



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter October 2023

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PICKLEBALL RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!

SECTION 7. G and H. - Net Faults



A Fault (and the resulting dead ball) will be declared if...

7.G. A player, a player's apparel, or a player's paddle contacts the net system, the net posts, or the opponent's court, when the ball is in play.

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.

**When did USA Pickleball first publish official rules?
1974, 1984, 1994, OR 2005?**

You'll find the answer on the last page of this newsletter!



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

It's very important to continue to sign in when you play. There is a separate binder for courts 6 & 7. We appreciate your efforts and hope that we can discontinue the practice in the near future.

Additional racks for paddles were installed on Courts #3 and #6. Please be sure and start paddles at the far-right position and add paddles moving to the left.

The club owes a big "Thank You" to Tony Masterjohn! Tony has completed two new racks for paddles and is working on 1 more. These take time to fabricate so again, thank you Tony!

Weekly skills clinics will start on Tuesday 11/7. Sign up starts on October 18th at 7:00 AM. Watch for the email coming soon with additional information.

Ladder Play will resume in the fall, beginning on October 22. Bill Brown, who organizes the weekly ladder play, is wanting to know if there is interest in a women's ladder play. Please email Bill at bdbrownbaseball@gmail.com if you would like to see a women's ladder play added to the fall court schedule.

SCOV Pickleball Club board elections are held in early November. The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees during September and October to serve on the 2024 Pickleball Club Board. If you are interested or if you know of anyone you'd like to nominate, please contact Nelson Brown at lnelsonb@gmail.com.

FALL COURT SCHEDULE

Begins on October 16. Schedule can be found on our website...scovpb.org

Fall (Oct 16 - Dec 16, 2023) 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	
6:30-7:30	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open										
7:30-9:00	Casual					Competitive					Casual					Competitive					Casual					Competitive					Ladder					
9:00-10:30	Competitive					Casual					Competitive					Casual					Competitive					Casual										
10:30-12:00	4.0		Beg		Open	Transitional		Open		4.0		Open		Transitional		Beg		4.0		Open		Transitional		Beg		Open										
12:00-1:00	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open										
1:00-3:00	Casual					Clinics					Casual					Competitive RR					Casual RR					Open					Transitional		Beg			
3:00-4:30	Open					3.5/3.0 Women's League					Open					3.0 Women's League		Open			Open					3.5 Women's League		Open								
4:30-5:30	Open					Open					Open					Open					Beverage					Open					Open					
5:30-8:00	Women		80		Open	Comp		Casual		Open		Women		80		Open	Casual		Open			Open					Women		80		Open	Comp		Casual		Open
8:00-9:00	Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					Open					

FALL SCHEDULE CHANGES...

- Our highest level of play has been renamed from Tourney to 4.0.
- Our Tuesday Training has been renamed to Clinics.
- A second Women's League time has been added.
- Our evening club play has been lengthened from 90 minutes to two and a half hours.

Polish up those cowboy boots and join us for a Rockin' Rodeo Pickleball Party!



**Wednesday November 8
4 PM - Auditorium**

Country and rock dance music provided by Chuck Moses.
\$10 per ticket. Non-refundable.

Pulled pork dinner with all the fixins' provided by Fork and Fire
and your social committee.
Western wear encouraged.

Limited seating. Each member may bring one paid guest.
Please bring a dessert. BYOB. Water provided.
Watch for the registration email in early October.

**Line Dancing Clinics!
No RSVP Needed.**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1 PM - Auditorium

Learn Copperhead Road and Boot Scootin' Boogie.
Taught by Caroline Chambasian. BEGINNERS ONLY - No partner needed.

Friday, October 13, Noon - Auditorium

Learn Electric Slide and Tennessee Run
Taught by Sue Newman and Pat Orchard
No partner needed.

Wednesday, November 1, 11 AM - Auditorium

Learn Copperhead Road and Boot Scootin' Boogie
Taught by Caroline Chambasian
No partner needed.

Yeehaw!

