



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter May 2023

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PICKLEBALL RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!

SECTION 7 and 8 - FAULT/DEAD BALL RULES



DID YOU KNOW A FAULT WILL BE DECLARED FOR THE FOLLOWING...

- 7.H. After the serve, the ball contacts a player or anything the player is wearing or carrying, except the paddle or the player's hand(s) in contact with the paddle and below the wrist. If the player is in the process of changing hands with both hands on the paddle or is attempting a two-handed stroke and either hand is hit below the wrist, as long as a player's hand is in contact with the paddle, the ball is still in play. The fault is on the player who was hit by the ball.
- 7.I. A live ball that is stopped by a player before it becomes dead (e.g., catching or stopping a ball in flight before it makes contact with the playing surface). The fault is on the player who stopped the ball.
- 7.J. After the serve, a ball contacting any permanent object before bouncing on the court.
- 7.K. Once the ball is in play, a player hitting the ball before the ball entirely crosses the plane of the net.
- 7.L. A player deliberately carrying or catching the ball on the paddle while performing the serve or during a rally.

AND...

- 8.D. A ball in play that contacts a permanent object after it has bounced on the opponent's court will result in a dead ball. The player who hit the ball shall win the rally.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

If you have a spare paddle that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to the club by placing in our Spare Paddle box near Court 1.

DO NOT turn court lights off when you leave the courts at night. Let the lights turn off automatically.

The board recently purchased and assembled a new cabinet in the storage area. Our little area looks a lot more organized now. The cabinet is locked and is stocked with balls and some training aids.

We have brand new nets. Please refrain from hitting the top of the net with your paddle after a rally so as to not potentially damage club's property.

Reminder: Call out the score BEFORE the hitting a serve. This gives time for other players to make a remark if they disagree with the score.

SUMMER SCHEDULE



Summer (May 1 - Oct 15, 2023) Pickleball Court Schedule

Court #	Monday					Tuesday					Wednesday					Thursday					Friday					Saturday					Sunday				
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6:30-10:30	Comp	Share	Casual	Share		Comp	Share	Tour	Casual		Trans	Share	Casual	Comp		Comp	Share	Casual	Trans		Comp	Share	Casual	Share		Comp	Share	Casual	Tour		Comp	Share	Casual	Trans	
10:30-6:30	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open									
6:30-9:00	Women	Trans	Open			Comp	Casual	B/T	Open		Women	Open				Comp	Casual	Open			Open					Women	Trans	Open			Comp	Casual	Open		

The Summer Court Schedule begins on May 1st and ends on October 15

- Morning play time is moved up to 6:30
- **Tourney:** courts 6/7 on Sat, courts 4/5 on Tue
- **Competitive:** courts 6/7 on Wed, courts 1/2 on all other days
- **Casual:** courts 6/7 on Tue, courts 4/5 on all other days
- **Transitional:** courts 6/7 on Thu and Sun, courts 1/2 on Wed

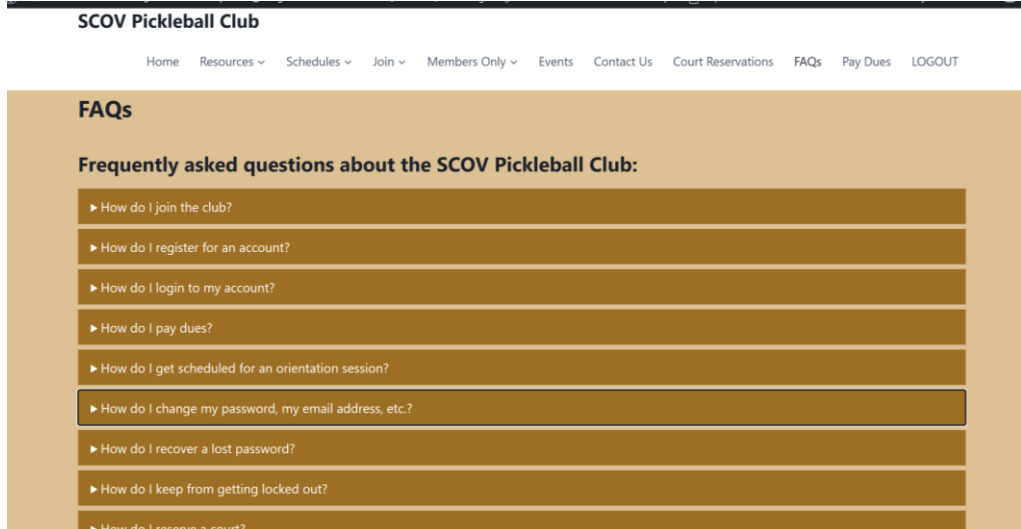
NOW ON THE WEBSITE: A FAQ PAGE



Is there a question or issue that you need assistance with?

You now have answers to frequently asked questions at your fingertips!

Just go to our website <https://scovpb.org> and click on the FAQ tab.



THANKS to those who volunteered their time and effort for another great spring SCOVPB clinic!

Santino Antinoucci

Doug Brown

Laurie Brown

Nelson Brown

Dave Burnham

Linda Dolsberry

Holly Duck

Ann Garlinghouse

Denise Hartman

Barb Hoffman

Tom Kreutner

Wendy Kreutner

Steve Loomis

MJ McIssac

Carol Murray

Monty Roper

Phil Rose

Suzy Rose

Jim Steinmetz

Bill Stulbarg

Nancy Vander Ark

And anyone else who was called on to help!

PICKLEBALL POPULARITY EXPLODED LAST YEAR!

