



# SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter May 2024

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## **PICKLEBALL RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!**

### **NET SPECIFICATIONS**



2.C.3. Size. The net length should be at least 21 feet 9 inches (6.63 m) extending from one post to the other. The net height from the bottom edge of the net to the top should be at least 30 inches.

2.C.4. Edge. The top of the net should be edged with a 2- inch (5.08-cm) white tape binding over a cord or cable running through the binding. This binding must rest upon the cord or cable.

2.C.5. Center Strap and Height. A center strap is recommended for a permanent net and must be placed at the center of the net to enable easy adjustment to the 34-inch (86.36-cm) requirement at center. The top shall be 36 inches (91.44 cm) high at the sidelines.

Thank you to our morning crew for measuring the nets regularly!



# WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

The summer schedule begins May 13th. During the summer, once play is concluded in the morning, we should be collecting the balls on the courts and placing them back in the bag in the beige bin. The afternoon sun will cause the ball to become unplayable. We very much appreciate your help.

We have had to change many of the on/off switches for the lights and fans. Please feel free to turn the fans on when needed. There are 2 grey electrical boxes in the player area. If you open the cover, you'll see on/off marked. Flip the switch to on or off.

The votes are in and 30% of our members were for the installation of cameras on the courts; 70% opposed.

Total club members now number 524!

Finally, as our winter visitors head out of town, we wish you safe travels. Have a great summer and we'll see you this fall!



Your Newsletter Team is taking a summer break!

Watch for the next newsletter in September!

## The Heat is On!



| Summer (May 13 - Oct 14, 2024) Pickleball Court Schedule |        |        |   |   |   |         |      |        |   |      |           |   |   |       |   |          |   |   |      |        |        |   |   |   |      |          |       |      |        |   |        |   |      |        |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| Court #  | Monday |        |   |   |   | Tuesday |      |        |   |      | Wednesday |   |   |       |   | Thursday |   |   |      |        | Friday |   |   |   |      | Saturday |       |      |        |   | Sunday |   |      |        |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 6:30-10:30   | Comp   | Casual | T | S | r | a       | a    | n      | s | Comp | Casual    | T | S | r     | a | a        | n | s | Comp | Casual | T      | S | r | a | a    | n        | s     | Comp | Casual | T | S      | r | a    | a      | n | s | Comp | Casual | T | S | r | a | a | n | s | Comp | Casual | T | S | r | a | a | n | s | Comp | Casual | T | S | r | a | a | n | s | Comp | Casual | T | S | r | a | a | n | s |
| 10:30-6:30   | Open   |        |   |   |   | Open    |      |        |   |      | Open      |   |   |       |   | Open     |   |   |      |        | Open   |   |   |   |      | Open     |       |      |        |   |        |   |      |        |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6:30-9:00  | Women  | 80     | O | P | e | n       | Comp | Casual | B | e    | g         | i | n | Women | O | p        | e | n | Comp | Casual | O      | p | e | n | Open | Open     | Women | 80   | O      | P | e      | n | Comp | Casual | O | p | e    | n      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

### SUMMER SCHEDULE NOTES:

No AED available prior to storage room and bathrooms opening at 6:30AM.

When all courts are full and more than 12 people are waiting, please play to 9 points only.

Courts 6 and 7 (courts denoted by T) are located in the tennis area.

# SUZY FOSTER PICKLEBALL POKER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated and made generous contributions both monetarily and with non-perishable food. On the Suze Foster Website page, a total donation amount of \$2906.00 was made with an additional \$400 given to Community Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin, \$320 in checks for a grand total of **\$3626.00!!**

In addition, a total of 366 lbs. of nonperishable food was donated. The pickleball community has honored Suze Foster with these bountiful donations.

Fun was had by all despite the wind on Friday and the chill on Saturday. A total of 81 players participated and at least 35 volunteers helped make the tournament run smoothly.

Finally thank you to all the volunteers who took time out of there Friday and Saturday mornings to help with this tournament. Thank you to our sponsors: The Views Golf Club, Ooroo Auto, Sue Peterson (Buzz Dolsberry prints) and MJ (t-shirt). Major thanks to Tom Cooksey who obtained the prizes.

## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

### Competitive play April 5<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Everett with a straight flush
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Santino Antonucci with a straight flush
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Louise Everett with high full house
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Anne Wolfinger and Al Jones.

By card draw, Al took 4<sup>th</sup> Both with a full house  
Lowest hand: Denny Fisher



Competitive Tournament Winners

### Casual play April 6<sup>th</sup> (All had a full house)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sara Hinteregger
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Nilson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Vander Ark
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bill Lewis
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jack Anderson

