

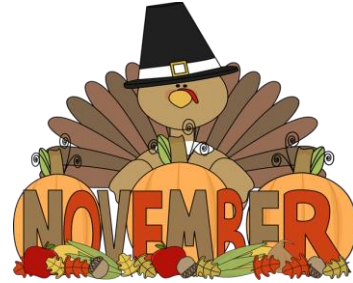


# SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter NOVEMBER 2021

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## **NEW PICKLEBALL RULE YOU SHOULD KNOW!**

### **NEW RULE 4.A8.b - DROP SERVE**



Before bouncing on the ground, the ball shall not be propelled (thrown) downward or tossed or hit upward with the paddle. Failure to drop the ball properly will result in a fault. There is no restriction on where the ball can land on the playing surface after it is dropped nor how many times within the 10 seconds after the score is called the server may drop the ball.

#### **REASON-**

Provides a better serve method for the physically impaired, such as at the use of one arm.

Easier to enforce by players and referees. Referees only need to verify the ball is dropped correctly.

Provides an alternative serve method for those who develop “server’s block”, otherwise known as the “YIPS”

Servers may use the normal or drop serve any time during the match. No notification is needed.

## CALLING ALL MENTORS!

We are seeking volunteers to be mentors during the three beginner's time slots (Mon and Wed from 1pm to 3pm; Thurs from 6pm to 7:30pm). 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 three beginner's time slots each week (Mon and Wed from 1pm to 3pm; Thurs from 6pm to 7:30pm) 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.

The mentoring program begins November 1st. We hope to see you on the courts!

Fall (October - November '21) Pickleball Court Schedule

| Court #     | Monday            |   |               |   |   | Tuesday  |   |        |   |   | Wednesday         |   |              |   |              | Thursday   |   |        |   |   | Friday    |   |              |   |          | Saturday          |   |              |   |       | Sunday   |              |   |   |      |  |        |  |  |         |  |
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| 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   |   |              |   |          | Com/Cas           |   |              |   |       |          |              |   |   |      |  |        |  |  |         |  |
| 10:30-12:00 | Competv           |   |               |   |   | Casual   |   |        |   |   | Competv           |   |              |   |              | Casual     |   |        |   |   | Competv   |   |              |   |          | Casual            |   |              |   |       | Open/Res |              |   |   |      |  |        |  |  |         |  |
| 12:00-1:00  | Open              |   |               |   |   | Open     |   |        |   |   | Open              |   |              |   |              | Open       |   |        |   |   | Open      |   |              |   |          | Open              |   |              |   |       |          |              |   |   |      |  |        |  |  |         |  |
| 1:00-3:00   | Trans-<br>itional |   | Begin<br>ner  |   |   | Training |   |        |   |   | Trans-<br>itional |   | Begin<br>ner |   |              | Competv RR |   |        |   |   | Casual RR |   |              |   |          | Trans-<br>itional |   | Open/<br>Res |   |       | Open/Res |              |   |   |      |  |        |  |  |         |  |
| 3:00-4:30   | Comp<br>Men       |   | Comp<br>Women |   |   | Open/Res |   |        |   |   | Competv           |   |              |   |              | Open/Res   |   |        |   |   | Open/Res  |   |              |   |          | Open/Res          |   |              |   |       |          |              |   |   |      |  |        |  |  |         |  |
| 4:30-6:00   | Open/Res          |   |               |   |   | Open/Res |   |        |   |   | Open/Res          |   |              |   |              | Open/Res   |   |        |   |   | Open/Res  |   |              |   |          | Open/Res          |   |              |   |       |          |              |   |   |      |  |        |  |  |         |  |
| 6:00-7:30   | Women             |   | Open/<br>Res  |   |   | Comp     |   | Casual |   |   | O/<br>R           |   | Women        |   | Open/<br>Res |            |   | Casual |   |   |           |   | Begin<br>ner |   | Open/Res |                   |   |              |   | Women |          | Open/<br>Res |   |   | Comp |  | Casual |  |  | O/<br>R |  |
| 7:30-9:00   | Open              |   |               |   |   | Open     |   |        |   |   | Open              |   |              |   |              | Open       |   |        |   |   | Open      |   |              |   |          | Open              |   |              |   |       |          |              |   |   |      |  |        |  |  |         |  |

