



SCOV Pickleball Club

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PICKLEBALL RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!

RULE 4.A.5: Service



The Volley Serve: The server shall use only one hand to release the ball to perform the serve. If the ball is visibly spun by the server during the release, the part(s) of the hand contacting the ball must be bare. The server's release of the ball must be visible to the referee and the receiver. In matches without a referee, the server's release of the ball must be visible to the receiver. A replay shall be called before the return of serve if the release of the ball is not visible or if the referee (or receiver in non-officiated matches) cannot discern whether an item on the hand contacted a visibly spun ball. Exception: A player who has the use of only one hand may use their hand or paddle to release the ball to perform the serve.

4.A.5.a. The server's arm must be moving in an upward arc at the time the ball is struck and may be made with either a forehand or backhand motion.

4.A.5.b. The highest point of the paddle head must not be above the highest part of the wrist (where the wrist joint bends) when it strikes the ball.

4.A.5.c. Contact with the ball must not be made above the waist.

4.A.5.d. The serve must be made without bouncing the ball off the court and hitting it.

PLAY PICKLEBALL TO SAVE CATS!



Pickleball and cats? You're probably thinking it odd for a cat sanctuary to have a pickleball court. Well, Hearts That Purr Feline Guardians is anything but ordinary! We are located in the NW part of Tucson near Tohono Chul Park on the former ranch estate of playwright Clifford Goldsmith... and we happen to have a fantastic sports court in our backyard with tennis and two pickleball courts.

Try keeping a cat out of the kitchen!

Since our cats prefer a nap to the physical activity of both tennis and pickleball, our courts are often available to supporters of our organization. When you play here you are helping senior cats who became homeless when their owner passed away or became too ill to take care of them any longer.

Our private, outdoor courts are surrounded by natural desert vegetation with beautiful views of the Catalina Mountains. Use of the court is only available by appointment. In addition, we also ask for a nominal donation, all of which goes to support our feline rescue organization (suggested donation \$5-10/person per hour).

Use of the courts is at your own risk. We are not responsible for any personal/property injuries or damages suffered on the premises. (Such as a twisted ankle, like the one suffered by actor Lee Marvin while playing tennis when he lived here in 1974.)

Request an appointment by clicking on the link below or call 520-390-0879. Someone will get back to you to confirm availability.

<https://www.heartsthatpurr.org/support-us/play-pickleball-to-save-cats/>



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

The Hard Courts Task Force (HCTF) was established to identify and forecast future needs for the hard court sports which includes pickleball, tennis and pop tennis in order to meet the current and future requirements for these sports within SCOV. They will be working with the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) and SCOV Board.

Eight locations have been identified within SCOV for hard court sports and a possibility of two appear to be locations for one of these sports. The LRPC will be researching further with other companies to see if it is feasible for any of these eight locations to be a viable place to build any of the sports courts. They should have a decision by the end of September. If anyone is interested in joining the task force, contact your president, Tony Masterjohn, and he will relay the name to the task force chairman.

Nelson Brown, Bob Shull, and Tony Masterjohn power washed the courts in July. They used Craig Jones's power washer. The courts look great! NOW, if only the birds can be prevented from flying over the courts, they will stay in good shape.

There is a tape residue problem on tennis court 4. We tried various solutions but the residue is still not removed. If YOU have a solution, please contact your Pickleball Board of Directors.

Please remember to place the **court sign-in books** in the gray bin by Court 1 during monsoon season so they are not ruined when it rains. These notebooks have proved invaluable in providing stats on court usage. Morning players are doing a great job of putting them away after morning play, but they are not always placed back in the bin after evening play.

If you play on Tennis Court 4, please remember to sign in so we can keep track of how often and how many are using that court. We need this data now more than ever!

The Tennis Club women are practicing for a women's tournament. They will be needing all 6 tennis courts from the middle of September to mid-December from 9:30am to noon on Thursdays. The Pickleball Club will not be able to use courts 6-7 (tennis court 4) during those times. Thank-you for your cooperation.

