



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter MAY 2021

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NEW PICKLEBALL RULE YOU SHOULD KNOW!

RULE 4.A.6

EXISTING SERVE PLACEMENT: The server must serve to the correct service court (the court diagonally opposite the server). The serve must clear the net and the NVZ (No Volley Zone). The serve may land on any other service court line.



NEW SERVE PLACEMENT: The server must serve to the correct service court (the court diagonally opposite the server). The serve may clear or touch the net and must clear the NVZ and the NVZ lines. The serve may land on any other service court line.

REASON: The reason for this change is two-fold. First, it affirms that “let” serve replays are no longer valid. Now, even if the serve touches the net, as long as the serve lands in the appropriate receiving court, the ball is live and no replay shall be called. This change is also part of the goal to reduce player and referee conflicts involved when a player calls a let and the referee does not agree. It also prevents receivers from calling phantom lets on ‘ace’ serves. In addition, it provides better clarity that the serve must clear the NVZ lines as well as the area of the NVZ.

2ND ANNUAL PICKLEBALL POKER TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Our 2nd Annual Pickleball Poker Tournament was a huge success thanks to our organizers and volunteers!



The Pickleball Club officers would like to thank the tournament committee (Karen Burnham, Dorothy Leonard and Laura Lewis) and volunteers for their fantastic job in conducting the tournaments. The tournament would not have been as successful without everyone's hard work.

There were 30 members who played in the competitive tournament and 29 members in the casual tournament. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year's tournament. And, we had ice cream sandwiches after playing. MMM GOOD!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Competitive play winners:

- First Place: Nelson Brown
- Second Place: Phil Rose
- Third Place: Mike Brasch



Casual play winners:

- First Place: Steve Rogowsky
- Second Place: Carol Murray
- Third Place: Brenda Hawkins





WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

The wind screens arrived but when the workers started to install the screens, they found out they were too long. They had to send them back for shortening. The representative told Tony it won't be long. However, he didn't explain how long is long!!

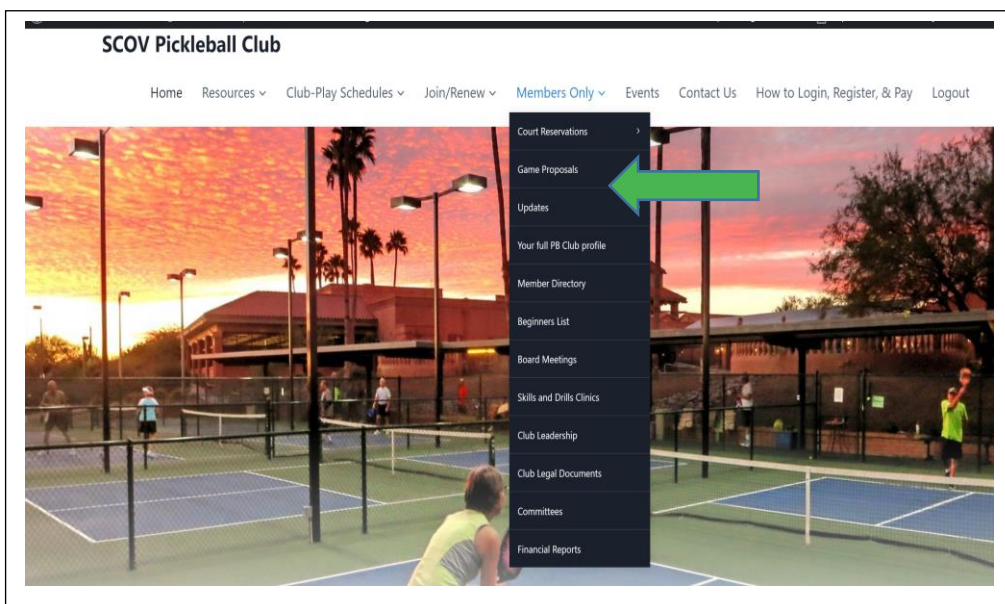
We are still having discussions with the Long Range Planning Committee about additional pickleball courts. Building new courts are not an option anymore. Lining tennis courts with pickleball courts is an option. Permanently striping with just pickleball lines and permanent nets are a long range plan now. It's frustrating!

Additional fan installation on courts 4 and 5 are in the works. The club will buy the fans and maintenance will install them. We will have to pay for the labor. We could wait another year and send the request to the SCOV Board so they can include in the budget for next year, but it may be another hot summer. Rather than wait, the Pickleball Board decided to buy the fans this year instead.

We are also looking to install a Webcam at the courts so a member can check to see if anyone is playing.

A NEW WEBSITE FEATURE JUST FOR YOU!

Want to find someone to play pickleball with?
We have a new website feature to do just that!



