



# SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter OCTOBER 2020

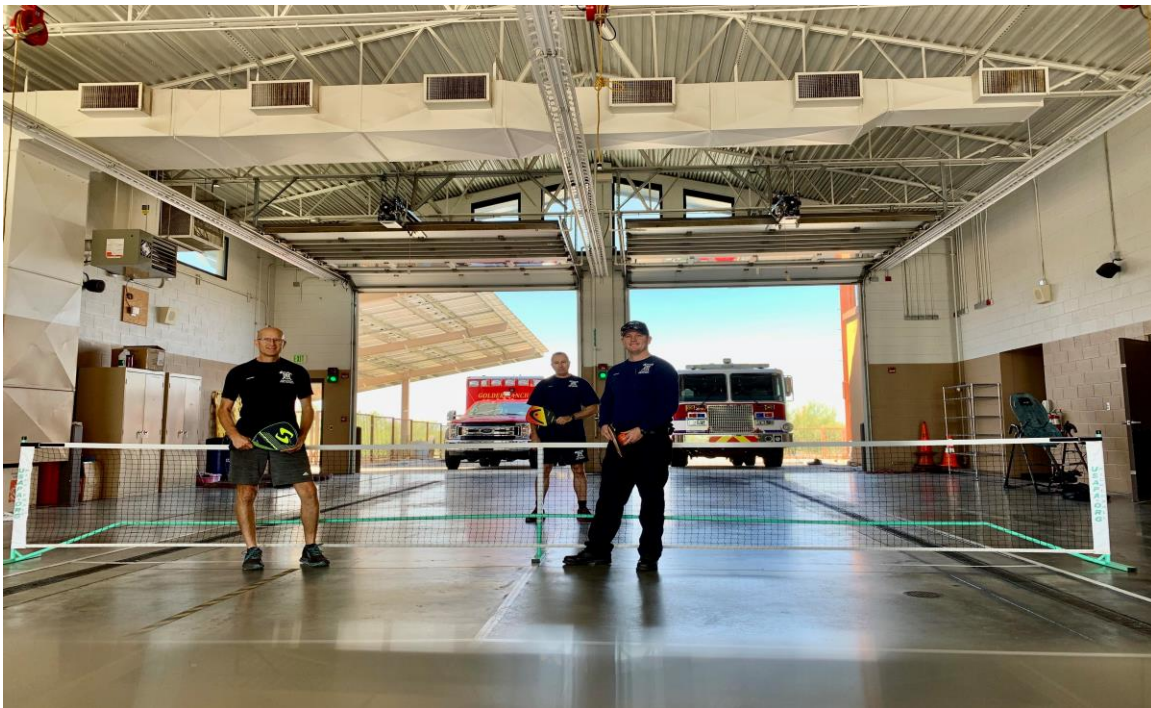
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## **FIRE STATION 339!**



In July or August of this year, our own Craig Jones was being attended to by the paramedics from Fire Station #339, located at Tangerine and Thornydale. Being our unofficial pickleball ambassador, Craig asked the paramedics if they played pickleball. They said that they had recently learned but were using yellow tape as a net! Craig contacted our board members who wholeheartedly agree to give Fire Station #339 one of our two remaining portable nets. On Labor Day, Don Patch of #339 picked up the net and some paddles and balls from us. They sent us a photo of them playing and hope to play against us in the future. This is the second Fire Station that we have donated to thanks to our ambassador, Craig Jones!



# WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

We recently installed **safety pads** on the light poles intruding on the three courts that needed them. Thank You Tony and Jeff for installing these. The Sun City Community Foundation paid half of the cost and the HOA split the difference with our Club.



The wind vane has been remounted on a pole, so it is now visible from all courts.

Paddle racks will need repairs and paint soon.

The ball bleach buckets will now use chlorine tablets. To keep the chlorine at a high enough concentration to be effective all we will need to do is check the bucket to see that there is still some undissolved tablet left in the bucket. Once the tablet is completely dissolved, we will need to add a new tablet. The water should be replaced when the concentration of leaves and bugs gross people out! The chlorine tablets will also be less likely to ruin clothing that gets inadvertently splashed with bleach water.

