



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter MARCH 2021

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

Due to COVID, we were unable to hold our yearly membership meeting in January. In its place, your board prepared a State of the Pickleball Club Report which was recently sent to all members:

COVID-19 has changed our lives in many ways. Because of the virus, the Pickleball Board had to cancel the general meeting, but will present a status of the club for the 2020 year. Even though many items were put on hold, the Club still accomplished many activities.

Two new members of the Board of Directors were elected. They were Doug Brown and Nancy Van der Ark. The new positions are as follows: President-Tony Masterjohn. VP of Training- Doug Brown, VP of committees-John McConnaughey, Treasurer- Sigrid Flatness, and Secretary- Nancy Vander Ark.

New words like Social Distancing, wearing masks and washing your hands are common phrases now. Members are also using bleach water for cleaning the balls. Some of the social activities were cancelled because of the Pandemic.

Sign-up sheets were required to play on the courts. By doing this, the club will have a record of how many are playing and if someone contracts the COVID-19, we have a contact tracer.

The Pickleball Board presented a letter to the SCOV Board to request more PICKLEBALL COURTS, but they rejected our request. They stated the Auditorium renovation was more of a priority than building more Pickleball courts. We will continue our request to build or restripe a tennis court into three pickleball courts.

The LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE recommended to the SCOV Board to construct eight new Pickleball courts to replace the miniature golf and Bocci ball courts.

The Board donated two unused pickleball nets and equipment to fire stations #8 and #339. They sent us a hearty Thank-you for the donations.

Additions to the pickleball courts were as follows:

- New water fountain with a bottle filler. The club paid 30% of the cost.
- New padding to cover the light poles.
- Wind vane was repositioned
- Fans were installed on the pool side of the courts.
- Paddle racks and ball holders were installed on the courts
- Craig Jones and crew power washed the courts.
- Bob Schull was given a “Keeper of the Royal Courts” T-Shirt for his hard work in cleaning the courts.
- The club bought a new Tudor machine to assist the older machine.

Ladder play was introduced to the club and is continues to be a popular event. Ladder play is so popular, we need more courts or more scheduled times to play. All five courts were in use.

John McConnaughey, VP of committees, through the Board, established a new maintenance committee to clean and maintain the pickleball courts. There are now six committees which also include Scheduling, Nominating, Social, Tournament and Training. There were two Pickleball Tournaments early in the year. These events were very well attended. We need members to step up and volunteer for each committee so we can continue to keep our Club Great.

Membership and training VP, Dave Burnham, provided the officers with the statistics for the year. There were 385 paid members, and 84 new members joined the club for the 2020 year. There were 111 members who participated in the mentoring program.

The Scheduling Committee tweaked the schedule to accommodate most player levels. Ladder play was included on Sunday mornings.

Sigrid presented the banking summary for the 2020 year. The form is included in the report and MJ Mclsaac did a review of the banking statements and found them to have no mistakes and there was nothing out of order. We thank him for his dedication.

The new officers would like to thank Nelson Brown and Dave Burnham for their hard work during their last two years serving the Pickleball Board.

Even though COVID-19 did hamper the playing activities in 2020, we did achieve many accomplishments. With the COVID vaccines being more readily available, we hope to achieve more in 2021.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

The Pickleball board will be sending out a survey to the membership in the near future. The questions will refer to if we need additional pickleball courts. Please participate in the survey. The more responses we receive, the better the chances our proposal will be accepted. We would like at least 60% response. We have been trying to obtain additional pickleball courts for at least five years. Let's see if we can accomplish our goal!!

We have three contractors submitting quotes to permanently restripe Court 6 of the tennis court into 4 pickleball courts. The tennis court striping for tennis play will stay. The Pickleball board will then submit a proposal to the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) for them to review. If they feel there is a need, the LRPC will submit the proposal to the SCOV Board. If the SCOV Board approves, we should be able to restripe the tennis court into four needed pickleball courts.

The chlorine buckets have been removed from the courts. The spilled chlorine stains the courts and is not good for the surface. The CDC states that it unlikely a person can get COVID -19 from touching items. If you are still concerned, please use the hand sanitizer. The area where the buckets were located have been scrubbed and cleaned. A big thanks goes out to Bob Schull who helped.

There are many cracked balls in the BAD BALL BAG on court 3. If you want them for your pet or decorations, please take as many as you want. Through the year, we will have additional cracked balls you can take.

New players...we have a Tudor Ball practice machine you can practice with. You can work on your return hits, dinks and lobs plus much more. If you are looking for someone to teach you to operate the machine, contact Linda Dolsberry at 913-306-6392 or ldolsberry@gmail.com.

We have gotten quotes on the wind screen and will meet with the contractor to finalize the final cost to install the material. Hopefully, within the next two months, the wind screen will be installed.

As of February 23rd, the club has 38 new members. What a great response!! Let's keep it up. If this continues, we will have over 100 new members for the year. Total membership is 350. This may be the largest club in SCOV.

PICKLEBALL RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!



NEW RULE—The entire score must be called before the ball is served.