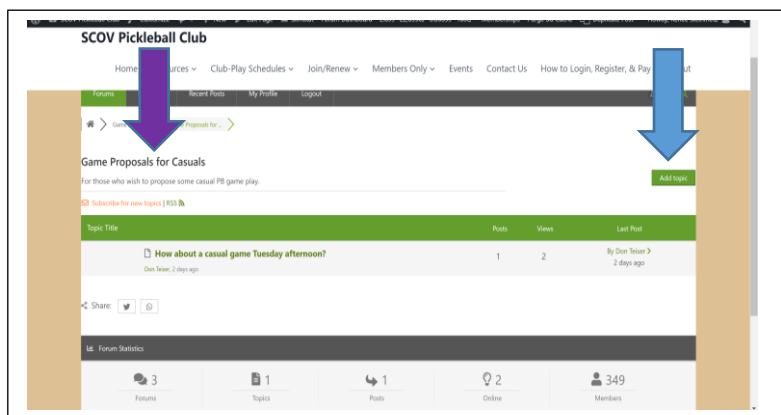
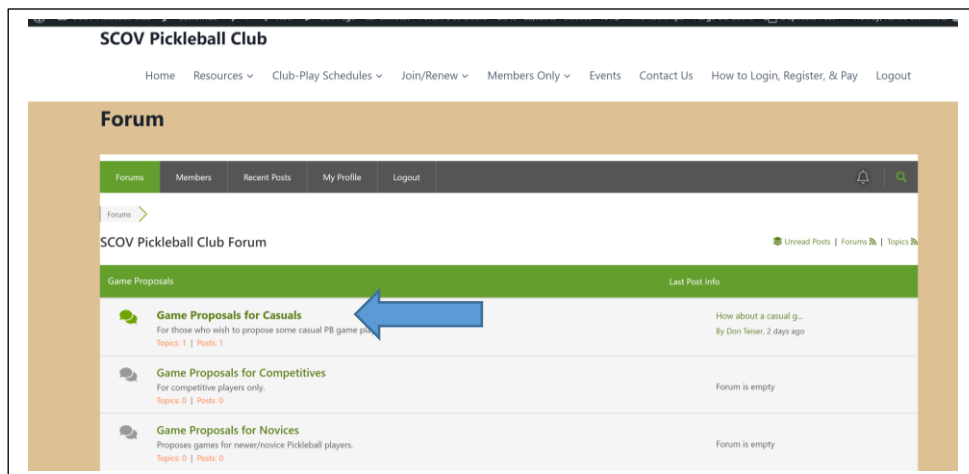
On the home page, click on the 'Members Only' tab.

Click on the second option on the dropdown menu that says 'Game Proposal' (green arrow)

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You are now on the Forum page where you can look for others who want to play a game or post your own request to play.

Click on the level (Casual, Competitive, or Novice) that fits your play (blue arrow).

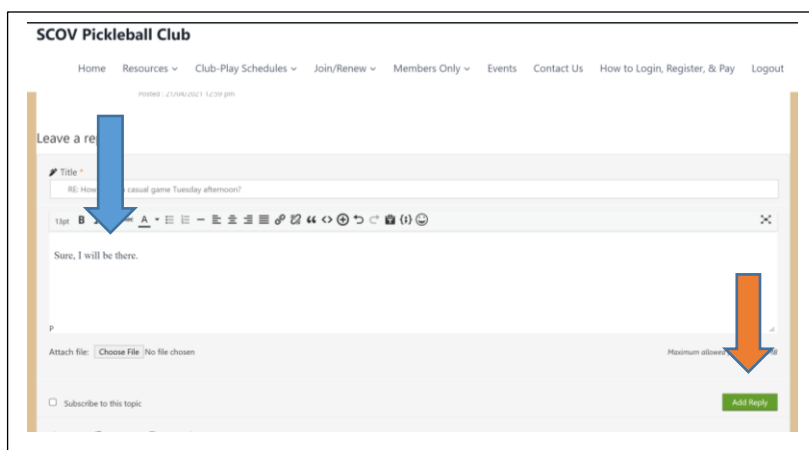


You can post a new request by clicking on 'Add Topic' (blue arrow)

OR

You can answer a request by clicking on the request itself (purple arrow).

Type in your response in the textbox (blue arrow) and click 'Add Reply' (orange arrow)



Tips to Improve Your Play!

The Pickleball Serve - Part Three



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.

Here are more tips on how to improve your serving skills and how to perfectly pickleball serve every game (see last month's newsletter for Part Two Serving Tips):

Serve Deep in your Opponent's Court

This trick is one of the most strategic tips to use in Pickleball matches. Pickleball serves that aims the deepest area of your opponent's court is fundamental in any game. Here are the advantages of using this strategy:

1. Hitting it farther in the back makes it difficult for your rival to return the ball to you.
2. It will prevent the player from marching forward into the net. In pickleball matches, an effective pickleball serve means making it difficult for your opponent to return fast to the net.
3. Aiming at the baseline provides the chance for you to score a point. Sometimes, players will not return the ball if it is going long and deep.

However, this trick has a few disadvantages as well.

1. It requires a lot of practice. Targeting deep on the court is difficult as it may take time and effort.
2. Long serves have the chance to go outside the court.

Nonetheless, deep serves have been an essential technique and players efficiently used this during matches.

Serve to your Rival's Weak Side

Observing your opponents' movement inside the court will allow you to determine their weak side. Your opponent may have a powerful forehand or backhand hit that makes it difficult for you to return the ball. A strong forehand or backhand hit may give you the idea that the opposite hit is not that strong. If your opponent hits mostly with a forehand, try to do a pickleball serve that will force them to hit with a backhand. Remember, just like serving deep, this trick requires a lot of practice to be able to do it efficiently.

May Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

I was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and moved to a farm in Franklin, Tennessee when I was four. I spent my early childhood roaming those beautiful hills on horseback and foot. We moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan when I was in seventh grade. Ann Arbor was very intellectually, artistically, politically, and socially stimulating. It was a great place to be a teenager.

I moved to Bar Harbor on Mount Desert Island, Maine in my early twenties and met the love of my life. I lived there year-round until I started wintering in Sun City seven years ago. I go back to Maine every summer. Both of my daughters, their husbands, and my grandchildren live in Tucson, so I have the best of two worlds.

My husband says that I am his little woman, but my Pickleball friends know the truth. I am long tall Sally!!

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

FAREWELL TO OUR SNOWBIRDS



To all of you who are leaving us for the summer, safe travels. Enjoy your summer back home and we look forward to having you back with us in the fall!

Did you guess who our May mystery member is? Thank you, Trisha Rhodes, for sharing with us!