1-4 so that you can pass the balls underneath. This should improve play time and be safer when passing ball from team to team.

A replacement clock has been installed by court 3. This digital clock will hopefully be more reliable than the previous analog ones that kept failing.

Round 1. (1 plays 14, 2 plays 13, ...)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14	13	12	11	10	9	8

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE ROUND ROBIN FUN EACH WEEK!

Round-Robins are held every Thursday at 1:00 for competitive level players and Fridays at 1:00 for casual level players. Come out and enjoy playing with your fellow club members in friendly competition play.

JUST FOR OUR BEGINNERS!

DID YOU KNOW....

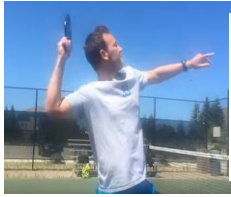
A beginner's contact list is posted on our website under the members tab (password protected for members only). You can use this list to contact others of the same level to play with during the beginner's time slot or during open/reserve times.

If you would like to be added to this list please email Dave Burnham at dburnhampton@gmail.com. Make sure to include your name, email address and phone number.

BEGINNER MENTORING PROGRAM

During each beginner's time slot (**Wed, Sat and Sun at 1:00PM**), there will be an experienced player present to provide tips on serving, hitting and play strategy as well as providing assistance with scoring and answering general club policy questions.

If you are a beginner level player, we hope you will take advantage of this service to improve your game, gain confidence in your playing ability and meet other club members.



WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME? WEEKLY SKILLS CLINICS ARE BACK!

Every Tuesday from 1PM to 2:30PM a skills clinic is offered to improve your confidence and competence on the court. Watch for the weekly email announcing the skill that is covered for the following Tuesday. Skills include:

SERVE AND RETURN OF SERVE

THIRD SHOT DROP

VOLLEY AND HALF VOLLEY

LOBS AND OVERHEAD SLAMS

PARTNERING SKILLS

Before attending a skills clinic, go to our website and review the videos and handouts on the skill being covered that week: <https://scovpb.org/skills-clinics-2/>

YEAR END REVIEW...BY THE NUMBERS!

Our weekly Skills Trainings have been very successful.

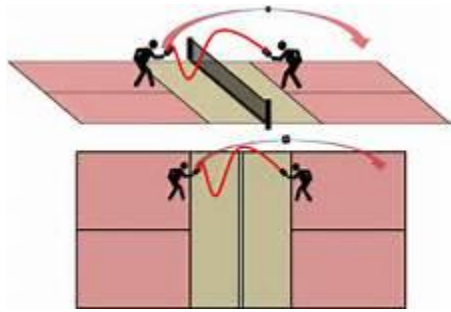
Number attended

Lesson 2.1: Serve and Return of Serve	22
Lesson 2.2: Third Shot Drop	31
Lesson 2.3 Volley and Half Volley	33
Lesson 2.4 Lobs and Overhead Slams	31
Lesson 2.5 Partnering Skills	19

Other 2019 stats...

Attended Orientation	61
Attended Beginner's Clinic	39
New Members	89
Total Members	416

Tips to Improve Your Play!



THE LOB

What is the lob shot and why is it so important? A lob is a lofted shot that sends the ball high overhead and deep. The purpose is to catch the opponent off guard or force him/her back to the baseline (offensive). It can also be effective as a defensive shot to buy time to get into position for an offensive shot.

Use offensively as an unexpected lob from the Non-Volley Zone (NVZ) line over your opponent at the NVZ line or as he/she is running to the net. Use defensively as a lob from the baseline allowing you and your partner (the lobbing team) time to move to the NVZ line.

However, players must be aware that the opponent may return the lob with an overhead smash. It might be safer to use a drop shot as an approach shot instead.

When hitting a lob from the baseline, take a backswing and contact the ball in front of the body with your paddle face open to lift the ball and send it high, then follow through fully (paddle at least head high). The trajectory should carry the ball over the opponent's outstretched paddle and land inbounds near the baseline. Lobbing over the opponent when dinking can create the advantage of surprise.

Lob problems to watch for:

- Lob is not deep enough - the ball was not hit hard enough or the paddle was too far under the ball. To correct, hit a bit farther in front of the body to have the paddle more behind the ball at contact.
- Lob is too low - use more force and/or lift the ball higher by hitting under it.
- Lob is wide - play it safely within the width of the court.

Make sure to visit our website-Members Tab; Skills Clinics page-for videos on how to correctly implement the Lob Shot. <https://scovpb.org/skills-clinics-2/>

January Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

I had a nice little life going in Minneapolis, when I serendipitously took a tour of Sun City. Two ladies came out of the pool and asked if I would join them in Paradise, I thought, Why not? The next day I bought a house, gave my notice, and began the greatest adventure of my life.

What came before? I graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS in Journalism/English Education. Took a year off to hitchhike through Europe and settled in Florence, Italy for ten months. I came home, got married, had two beautiful children, and began working in broadcasting. Got a divorce and took a job as director of an inhouse advertising/ PR/events division for the largest contractor in Minneapolis. Over the next 40 years, my staff and I produced over 1000 corporate and community special events. I also had the good fortune to assist in many non-profit fundraisers, serve on civic and art boards, and produce the grand opening events for Cabela stores from Wheeling, West Virginia to Olympia, Washington. Had great fun and got to see a lot of the USA.

In 1994 I opened the Chapel of Love wedding chapel in the Mall of America, where I oversaw 4000 weddings. I also opened Glitz!, the largest Prom store in MN; and Get Social, a woman's social occasion store. Playing racquetball kept me sane. And then I luckily discovered my new obsession: Pickleball.

I am so grateful to the folks here who keep the Pickleball program going and welcomed me so kindly. A year in, I discovered my next obsession: Fused glass. I am so happy to be here, make so many new friends, and have the opportunity to oversee the 2020 Pickleball Social Committee. Following Renee is an honor, and I hope many of you will join me in creating some fun and fabulous events in the coming year.

A Happy New Year to all:)

Can you guess who this mystery member is?? Their name can be found at the bottom of this page.



Congratulations
to Tony Masterjohn and
Bob Lopez, who took 3rd
place in the Westwood
Look pickleball tournament
on November 30th.

Well Done!!



Did you guess who our January mystery member is? Thank you MaryAnne London for sharing with us!