## Our New Fall-Winter Schedule has an Updated Look!

**Winter (October - December '20) Pickleball Court Schedule**

Day/Court # Hours	Monday					Tuesday					Wednesday					Thursday					Friday					Saturday					Sunday				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
6:30-8:00	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open				
8:00-10:00	Casual					Competv					Casual					Competv					Casual					Competv					Ladder				
10:00-10:30	Com/Cas					Com/Cas					Com/Cas					Com/Cas					Com/Cas														
10:30-12:00	Competv					Casual					Competv					Casual					Competv					Casual									
12:00-1:00	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open									
1:00-3:00	Tourney RR		Open/Res			Training					Casual		Beg/Nov			Competv RR					Casual RR			Tourney		Competv			Open/Res						
3:00-4:30	Casual		Comp Women			Comp		Women			Tourney		Competv			Tourney		Open/Res			Tourney		Competv			Casual		Beg/Nov			Open/Res				
4:30-6:00	Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res									
6:00-7:30	Women		Open/Res			Comp		Casual O/R			Women		Open/Res			Comp		Casual O/R			Open/Res					Open/Res		Comp			Casual		O/R		
7:30-9:00	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open									

## WINTER SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS!

With HOA permission we will start doing **Round-Robins** again! A new Round-Robin for Tournaments will be added on Monday afternoons.

A new **Ladder Play** event has been added for Sunday mornings which all members can participate in.

**Skills Trainings** have been reduced to one day per week.

**Beg/Novice** has been reduced from 3 to 2 days per week.

We are testing out a new online **court reservations** system. An email will be sent to members explaining how to use. We hope it will eliminate all the bugs we had with last year's system. If you have any problems using it please send a detailed description (including your name) to [scovpb@gmail.com](mailto:scovpb@gmail.com).

# NEW COURTS CARE COMMITTEE NEEDED!



We are still in need of one or two volunteers to form a Courts Care committee. Tasks include cleaning the courts each morning, replacing balls, measuring the nets (weekly), renewing the bleach buckets, repairing bulletin boards, signs on fences, paddle racks, net tie-downs, loaner paddles, retrieving balls from the awnings, club bin items, etc.

We have been unable to get the HOA to help in cleaning the courts despite many requests. Please consider volunteering. If you are interested in being on this committee please email the board at [scovpb@gmail.com](mailto:scovpb@gmail.com).

## CHANGING OF THE BOARD!



Nelson Brown, President and Dave Burnham, Membership Chair, will be stepping down from the pickleball board after two terms in office. The Nominations Committee has begun working to find members willing to run for the two vacancies on the 2021 Board. This vote will be scheduled for the second week of November. Board member positions are determined each year by those on the board.

**Seasonal and Year-Round Members...**Please consider giving back to this club by serving on the board. Anyone interested can email their desires to the "Nominations Committee" at [scovpb@gmail.com](mailto:scovpb@gmail.com). Make sure to put "Board Vacancy" in the subject line of your email.

### CALLING ALL MENTORS!

We are seeking volunteers to be mentors during the two beginner's time slots. If you are a casual (with at least a year's experience at this level) or competitive player we encourage you to share your expertise with our newest members so they can build the confidence and skills to play at the casual level.

We hope you will be willing to give a little of your time and expertise to help our newest members enjoy the sport as much as you do!

If you are willing to be a mentor and/or have questions about the mentoring program please email Jane Lutz at [jolja24@gmail.com](mailto:jolja24@gmail.com).

### BEGINNERS...JUST FOR YOU!

During the two beginner's time slots each week there will be an experienced player (mentor) 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.

An email will be sent to members announcing when the mentoring program will start.

# Tips to Improve Your Play!

## EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PICKEBALL!



Pickleballs! Arguably, no other topic generates such a passionate debate and angst amongst pickleball players than these 2.87” to 2.97” in diameter plastic balls that have between 26 and 40 circular holes. Well, perhaps aside from rally scoring.

