



SCOV Pickleball Club

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NEW PICKLEBALL RULE YOU SHOULD KNOW!

NEW RULE 4.A8.b - DROP SERVE



RULE 4.A.8.B—NEW- 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 where the ball can land on the playing surface after it is dropped nor how many times within the 10 second after the score is called the server may drop the ball.

SCENARIO— THE SERVER (ILLEGALLY) propels the ball downward. The server relying on what he did would result in a fault when he serves. After the bounce, the server grabs the ball, raises it in the air, and then releases the ball legally. After the bounce, the server now serves the ball. The referee does Not call a fault. **NOTE-** It is not a fault for simply propelling the ball downward if there is no serve. A fault only occurs if the propelling ball is served.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest board members!

Linda Dolsberry
Dennis Fisher
Carol Murray

The newly elected officers will assume their positions January 1, 2022. In December, they will meet to determine each officer's positions.

Winter (December '21 - February '22) 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	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					Open										
10:00-10:30	Com/Cas					Com/Cas					Com/Cas					Com/Cas					Com/Cas					C/C															
10:30-12:00	Competv					Casual					Competv					Casual					Competv					Ladder					Casual					Ladder					
12:00-1:00	Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res					Open/Res										
1:00-3:00	Trans- itional		Begin ner			Training					Trans- itional		Begin ner			Competv RR					Casual RR					Trans- itional		Open/ Res			Open/Res										
3:00-5:00	Tourney		Comp Women			Tourney		Open/ Res			Open/Res					Open/Res					Competv					Open/Res					Open/Res										
5:00-7:00	Women		Open/ Res			Comp		Casual			O/ R		Women		Open/ Res			Casual					Begin ner		Open/Res					Women		Open/ Res			Comp		Casual			O/ R	
7:00-9:00	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open										

The Winter court schedule goes into effect on December 1 and is posted on the website.

Some Notable Changes Include:

- Beginner's time slot on Thursday is now 5pm to 7pm.
- Evening Play is now from 5pm to 7pm.
- Ladder Play is now Saturday (Casual) and Sunday (Competitive).
- Tournament Play is now 3pm to 5pm on Monday and Tuesday.

The Fall Tuesday Skills Clinics have ended. We will run the classes again in January and February. Thanks to all the instructors and students that turned out! We had 40 students and 15 instructors. We all became better players and had fun in the process!



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

Pickleball/Tennis Task Force: The SCOV Board has established the Pickleball/ Tennis Task Force to evaluate if the Pickleball club will obtain additional" temporary" pickleball courts. Six members were chosen to evaluate the information gathered and then determine if there should be additional courts added to the area. The pickleball club representative is Tony Masterjohn. Jim Moyer was chosen moderator and requested different information be collected from both tennis and pickleball clubs so the committee can make an informed decision.

Our first meeting was on November 19 and will meet three Fridays in December (3rd, 10th, 17th) at 2:00 pm in Conference Rm 3 at the Welcome Center. Any one is invited to attend the meeting and PB members are encouraged to attend to support the cause. The task force has 60 days to make a recommendation. The members will have to come to a consensus. If the members decide there should be additional temporary courts approved, the Pickleball Club would request one tennis court be restriped into 3 or 4 pickleball courts and either be temporary or permanent, depending on the members decision.

The Tennis Club and Pickleball Club will have to present their case for and against for additional courts. The Pickleball Club will have to present most of the information. The task force wants to obtain hourly usage of the pickleball courts and the tennis courts. it is a painstaking task but we will accomplish the request. Hope to see you at the meetings on December 3, 10 and 17.

WIFI for Court Camera: SCOV is trying to determine if a camera can be installed at the courts but have to work around the security of the camera. They have over 15 cameras around the facilities and they are secure where only a few people can view the cameras. It does not look promising at this point. We have been trying to obtain one for over six months.

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.

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!

Tips to Improve Your Play!

Placement



Pickleball is more about placement than power

- Keep the ball in play. The doubles team who makes fewer unforced errors is most likely to win.
- Rather than trying to hit a winner every shot, it is better to place the ball back over the net in control and let the opponents make the fault, or wait for a chance to hit a sure winner.
- The safest place to hit a ball in doubles is deep down the middle - this minimizes the chances of hitting wide and may cause confusion over which opponent should return the ball.
- Try to hit to your opponent's backhand, especially on the serve - most players have less power and are less comfortable hitting with their backhand. However, many top players prefer the backhand for a majority of their shots because this across-the-body shot precludes a significant backswing, which often leads to over-hitting. A well-practiced backhand can create as much or more control as a forehand.

Getting to the net

- After returning the serve the receiver should quickly move forward to the NVZ line to a position parallel with his/her partner.
- The serving team should both move toward the NVZ line together as soon as possible after the third shot (return of serve return).
- Players should attempt to get to the NVZ line in time to be ready to return the next ball hit to them by the opposing team. However, if caught mid court (no man's land), stop and assume the ready position before hitting the ball (split step). It may take two or three shots to get to the NVZ line safely and in balance.
- Once at the NVZ, stay there. Don't move back unless it is necessary to return a lob, then return to the NVZ line ASAP.

December Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

I come from a state known for apples and evergreen trees. After living in my hometown for 62 years, my husband, dog and I moved to beautiful SCOV!

I am from a small town where, when I was young, everyone knew each other. I was fortunate to grow up in a neighborhood full of kids and we enjoyed playing baseball, hide and go seek in the dark, and making houses in the nearby woods. I was always outside and that is why I love SCOV.

I am the mother of three grown sons with three beautiful daughter-in-laws. We have two grandchildren, one grand dog, and two grand cats! I was an elementary school teacher and actually taught in the same school where I attended kindergarten!

I enjoy pickleball, hiking, bike riding, walking our dog, and I am going to try golf!

We started playing pickleball three years ago and I feel that the more I play, the more I need to learn. I feel so blessed to be able to play here and for all the wonderful friends we have made!

Can you guess who this mystery member is??

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday, January 8th, 2022 – Social and Annual Meeting at Catalina Vista from 6:30pm to 8:00pm for social hour and meeting. The new board will be introduced, and board positions announced.



Saturday, April 30th, 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!



Did you guess who our December mystery member is? Thank you, Laurie Brown, for sharing with us!