Continued from last month:

Pickleball's bread and butter

Pickleball, a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong, was first created in 1965 in Bainbridge Island, Washington, by three fathers looking to give their bored children a new activity by using a hodgepodge of other sports as inspiration.

The sport saw some success among boomers in more recent years. The Villages in Florida now features more than 220 pickleball courts.

Then came the Covid-19 pandemic, and the sport saw an unexpected boom. As the coronavirus prevented people from playing traditional team sports, people flocked to the paddle sport as a socially distant way to be outdoors and stay active.

Experts also pin the rapid popularity of the sport to a few other factors — the ease of play, the low cost of entry and sociability. Pickleball can be learned in a just a few lessons, and players can find tournaments at varying competitive level.

The cost of entry is also more affordable. You don't need a fancy country club membership, and a good paddle can be found between \$100 and \$200.

Pickleball is also incredibly social and provides an outlet for many to make new friends of all ages. While boomers dominate the sport, younger players are increasingly taking to the court.

The sour side?

There is some concern that pickleball is growing too fast.

Sports Illustrated outlined many of the problems of the rapid rise in May of 2022, including too many leagues, battling billionaires and bad behavior. Since that article was published, the two competing leagues have merged, and other changes have been made.

There are still widespread noise complaints, leading some to even take legal action regarding the "pop, pop" sound that a pickleball ball makes when making contact with a paddle. The unique noise is driving many neighbors crazy and even dividing towns. But slowly these things are being worked out and attributed to normal growing pains.

Webb (chief marketing officer of the Association of Pickleball Professionals, the group that represents professional, recreational and amateur players) said he believes the sport is just getting started and is not a fad since people are returning to the sport and playing regularly after picking up a paddle for the first time.

He also pointed to the expanding coverage of the sport from major TV networks and the fact it is being considered as a possible event at a future Olympics.

"I think it's inevitable that it will reach a certain number and growth trajectory will start to flatten out," Webb said "But who knows what that number could be. I don't think we've gotten close to it yet."

Tips to Improve Your Play!

APRIL WAS NATIONAL PICKLEBALL MONTH!



But it's not too late to take advantage of these videos on the USA Pickleball website.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the USA Pickleball website. It includes the USA Pickleball logo on the left, followed by menu items: WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?, PLAY, MEMBERSHIPS, TOURNAMENTS, GET INVOLVED, and ABOUT US. On the right, there are links for SHOP, LOGIN, and SEARCH, with sub-links for JOIN and RENEW. Below the navigation is a teal banner with the text "April is National Pickleball Month!" and a yellow "LEARN MORE" button. The first row of video tips features three cards: "SERVES" with a female player, "RETURNS OF SERVE" with a male player, and "THIRD SHOT DRIVES & DROPS" with a male player. Each card includes the USA Pickleball logo, a "WATCH VIDEO" button, and a small circular icon in the top right corner.

The screenshot shows the second row of video tips on the USA Pickleball website. It features three cards: "DINKS" with two players, "VOLLEYS" with a male player, and "LOBS" with a male player. Each card includes the USA Pickleball logo, a "WATCH VIDEO" button, and a small circular icon in the top right corner. The teal banner at the top of this section also contains the text "April is National Pickleball Month!" and a yellow "LEARN MORE" button.

The screenshot shows the third row of video tips on the USA Pickleball website. It features two cards: "OVERHEADS" with a male player and "TRANSITION AREA & RESETS" with a male player. Each card includes the USA Pickleball logo, a "WATCH VIDEO" button, and a small circular icon in the top right corner. The teal banner at the top of this section also contains the text "April is National Pickleball Month!" and a yellow "LEARN MORE" button.

May Mystery Member ... Who Am I?

I was born in Iowa and then raised in Naperville, Illinois, outside of Chicago. I went to Colorado State University for my undergraduate degree and continued on to Utah State University for graduate school, focusing on water resources. I then moved to the Denver area where I worked for several years. Even though I lived in Colorado and Utah for years, I never once went downhill skiing (I know, I know) - but I did lots of cross-country skiing. I eventually went back to Colorado State for additional graduate work in groundwater resources and engineering, where I met my future wife, who was working on her degree in civil engineering.

We moved to the Midwest and eventually landed in White Bear Lake, Minnesota where we worked for engineering consulting companies. I worked on contaminated groundwater investigations, including several Superfund sites. After 15 years we both changed careers - I moved into Information Technology with the State of Minnesota and my wife became a chemistry professor at a community college.

We have a daughter in San Francisco and a son in Washington DC, but no grandchildren yet.

This is our second winter renting in Sun City after being coaxed down here by my former college roommate who has lived here for several years. We promised ourselves we wouldn't seriously look at buying a place down here for another year or two. However, we broke that promise last week and will be closing on a house in Sun City at the end of May (fingers crossed). We'll keep our Minnesota home for the time being.

We have met so many wonderful people down here through pickleball and other activities. It's nice to play outside all winter, rather than inside various gyms for five months of the year in Minnesota. We have shoveled snow off of the courts up there on many occasions, just to play outdoors on sunny 30-degree days. We're really looking forward to next winter in Sun City.

Can you guess who this mystery member is?

Save the Date!
Wednesday, November 8



Be sure to polish up your cowboy boots for this year's fall party, "We're a little bit country, we're a little bit rock and roll!" featuring Chuck Moses and held for the first time in the newly remodeled auditorium. More information will follow!



*Your Newsletter Team is taking
a summer break!*

*Watch for the next newsletter
in September!*

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