As most of you have heard, from August 1 through October 31, Pickleball will have exclusive use of TC 4 for Pickleball use. We are very excited to have full use of this court without any restrictions. There will be an exception during the month of October on Sundays when tennis holds a tournament.

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We will be cordial and see no problems with this arrangement. It is extremely important that we continue to be respectful and courteous to all residents who are using these facilities.

If for any reason, you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, please refrain from saying anything and report to me immediately. This is very important. Documentation of incidents are necessary to allow those responsible for facilities the means to respond to those situations.

I am so very proud of those who have used TC4. You have been respectful and courteous at all times. Thank you!

This has been a very long, and difficult journey for many serving our Pickleball Board, not only the current Board but our past Boards. We thank many of you who have put in countless hours in order to increase the number of pickleball courts for our over 400 members.

Thank you
Nancy Vander Ark; Pickleball Board Member

The following message is from Jane Lutz who has been coordinator of the beginners mentoring program for the past few years

Dear Pickleballers,

I'm sorry to say that I am unable to continue coordinating the Mentor program. I hope someone will volunteer to take over - Please! I will help all I can. I will provide the new coordinator my file and a master template for the monthly schedule. All the mentors make it very easy to swap around when the schedule needs changing. If you would like to know more about the mentor coordinator responsibilities, please contact me at jolja24@gmail.com.

All Pickleballers: We need volunteer mentors to sign up for the Fall and Winter season. You can reply to me at jolja24@gmail.com. I am going to be gone for the next month starting Sunday, August 7th. I will be back September 7th and can make up the list of mentors and help the new coordinator set things up when I return. In addition, when I get the Fall court schedule and have the list of mentors, I can set up the mentor calendar for October and November, if needed, and then hand over to the new coordinator.

So please, reply back to me if you are willing to mentor or run the program. Please include your name, phone number and email address and the days of the week you are able to mentor. Please state any times you are unable to mentor if you know any.

Thank you everyone. I have loved so many of you and playing and belonging to the Pickleball Club.

Jane

Do you know how the game of pickleball got started? Check out this article on the birth of America's fastest growing game!

<https://komonews.com/news/local/erics-heroes-the-birth-of-the-boom>

NEW CLUB LOGO AND MERCHANDISE SOON TO ARRIVE!



Our new club logo has been chosen! Come October, you will be able to purchase club T-Shirts. We hope to price around \$25 or less. Hats are a possibility also. Once a vendor is selected additional details on available products and price will be announced!

