



# SCOV Pickleball Club

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

### **RULE 7.N: CARRYING EXTRA BALLS**



**New Rule:** In non-officiated matches, players may carry additional balls as long they are carried in a way that the balls are not visible to the opponent during play. If the hidden ball drops to the ground, it will be considered a fault. Any player who does carry a spare pickleball shall do so only if the ball is carried in the pocket, wristband pouch or under the clothing on the hip or elsewhere so as not to be a distraction in the opponents' vision.

**Reason and Intent:** The intent of this rule is to allow players to carry balls on their person in non-officiated matches with some limitations. Many times, carrying an extra ball is more efficient if the ball in play has been hit beyond the playing area. While the rule allows for extra balls to be carried, it applies a fault if the ball falls on the court during play. This rule is only for non-officiated matches because referees are responsible for removing any extra balls from the court for officiated matches. In matches with a referee, any dropped ball will result in a referee correction and replay. This rule pertains specifically to pickleballs only. If anything other than a pickleball falls from a player's person, the normal rules governing these conditions shall apply.

# 2022 BOARD POSITION CHANGE



Dennis Fisher had agreed to become president but due to personal reasons had to step down from the 2022 club board. Outgoing president, Tony Masterjohn, has agreed to accept the position of president for another year.

**PRESIDENT: Tony Masterjohn**

**VP1-COMMITTEES: Linda Dolsberry**

**VP2-TRAINING: Doug Brown**

**TREASURER: Carol Murray**

**SECRETARY: Nancy Vander Ark**

## TAG LINE UPDATE FROM JOHN McCONAUGHEY

We were inspired by tag lines used by other pickleball clubs, such as the Summit County Pickleball Association's tag line "We play with altitude," and thought it might be cool to come up with a tag line of our own. Starting in December we asked club members to submit their ideas for tag lines and boy did you deliver! I (John) tried to include all the tag lines people shouted at me while on the courts, my apologies if I missed anyone's. We now have 76 tag lines submitted by club members, plus an additional 100 or so lines found on the web. Talk about an embarrassment of riches!

Besides having too many tags lines, we also have a lot of near duplicate ones. Below are five (out of the 76) that were submitted, four are rather similar; one is quite different.

1. Serving up fun in the sun
2. Serving up some fun in the sun
3. Serving up some fun in Sun City
4. Serving up fun in Sun City
5. Picklers have balls

Now the question is, how do we weed through all the tag lines and come up with the one for our club? This could involve a rank vote by club members or the committee weeding out and/or combining similar tag lines and presenting the "finalists" to members for a vote. So many choices, so little time! Stay tuned!



## WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

The SCOV Board has unanimously agreed to restripe tennis court 4 into two pickleball courts and has approved purchasing two temporary nets for the newly striped courts.

The SCOV Board has approved a new Pickleball Expansion Task Force. This task force will be chaired by Nelson Brown and Phil Rose will be the pickleball representative. They, along with a tennis representative and at least three neutral representatives from SCOV, will explore the possibilities and locations of permanent pickleball courts. Thank-you Nelson and Phil for volunteering.

**Winter Skills Classes** will begin on February 15th and run for four consecutive weeks. The sign-up sheets will be at the courts at 8:00am February 1st. We are anticipating a large sign-up. To accommodate as many players as possible we are expanding the Tuesday training time. From 12pm to 1pm we will have Beginner and Transitional players. From 1pm to 2pm we will have Casual players, and from 2pm to 3pm we will have Competitive players. If you have any questions contact Doug Brown at 360-772-9738 or [wizisland@comcast.net](mailto:wizisland@comcast.net). Please note, you will not be able to reserve a court from noon to 3pm during the four Tuesdays that these clinics take place. We are looking forward to seeing many of you on the courts!

**Membership Reminder!** Please pay your dues when it is due. If you fail to pay by your renewal date, you will be dropped from the membership list and not be entitled to play during club time.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Pickleball participation grew by 21.3% between 2019 and 2020, prompting the *Economist* to declare it “the fastest growing sport in America.” 4.2 million Americans now play at least once a year.

- Demand for courts is exploding, with cities building new facilities and private clubs replacing tennis courts.
- Professionalization has expanded, with newly-launched Major League Pickleball joining the APP and PPA tours. Country clubs are also hiring their own pros to teach members.
- Commercialization is happening fast, with equipment/apparel brands like Recess and publications like In Pickleball banking on the sport’s continued rise.
- A youth movement is underway, as more schools add pickleball to physical education classes. Most “core” players (play 8+ times per year) are still 65+, but most “casual” players are now in the 8-34 age range.

# Tips to Improve Your Play!

## HOW TO LOSE GAMES!



Always remember that about 75% of all lost rallies are unforced errors. The following are common mistakes that we all make that can give up points or lose serves. Usually, there are only 11 points in a game. You make a few of these mistakes, your opponent's make a few good shots and you've lost the game! While the following are tongue-in-cheek recommendations (if you want to lose), they are also very real!

- Serve really hard. A lot of balls will go into the net or over the baseline.
- Stand in the playing area to receive a serve. When players return the ball deep you can try to reach behind you to hit it. Holler "Great Serve."
- Return serves hard. This causes lots of hits to go into the net or over the baseline and gives you less time to get to the non-volley line, so you're still trying to move in when the ball gets back to you. You get lots of chances to hit balls at your feet this way. If you return the serve soft and deep your opponents have to let the ball drop before they can hit it, you could actually win the volley. No! No!
- Aim "kill" shots at the sidelines. One of the really great ways to lose points! Often we miss the lines for a fault when a softer shot in the same direction but nearer the middle of the court would work just as well. As the ball goes out of bounds yell, "Darn, I just missed!"
- Rush your shots when you have the time to make a controlled shot. This causes all kinds of mistakes. Your paddle makes contact with the ball at all sorts of angles. They won't know what to expect next. The folks in the next court might not like it.
- Stand close to the center line. You can take a good shot away from your partner and you leave the outside area of your court uncovered. When your opponents hit the ball into that open space yell, "Nice shot!"
- Snap your wrist on overhead slams. A nice follow through helps control the ball, but we don't want to do that, do we? A lack of follow through and the slightest mistake in timing can cause the ball to go awry in almost any direction, but usually into the net.

MORE TIPS ON HOW TO LOSE A GAME IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

# February Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

I grew up in a small town. After college I joined the Peace Corps and worked with young children. In 1984, my husband and I moved to Tucson where I worked for Head Start and he worked at the prison. We only stayed one year but always planned on returning as we were just getting the hang of the desert 'seasons'. Somewhere along the way, my husband changed his job to the VA. We moved to Missouri and started a family - adding two sons.

North Carolina was our next home for a short time. After moving to Kansas, we added one more son. I thought I should have more education, so I returned to college and became a speech therapist-working with 3-5 year-olds and in school settings. To have an adventure before my husband retired from the VA, we transferred to Anchorage for three years, then returned to the lower 48. I retired in 2015 and started volunteering in the community.

One day my husband called and said, "There's a new sport- Pickleball. You can have FREE lessons at the community center". There were 8 indoor courts- each marked with lines for 3 sports. Our town had many outdoor courts- all added lines to tennis courts. I did not realize the true size of a pickleball court until I moved to SCOV. Like so many others- I was hooked from the very beginning. I played 6 days a week until one day I realized I wasn't getting my chores done and needed to cut back. No matter where I am- pickleball has provided the opportunity to meet so many new people and make some good friends! GO HAWKS!

Can you guess who this mystery member is??

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING SPRING SOCIAL

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!



Did you guess who our February mystery member is? Thank you, Linda Dolsberry, for sharing with us!