There are currently approximately 30 USAPA/IFP approved tournament pickleballs from which the Tournament Director chooses when managing a USAPA-sanctioned event. For rec play and non-sanctioned tournaments, however, any ball can be used - regardless if the ball is, or is not, on the official list of approved balls. The pickleball selected for play in any USAPA- or IFP-sanctioned tournament must be named on the official list of approved balls. The approved balls on the list have met the official ball specifications dictated by the USAPA/IFP. Official ball specifications dictate acceptable parameters for the construction material, size, weight, bounce and hardness of the ball.

There are significant differences in pickleballs when playing indoors versus outdoors. If playing pickleball outdoors – or indoors on a tennis court surface – outdoor balls are typically used. The “outdoor” ball - because it is slightly heavier, harder and has smaller holes - travels significantly faster than the indoor ball. While there are several brands of USAPA-approved outdoor balls, the two leading brands are the Dura Fast 40 and the Fuse G2 Outdoor (both by Onix Sports).

There are 40 holes, of varying sizes, in the Dura Fast 40 ball. While the Dura Fast 40 ball is generally the preferred ball for 4.5+ rated tournament players, it is also a ball much more susceptible to breakage in colder weather (especially when temperatures fall below 60 degrees). It’s not uncommon to break several balls during the course of a 2-3 hour session in these conditions.

The Onix Fuse Outdoor ball is a ball that doesn’t break to the degree of the Dura Fast 40. It has 40 holes that are all the same size. Because of the “excessive” breakage associated with the Dura Fast 40 (and economic implications), recreational players generally prefer this softer ball. Because the ball is softer, rallies tend to be longer with this ball as it is harder to put the ball away. The longer rallies make for fun play. While advanced and tournament players tend to favor the Dura Fast 40, the Onix Fuse is more likely to be the preferred outdoor ball for beginning pickleball players thru about 3.5 or 4.0 rated players.

Our current court balls are yellow Onix Pure 2s and will be replaced with neon colored Onix Fuse G2’s. Both Onix balls play basically the same.

# October Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

We moved to Sun City in December, 2019. Being born and raised in Phoenix and traveling to Tucson numerous times a year (we have a daughter, son-in-law and 3 grand-children who reside in Tucson), I always wondered why there was a hospital on Tangerine that was in the middle of nowhere. Little did I know the slice of heaven that was 1-mile North of the hospital.

Moving to Sun City has been one of the greatest things we have ever done, instant friends, church, AND PICKLE BALL !!!

When I'm not on the court, you will find me in my kitchen baking and cooking, reading, doing Bible study, puzzles, or just sipping a glass of wine on our beautiful back porch. You might have even eaten some of the goodies that I pawn off to my friends on occasion!

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

## CLUB LADDER PLAY IS HERE!



The SCOV PB club has included a "ladder" in the winter schedule. A "ladder" is a format of organized play, so players will be playing with others of similar skill level. The ladder will be played on Sunday mornings in 2 sessions from 8:00 am - 10:00 am and 10:00 am - 12:00 noon, depending on the number of members who sign up. The schedule can accommodate up to 40-50 players each week. All Club members are eligible to play. Any courts not being used for Ladder Play will be open to other members to play normally.

Members that want to play in the ladder don't have to play every week. If you decide to play in the ladder, you must let the ladder manager (Bill Brown) know by sending your name and play level NLT Friday at 8 PM for play on Sunday morning using the Club email: [scovpb@gmail.com](mailto:scovpb@gmail.com). Title your email as "Ladder Play". Your level of play is as follows: (Novice 1.0 - 2.5; Casual 2.5 - 3.0; Competitive 3.0 - 3.5; Tourney 3.5 - 5.0). Your self-rating will be used to place you in an initial grouping for play.

We are working with our HOA on revised COVID procedures in order to restart our Round-Robins and new Ladder Play. As soon as we hear back, we will be sending an email blast to our membership.

**Ladder Play Kickoff date is planned for Sunday, October 18, 2020.**

**Did you guess who our October mystery member is? Thank you, Nancy Vander Ark, for sharing with us!**