Tips to Improve Your Play!

HOW TO WIN THE DINK BATTLE!



Dinking generally happens when all four players in doubles pickleball are at the Non-Volley Zone line. Assuming you have mastered the steps to hitting the perfect pickleball dink, how do you make the most out of your dink shot? You and your partner worked so hard to get to the Kitchen line (as most points are won there!), but now how do you win the point?

Strategy is so important in the game of pickleball, as pickleball is not only a physical game, but also a mental game. This is particularly true when you are engaged in a dink battle with your opponents in doubles pickleball. What pickleball strategies should you use to win those dink battles with your opponents? The next few newsletters will present 7 pickleball strategies and tips to help you win the dink battles on the pickleball court! Last month focused on how to take the pickleball out of the air. Here is Tip #2!

2. If You Need to, It's Okay to Step Back

As alluded to in pickleball strategy #1 (September Newsletter), try to keep your feet at the Non-Volley Zone line. If you step back, you will expose your feet (giving your opponents an easy target to apply pressure), give your opponents more court space to place dinks and more angles to hit better dinks, and make your dinks more difficult because you will be farther from the pickleball net. Plus, you will give your opponents more time to react to a shot, which is the opposite of what you want. So, try to keep your feet at the Kitchen line.

With that said, if your opponents hit a quality shot at your feet, or maybe even a fastball that you need more time to react to, do not hesitate to take a small drop step back off of the Non-Volley Zone line. This will give yourself more time to react to your opponents' shot. Plus, you may be able to hit a more aggressive shot off of a dink that bounces, especially one that bounces relatively high.

If you do step back, though, be sure to immediately step back in to the Non-Volley Zone line after you hit your shot. It is important that you step back up and hold the line.

More tips to come in next month's newsletter!

October Mystery Member ... Who Am I?

I was born in Idaho Falls and spent my early childhood in Detroit where my engineer father worked for General Motors. We ended up moving to Richland, Washington before I started kindergarten when my dad was hired at the Hanford Nuclear Plant. I spent the remainder of my school years next to the Columbia River living the "Leave it to Beaver" life as a scientist's kid. Our family camped, skied, golfed and hunted. Life was good. I even became an Eagle Scout.

I graduated from Columbia High School in Richland in 1971. We were the Col High Bombers and our mascot was a bomb casing. A mushroom cloud was part of our insignia and at the 10 year class reunion we all got t-shirts with a mushroom cloud that glowed in the dark.

I moved to Washington State University and earned a BA in Education, followed by a Masters Degree from Portland State University. It was at WSU during my last semester that I met my wife of 47 years. We are staunch Cougar Football fans - a clue that no doubt gives me away!

Our first teaching jobs were in Australia. I was assigned to a first-grade class. If you ever saw Kindergarten Cop, that best describes my students. They were awful. I was beside myself questioning my career choice. Fortunately, things got better the second year when I moved to 4th grade, the same grade my wife was teaching. When we returned to the USA after two years, we were hired in a small town in SW Washington called Washougal. I spent the remainder of my 32-year career there, teaching middle school math and science, and coaching volleyball at the high school, directing our district's Outdoor School, and coaching Odyssey of the Mind, a science problem solving competition.

While we were living Down Under, we traveled to New Zealand, Tasmania, and many different parts of Australia. It was during that time we were infected with the travel bug. Since then we have traveled in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. We have travelled extensively in Europe, return trips to Australia, Fiji, India, and the UAE. We have explored the majority of National Parks in the west and have enjoyed trips to New England, New York, Washington DC, Florida and Hawaii. In the process we discovered this wonderful place called SCOV. Best discovery ever!

See you on the pickleball courts. If you don't see me, surely you will hear me!

Can you guess who this mystery member is?

OFFICIAL PICKLEBALL RULES QUIZ ANSWER!

Did you guess right?

USA Pickleball first published official rules in 1984!



Did you guess who our October mystery member is? Thank you, Dave Burnham, for sharing with us!