REASON—To remove the ambiguity between service motions and practice swings. This is to remove any timing fault issues to a consistent point-in-time, the serve of the ball. A player may move their serving arm in any manner as long as they don't serve the ball until the score has been COMPLETELY called. Once the referee starts the to call the score, but before the score has ended, if a player serves the ball, a fault should be called per Rule 4M11. The server has 10 seconds to serve the ball.

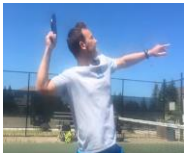
This only applies to tournament play.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We need volunteers to work on our pickleball committees. Our 2020 committee members have done a fantastic job, our club would not be the same without the hard work and dedication of these amazing people. For 2021 we need volunteer for these committees:

- **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:** This is a new committee. The maintenance committee will schedule members to clean courts in the morning, especially after wind and rain events. We need casual and competitive players to volunteer to do this. It usually only takes a few minutes, and with enough volunteers to spread out the work, it is not that much of a chore.
- **SCHEDULE COMMITTEE:** Want to get into the thick of it? This committee develops the court schedule, allocating the courts among the various groups that want to use them.
- **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Organizes our Christmas party, summer Pizza party, and Octoberfest Beer and Brats party.
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Tasked with recruiting members to run for board positions. This is so important to keeping the club going.
- **TOURNAMENTS COMMITTEE:** Organizes tournaments, like the incredibly popular Poker Pickleball, and Ladderball tournaments.
- **TRAINING COMMITTEE:** Helps teach basic pickleball to new players, instructs on using the ball machine, and conducts clinics to hone the skills of our players.

Please phone, text, or email John McConnaughey if you can possibly help out on one of these committees. phone is 503-580-2465, email is Captain.Faisua@gmail.com.



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

Every Tuesday from 1PM to 3:00PM a skills clinic is offered to improve your confidence and competence on the court. You must sign up ahead of time to attend. The sign up form is located at the courts. 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/>

Tips to Improve Your Play!

The Pickleball Serve - Part One



One essential thing to practice in Pickleball is service. Without it, there are no plays and rallies that will happen in a match. Some players will also say that the pickleball serve is the first line of attack, so beginners need to practice their service. There are a few rules that players need to know to prevent committing service errors. First, the only allowed serves are underhand serves.

Furthermore, players need to strike the ball during service at a level below their waist. Servers must not step on the baseline during service, and the pickleball serve must not hit the non-volley area lines. If servers commit these errors, the play will end, and the opponent will serve afterward. The services are crucial to every Pickleball match.

Here are some tips on how to improve your serving skills and how to perfectly pickleball serve every game:

Pre-serve Routine

Serving in a Pickleball match requires a lot of mental and physical concentration. It's advisable for players, especially beginners, to make their pre-service routine before doing a serve. The pre-service method can include anything that will calm your nerves. Try these routine pre-service suggestions:

- Taking a deep breath and forgetting the previous plays.
- Spin the ball before hitting it.
- Bounce the ball to the floor before serving.
- Stare at the ball.
- Swing your arms with the paddle.
- Practice your aim on which way or direction to serve.

Aim your Target

For beginners, try targeting the middle area of your opponent's court when serving. Professionals and other players work to serve in the corners of their opponent court to score a point. However, beginners should not think that serves are for scoring only, so they should make sure to serve the ball to the other side.

Try practicing your target when you are in court. You can place a plastic bottle on the location you want to target and try to aim that object. In this manner, you will have your authentic serve that focuses on a specific area to confuse your opponent.

MORE SERVING TIPS IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!

March Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

Growing up in small town Iowa I enjoyed playing baseball, basketball and later it was softball and racquetball. I attended college for three years (kept me out of Vietnam but mostly a waste of time for me) then worked for the telephone company as the first male telephone operator in Iowa. That evolved into a 35 year career with what is now Centurylink. My wife (also started out as a telephone operator) and I enjoyed raising a daughter and two sons in Iowa City then Ankeny Iowa. I am a life long Iowa Hawkeye football and men's basketball fan.

Over the years many great winter and summer vacations have been spent in Colorado. Now days it is summers in Frisco, Colorado. My significant other and I have spent the last ten winters in Oro Valley. Feeling very lucky to be here. Amazing winter weather. Pickleball, mountain bike and road bike rides, hiking, photography and parenting our dog are my current favorites. There is no better sport that women and men can play together than pickleball.

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

The MARCH-APRIL Court Schedule is now posted on the website. Two new beginners time slots have been added (Monday and Tuesday).

Spring (March - April '21) Pickleball Court Schedule

Court #	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															
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	Beg/Nov		Open/Res			Training					Casual		Beg/Nov			Competv RR					Casual RR					Competv					Open/Res										
3:00-4:30	Casual		Comp Women			Beg/Nov		Women			Competv					Open/Res					Open/Res					Casual		Beg/Nov			Open/Res										
4:30-6:00	Open/Res					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					Women		Open/Res			Comp		Casual			O/R	
7:30-9:00	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open										

CLUB LADDER PLAY CONTINUES!



Sunday Mornings: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon for Competitive and 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm for Casual, depending on the number of members who sign up. You don't have to play every week to participate. Times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and number of participants.

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 March mystery member is? Thank you, Larry Walker, for sharing with us!