Lowest hand: Suzy Lorenson



Casual Tournament Winners

# SUZY FOSTER TOURNAMENT PLAYERS



All Casual Players



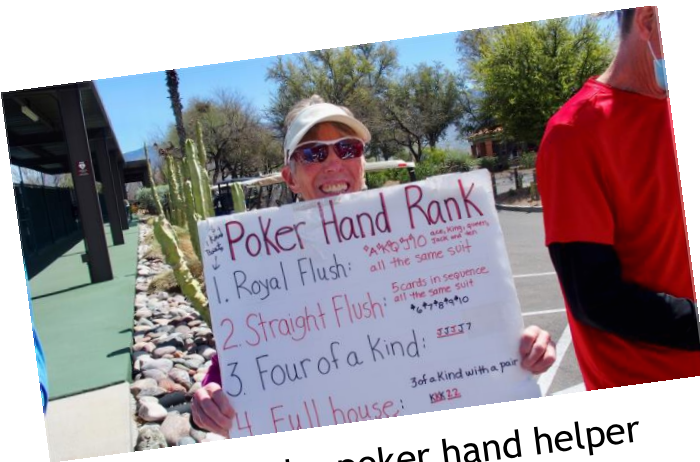
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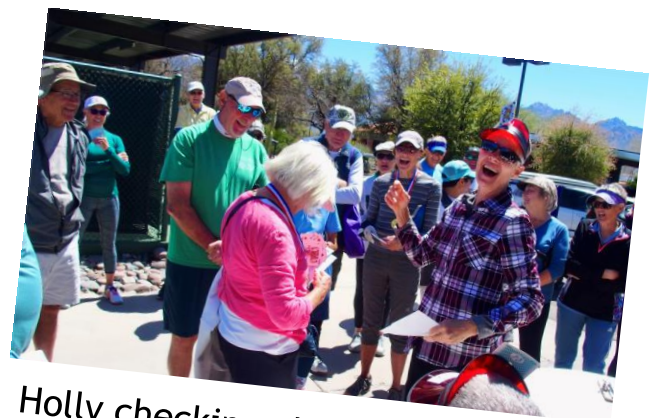
Competitive Tournament Volunteers



Casual Tournament Volunteers



AJ with the poker hand helper



Holly checking player poker hands

# Tips to Improve Your Play!

## HOW TO BEAT THE LOBBER ON THE PICKLEBALL COURT



The lob is becoming more and more prevalent on the pickleball courts. With the rise of the lob, it is more important than ever to know how to beat a lobber on the pickleball court. Generally speaking, there are three main strategies in beating a lobber or otherwise defending against the lob: (1) anticipating and avoiding the lob from your opponents; (2) hitting a strong overhead; and (3) effectively chasing down the lob to get back into the point.

### **TIP # 1: ANTICIPATING AND AVOIDING THE LOB**

Most pickleball players have “tells” in their shots (i.e. give away clues as to what shot that they will hit), as well as tendencies to hit certain shots in certain situations. Pay attention to your opponents’ movements, including their footwork, backswings, and paddle angles, which can often telegraph various shots, which may include a lob from time to time. For instance, if your opponents compress and take a low backswing with a relatively flat paddle angle, be ready for the lob. Or, if your opponents like to lob off the forehand dink, anticipate the lob as a possible shot every time you hit a dink to your opponent’s forehand.

In addition to anticipating the lob using clues and tendencies that you pick up on the pickleball court, consider hitting shots that do not permit your opponents to hit an effective lob. Although the lob can be hit from the baseline or inside the baseline (for instance, with a third shot lob), these shots are difficult to execute and are not high percentage shots. As a result, effective lobs from behind, at, or near the baseline will be few and far between—most will be too short for an easy overhead (more on this below) or sail wide or long out of bounds. So, one strategy to avoiding the lob from your opponents is to keep your opponents back near the baseline as much as possible (which is a great strategy in general).

Another great strategy to avoiding the lob from your opponents is to try to target your opponents’ backhands. Generally speaking, most pickleball players will only lob off of their forehand side. So, by keeping the pickleball on their backhand sides, your opponents may be less likely to throw up a lob.

Watch for more lobbing strategies in the fall newsletter!

## May Mystery Member ... Who Am I?

Growing up and living in Denver, I have always stated that I would like to live somewhere else. With a beach in mind, I never thought my next move would be in the beautiful desert.

My work experience has spanned many different industries starting in utilities, then cable, then telecom, then hospitality, then high-tech, and back to energy.

I have one sister that lives in Colorado Springs. I have had two labradors and still miss them so I am super excited to labra-sit anyone else's labs. I got married within a year of meeting my spouse and 33 years later, I am still on my starter marriage.

For a few years, I learned something new each year. Those exciting experiences started with scuba certification and then added my motorcycle license, hang gliding, master's degree, snowboarding, etc. I have traded snowboarding for snowbirding. I ride a mountain bike and have taken organized bicycling trips in Europe (France, Netherlands, Croatia). I learned what pickleball is during my first trip to Tucson. I took lessons at the Oro Valley Community Center and have been playing for the past three years. Our SCOV pickleball members make it difficult for me to stay in my introverted comfort zone. I would love to get to know you all better so feel free to make a "meeting" with me any time.

I look forward to assisting in keeping the pickleball at SCOV the best place to play!

**Can you guess who this mystery member is? Look for their name at the bottom of this page.**

## SAVE THE DATE!



We're celebrating the SOUNDS OF THE 70's

at the Pickleball Annual Fall Party

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Send a picture of yourself from the 70's to [maryanne4413@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne4413@gmail.com), even if you're in grade school or younger!

And, of course, there will be music and dancing.

More to Come!

**Did you guess who our May mystery member is? Thank you, Cindy Gerck, for sharing with us!**