The scheduling committee has established a new group of play this year, Transitional play. This group will include any members who prefer a less vigorous play with temporary or on-going physical or medical conditions. For Example - fractured arm who cannot play with the other groups. Once the condition resolves, the member can move up to the other groups, if desired. If you feel you meet these conditions, come out and try playing at the times specified. Times available are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 1pm to 3 pm. Hope to see YOU there.

Want to improve your game? Private pickleball lessons are now available in Sun City. Skills covered include service and return of service, scoring positioning, and tactics. Call Santino for more information at 717-371-5065.



## WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

Update on the additional pickle ball courts – President Tony Masterjohn made a presentation to the SCOV Board at their study session on October 14. The board was interested in the proposal, however, since it was a study session, nothing could be decided until the Board meets in full session.

The SCOV BOD met on October 26 and voted to establish a task force to look into additional courts and if any, location of those courts. Tony Masterjohn will represent our club and serve on this task force.

### UPCOMING BOARD ELECTIONS

We have three members so far who have stepped up to become candidates for the upcoming election. These members are Carol Murray, Dennis Fisher and Linda Dolsberry.

If you are interested in becoming an officer for the 2022 year, please contact Tony Masterjohn ([tmasterjohn15@gmail.com](mailto:tmasterjohn15@gmail.com)), John Mcconnaughey ([captain.faisua@gmail.com](mailto:captain.faisua@gmail.com)) or Joan Ellen Jones ([thejcjones2@yahoo.com](mailto:thejcjones2@yahoo.com)).

We encourage additional members to run for the offices. Members will serve a two-year term and after elections, the members elected will chose which position they will hold for the upcoming year. Board member duties are posted on the website under the Members tab/Board Leadership page.

[Club Leadership - SCOV Pickleball Club \(scovpb.org\)](http://scovpb.org)

Voting will take place between November 8 and November 15. You will receive an email on November 8 with instructions and the link to vote.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

**Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Social and Annual Meeting at Catalina Vista from 6:30pm to 8:00pm for social hour and meeting.



**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Going Away Picnic at Catalina Vista from 5:00pm to 8:00pm where we say goodbye to those leaving us for the summer. Food, Fun, games and a few ants!



# Tips to Improve Your Play!

## PARTNER PLAY!



### **Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!**

For doubles pickleball, one strategy that is key to winning pickleball is strong communication with your partner. You and your partner should communicate during a rally and between shots. For instance, communicating who takes pickleballs that land in the middle, who is running down the lob, and whether or not to let certain shots go by that will be landing out of bounds, such as yelling “OUT” or “LET IT GO!”

You and your partner should also communicate with each other between points. For instance, should your strategy change, or are one of you seeing a weakness in your opponents.

Lastly, you and your partner should also communicate to encourage each other. Nice shot! Let’s go! This is especially true if the opposing team is picking on the “weaker” player. If you are the player that is not being picked on, then your job is to be a cheerleader for your partner and insert yourself where possible to help relieve pressure. Be a positive force for your partner on the pickleball court. Most people respond better to positivity than negativity.

### **MOVING AS ONE:**

When your partner hits the ball, stay calm and let them determine where you will be moving to next and at what time. For instance, if they are hitting the ball at the baseline, and make an angled movement towards the direction of where they hit the ball, you should also be ready to move forward, but only after they do.

Remember, if you move randomly and create an unnecessary gap, your opponents might use it to their advantage to place the winning shot.

You should always move in unison to cover each other and ensure no gap is left in the middle.