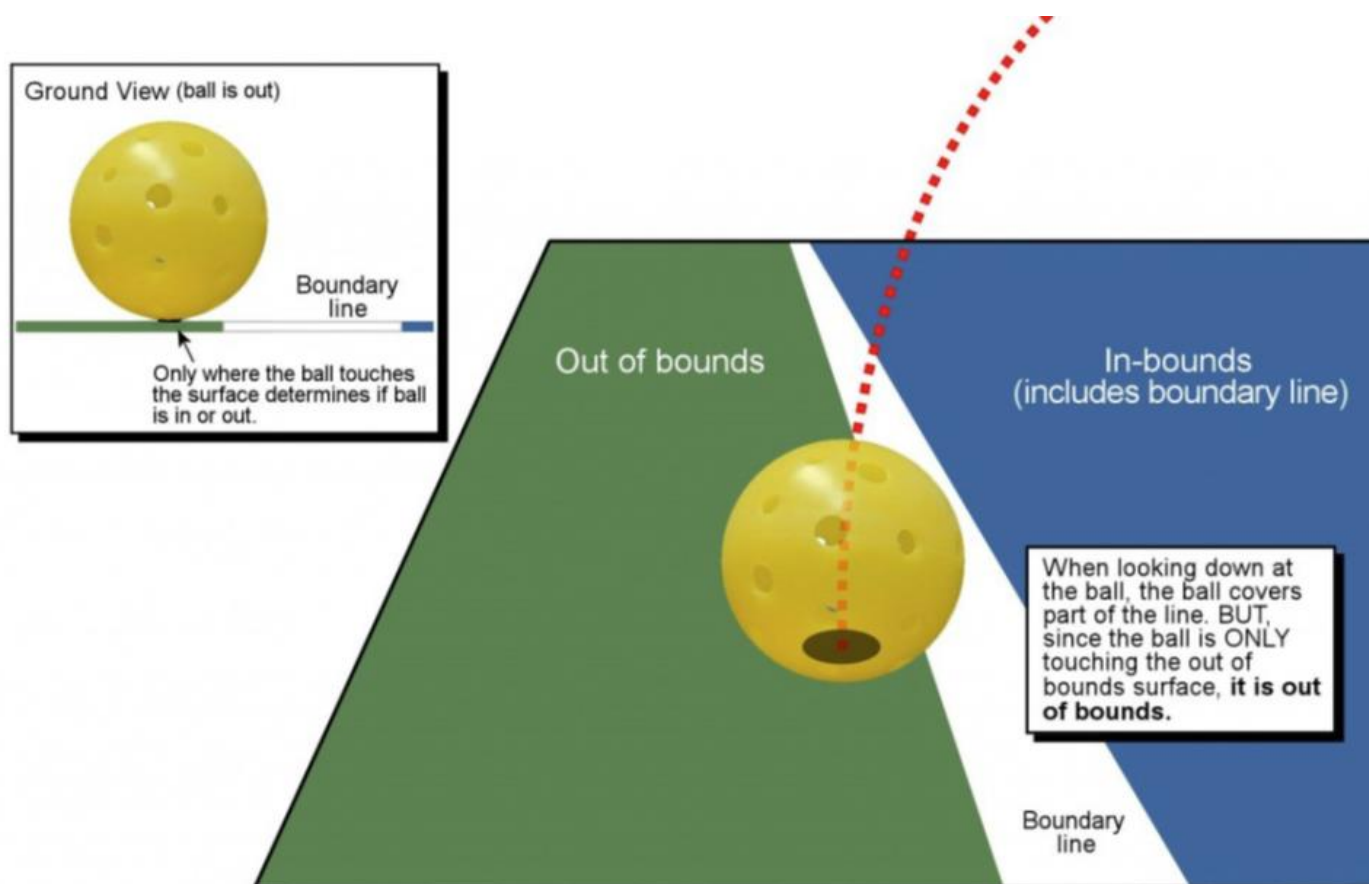
Tips to Improve Your Play!

LINE CALLS!



A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!

In order to call the ball out, you must see it clearly hit out of bounds. Where the ball touches the surface determines if the ball is in or out.



September Mystery Member Couple...Who Are They?

We met in Northern California in our late 20's/early 30's. We were introduced playing doubles tennis which we did play at for a couple of decades. We moved in order to pursue our careers; first to Washington, then New Jersey, Colorado, Texas and back to Washington where we settled in the Greater Seattle Metropolitan area. He was a licensed land surveyor and ended his career as the survey department manager in an engineering/surveying firm. She was a Registered Professional Court Reporter whose license allowed her to work in any state. We both enjoyed the challenges of our respective professions.

We both enjoy camping, hiking, kayaking, bike riding as well as travel in the USA and overseas. We love visiting galleries and museums wherever we find ourselves - but it must include a stop at a brewery or two - we have named these fun days bam-ing or bag-ing - you caught it, right? Stands for "brewery and museum" or "brewery and gallery." Ha!

We had visited Arizona many times over the years as one of us had folks who lived on the Oregon Coast as well as in Yuma. And one year while camping at Catalina State Park we discovered SCOV after wandering around the area.

The homes, amenities and people drew us here. And, of course, those beautiful Catalina Mountains! We moved here full-time in 2020.

She discovered the fast-paced fun of pickleball in Seattle four years before he tried it. But now he is the one who can't get enough of the fun and great exercise casual PB brings.

Can you guess who this mystery couple is?

HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASH POTLUCK-SAVE THE DATE!

Don't Be Creeped Out!

Pickleball Halloween Monster Mash Potluck Bash!

Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 4:30-7:30 PM

Cataline Vista

Costumes Encouraged

Dinner! Games! Prizes! Costume Contest! Music!

Join us if you dare!



Did you guess who our September mystery couple is? Thank you, Gayle and Jerry Franklin, for sharing with us!