



# SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter October 2024

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

**How Well Do You Know When to Call a Fault?**

**Let's Find Out!**



Can You Call a Fault on Your Opponent? Yes or No.

1. Your opponent obviously applies downward pressure on a drop serve.
2. Your opponent steps over the baseline before hitting the ball on the serve.
3. Your opponent fails to call the score before serving.
4. Your opponent steps into the non-volley zone while volleying.

Answers can be found on page 3 of this newsletter!



## WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

Ralph Perillo and Nelson Brown have been the courts maintenance committee this year. Here is their report:

1. We still **need help** in cleaning courts early mornings (30 minutes prior to the first club play time). Volunteers should text Ralph at 520-744-2868. Training will be provided.
2. Courts **1-5 need cleaning** (using leaf blowers) and balls stocked Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The HOA common grounds workers do M-F except holidays.
3. Courts **6 and 7 need cleaning** and balls stocked 6 days per week except on Thursdays (HOA maintenance vacuums all tennis courts plus our 6 and 7 on Thursdays).
4. **All nets** are measured and adjusted to 34" on center each Saturday.
5. We currently use **Franklin X balls**. We will transition to winter balls (Selkirk Pro S1 and or Onix Fuse G2) when morning temperatures reach 55 degrees Fahrenheit or below. We still have both Selkirk and Onix balls in storage and need to use them. Players may bring their own pickleballs if they prefer, but please do not leave them on the courts.
6. **Chair sliders** are being replaced with standard black sliders. The temporary "pickleball chair sliders" will be trashed unless someone wants them. We requested and were given 12 chairs from the pool recently. Six of these chairs have been placed on Courts 6 and 7; the other 6 chairs were placed on the south fence side of courts 3, 4, and 5.
7. **Portable nets:** With the addition of the Selkirk nets on courts 6 and 7, we had two older portable nets. The PC Board decided to donate the nets to groups that needed them. One net has been given to Tucson Fire Station 3; in the past we have given two other nets to other Fire Stations. FYI, Golder Ranch was offered nets four years ago and never replied to our offer.
8. We are working on the **glare problem** on courts 6 and 7 caused by early morning sun reflecting off the back of the Tennis Club bulletin boards.

Thanks to Ralph for his dedication and help this year!

### Fall (Sep 30 - Dec 31, 2024) Pickleball Court Schedule

Court #	Monday							Tuesday							Wednesday							Thursday							Friday							Saturday							Sunday													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
6:30-7:30	Open							Open							Open							Open							Open							Open																				
7:30-9:00	Casual							Competitive							Casual							Competitive							Casual							Rec							Competitive							Mixed RR						
9:00-10:30	Competitive							Casual							Competitive							Casual							Competitive							Casual							Open													
10:30-12:00	4.0		Open		Beg			Rec		Open					4.0		Open					Rec		Beg			Open		Open																											
12:00-1:00	Open							Open							Open							Open							Open							Open																				
1:00-3:00	Comp		Casual		Open			Open/Clinics (Oct 19 - Nov 19)							Rec		Open					Competitive RR							Casual RR							Open							Rec		Beg		Open									
3:00-5:00	Open		Women's League 3.0			Open		Open		Women's League 3.0			Open		Open							Open		Men's League 3.5			Open		Open							Open		Women's League 3.5			Open															
5:00-6:30	Women		80		Open			Open							Women		80			Open		Open							Beverage							Women		80		Open			Open													
6:30-8:00	Open							Comp		Casual		Open			Open							Casual		Open					Open							Open							Comp		Casual		Open									
8:00-9:00	Open							Open							Open							Open							Open							Open							Open													

### FALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2024 fall schedule went into effect September 30<sup>th</sup> (2 weeks earlier than in the past).
- Recreational time slot for players who prefer a less vigorous game (Rating 2.0-2.5)
- Beverage time slot-play pickleball first, followed by beverage of choice. All members can play.
- Evening (M-W-S) Women only time slot. Rating 2.0 - 2.75
- Practice/hosting time for women's 3.5 (Sun) and 3.0 (M-T) APPL
- Practice/hosting time for men's 3.5 APPL (Thurs)

## WELCOMING OUR RETURNING SNOWBIRDS

### Welcome Back Annual Fall Party

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Beginning at 4:30pm

Activity Center Auditorium

Cost pp: \$5

Pizza will be provided!



If your last name starts with A-J, please bring a dessert.

If your last name starts with K-Z, please bring a salad.

Wine and beer will be complimentary while supplies last.

Recorded music will be provided for dancing.

Watch for your registration email coming soon.

## When Can You Call a Fault? (Rules of the Game)

### Answers:

1. No. Yes, it's a fault but only a referee can call a fault on an illegal serve, except...
2. Yes, you can call a service foot fault on your opponent.
3. Neither yes or no—it's not a fault. Technically, the play doesn't start until the score is called.
4. Yes.

### What Happens Next?

1. If you stopped play because you thought the serve was illegal, the fault is on you. You lose the point. If you didn't stop play, you can voice your complaint but that's it.
  - 2a. You say "Foot fault!" and they say "Oh darn!" You win the point.
  - 2b. You say "Foot fault" and they say "No, I didn't!" It's a do-over. Repeat, you play the point over.
3. You can stop play and ask your opponent to call the score, but if they did and you just didn't hear it, you lose the point. The better option is to play out the point and then ask that they call the score and loudly enough for you to hear.
4. See 2a and 2b.

