



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter NOVEMBER 2020

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ROYAL KEEPER OF THE COURTS!



Craig Jones has been a member on a mission...coming out early every morning to clean our courts and maintain our ball machines. To thank Craig, our club purchased a custom T-shirt that said "Royal Keeper of the Courts" on front and "SCOV Pickleball Club, Oro Valley, AZ" on the back.
THANK YOU, CRAIG for your unselfish service to the SCOV Pickleball Club!

Craig now has some help in the mornings: Bob Shull, Tom Cooksey, and Christine Dean. Nelson sends his thanks to them as he works his way out of a job!



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

IMPORTANT! Court sign-up sheets are not being used which is not good for two reasons:

- one, we do not have attendance numbers to justify new courts
- two, if we need to trace any Covid cases, we don't have a list of those who might have been exposed to alert to get tested.

Please write down your first name and last name initial. The sign-up sheet on each court is like a paddle rack. If you want to play on that court, sign-up on the clipboard, and then you are the next group to play on that court. If you are sitting waiting for a court to play on, but have not signed up on the court clipboard, then don't be surprised if the previous players stay on the court for a second game....most members are not mind readers!

REMINDER...Guests are not allowed to use the Pickleball Courts at this time. This is mandated by our SCOV Board of Directors. COVID-19 procedures are posted on each court bulletin board.

People are leaving balls in our new chlorine solution overnight; this leaves a crust of chlorine on the ball the next morning....rinsing the balls and putting back in the rack would be most helpful.

The chlorine pool tablets are working well and last about two weeks which reduces the workload compared to the bleach that we were using. Thanks to John McConnaughey for this new plan.

Round Robins can begin as soon as the weather cools!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Many of you who have been club members for a while remember when membership went from January to December and we would renew membership in the late fall.

That is no longer happening. When we went to our new website the membership due dates changed. For those of you who joined in the last 2 years, your membership year is now determined by your join date. For many of you who have been club members for a while, your membership comes due based on when you last paid.

PLEASE NOTE...DO NOT pay your membership dues until you receive an email reminder from scovpb.org. You will start getting reminders about 2 months before your membership due date and these will stop once your dues are paid. If you don't pay by the due date your membership will lapse and you should not be playing during scheduled club times until you rejoin.

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.

We have 3 superb candidates who have stepped up to the plate to run for these two open seats.



DOUG BROWN



NANCY VANDER ARK



CHRISTINE DEAN

Their bios were emailed to all club members on October 21.

Elections will take place electronically November 8 to November 15, 2020.

CALLING ALL MENTORS!

We are still 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.

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

BEGINNERS....JUST FOR YOU!

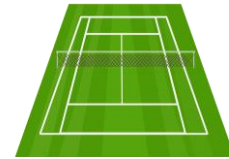
Starting the first week of November!

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.

Tips to Improve Your Play!

THE BASICS FOR VETERAN AND NEW PLAYERS!



- Listen and accept suggestions that you have violated a rule. It's to your benefit.
- Don't try to serve hard or near the sidelines.
- Loft service returns so they go deep, giving you time to get to the non-volley line.
- Remember that both the serve and the serve return must bounce before you can hit the ball, so remain at or behind the baseline after serving to receive the second shot/return of serve.
- Always get to the non-volley line as soon as you can. It's the strongest position.
- Face the player who will hit the ball, not the net. You will be better placed to hit the ball.
- Keep your paddle high, near your chest; your reaction time will be quicker.
- Keep the ball in play -- let your opponent make the mistakes. Seventy-five percent of all rallies are won or lost because of unforced errors, many of them at the baseline.
- Return your baseline shots to the center line as often as you can.
- Use your forehand for power, especially on the serve return, but also developing a good backhand will give you a more complete game.
- Placement is much more important than power; emphasize control over pace.
- Don't try to make a lot of sideline shots; they are low percentage. Hit to open areas (i.e., hit it where they aren't).
- Make note whether an opponent is right or left handed. Avoid hitting to the opponent's strong side.
- Don't take your partner's shots away by crowding his/her position. Do move to the centerline when your partner is pulled to the sideline to return a shot.

November Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

I have fond memories of growing up on the shore of Lake Michigan in the shipbuilding city of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Often with family and friends, we would enjoy fishing off the pier for lake perch and salmon. While fishing we would watch the historic S.S. Badger leave port for Ludington, Michigan which still operates today as a leisurely way for travelers to cross the lake. The Packers, Brewers and UW-Badgers also filled many hours of following sports.

After attending elementary and high school I received my BSEd in Special and Elementary Education in 1974 at a local liberal arts college and MEd in General Special Education in 1979 at UW-Whitewater. The first half of my career centered around teaching vocational skills and woodworking to cognitively disabled young adults. For the second half of my career I decided to make a change into elementary education. My wife and I were married in 1974, raised two sons and did a lot of camping and traveling the mid-west in our RV.

In 2009 my wife and I eased out of work and into retirement by substitute teaching in our school district and traveling the country. After much consideration we made the decision in 2015 to escape the snow and cold of Wisconsin and become permanent residents of Sun City Oro Valley. It was the right decision for us as we have made new friends and enjoy Pickleball as well as many other activities offered in SCOV.

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

CLUB LADDER PLAY IS HERE!



Our first Ladder Play was held on Sunday, October 18 and was a huge success. A "ladder" is a format of organized play where 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, if needed 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. You don't have to play every week to participate.

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.

All players can sign up until Saturday at 12:00 noon by sending your name and skill level to Bill Brown at bdbrownbaseball@gmail.com. Bill is our Ladder Manager and sets up the groups for Sunday mornings. Title your email as Ladder Play.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL ON SATURDAY EVENINGS around 6PM to confirm your starting time slot (either 8:00AM or 10:00AM) on Sunday morning.

Did you guess who our November mystery member is? Thank you, Jeff Rusch, for sharing with us!