Reference: USA Pickleball 2024 Official Rulebook, 13.D.1. Non-Officiated Play.

## Just Around the Corner...SCOV Pickleball Club Fall Clinics

Four consecutive Tuesdays - October 29, November 5, 12, 19 from 1:00-2:00pm and 2:00-3:00pm

Different levels of instruction. All SCOV Pickleball Club members welcome!

**Sign up for the Fall Clinics on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>; 1pm; Courts Patio**

## Share Your Pickleball Love and Know-How...Become a SCOV Pickleball Club Clinic Instructor!

We are recruiting volunteers to coach in the upcoming fall clinics, from beginner to advanced levels. Only takes four hours of your time and it's a lot of fun. Training materials and equipment are provided. Sign up today and help spread some pickleball joy! Contact Denise Hartman at

[hartmanride@gmail.com](mailto:hartmanride@gmail.com)

# 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 # 3: Effectively Chasing Down the Lob

If you decide to let the pickleball bounce-for instance-if the pickleball is out of your reach for an overhead or you can make a stronger shot off the bounce-you need to effectively chase down the lob and reset the point. To do this, you will generally need to (1) effectively chase down the lob; (2) work with your partner in doubles pickleball, so that the partner that has the best opportunity to return the lob takes the shot; and (3) hit the best shot to reset the point.

To effectively chase down the lob, you will need to drop step (i.e. a small step back and to the side, so that your run backwards, rather than backpedal), turn your body, and run towards the baseline. To set yourself up for the strongest shot off the bounce:

1. Run to the side of the pickleball, so that the pickleball is one to two feet to the paddle side of your body (to note, a forehand shot will likely be stronger than a backhand shot, so keeping the pickleball on your paddle side will prepare you for a forehand, as opposed to a backhand);
2. Prepare your paddle as you are running;
3. Run beyond the point of the bounce, as you should hit the pickleball out in front of your body after the bounce; and
4. Firmly plant your paddle-side foot to stop and strike the pickleball.

With any shot on the pickleball court, it is important to work together with your partner in doubles pickleball. This holds true on the lob too. One key consideration on the lob is whether you or your partner will take the shot. Just like many other shots in pickleball, the player with his or her forehand to the middle of the court is in a better position to return the lob. However, mobility may also be a factor. The player with the stronger mobility may want to take charge on chasing down lobs. So, communication is key when your opponents send a lob into the air.

Regardless of who hits the lob, consider whether you and your partner need to switch sides of the court in order to be ready for the return shot. A switch is effective if a lob pulls one player into the same side of the court as his or her partner. The partner that is not taking the shot off the lob should yell “switch” and move to the other side of the pickleball court. This switching of sides will allow you and your partner to cover more of the court in the event that your opponents return the pickleball

Also, the partner that is not taking the shot off the lob should also consider taking a step or two back to give him or her a bit more reaction time in the event that the shot off the lob is a poor shot. Falling back and pinching the middle of the court can help prepare you and your partner for a strong return from your opponents and keep you in the point. And, remember, if the shot off the lob is a good shot, both you and your partner should try to move in toward the Non-Volley Zone line.

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

I grew up on a lake 50 miles south of Chicago. During the summer, I would spend as many as eight hours in the summer swimming. On that 42 acres pond I lived on, boating, swimming, water skiing and fishing commingled. Consequently, my family and I had front row seats for the July 4th fireworks and Sportsman Club Saturday Night Dances and Music. We would listen to the music in a summer's evening as the sound wafted across the lake into our bedroom windows as we drifted off to sleep.

I was born in Illinois and grew up in Manteno, a small farming community. I attended college in Illinois, majoring in Special Education and later I taught in Illinois and Wisconsin. In the mid 70's, I moved to a the picturesque town of Mt Horeb, where wooden trolls stood guard over the downtown area. Although ugly, the trolls were extremely popular with tourists.

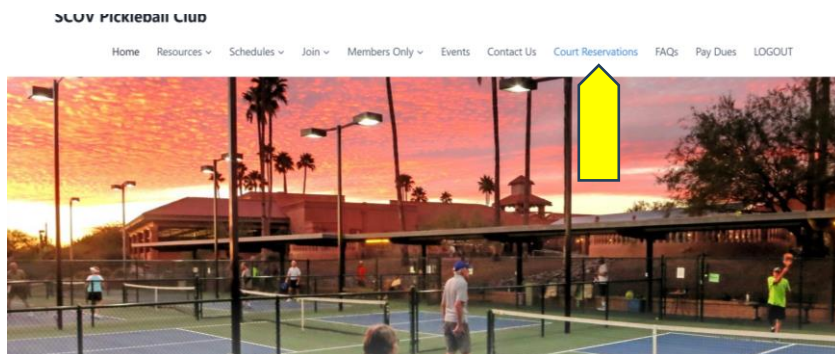
Taking advantage of long Wisconsin winters my husband and I skied both alpine and cross-country as well as enjoying sledding and ice skating. I also took rock climbing classes at Devils Lake State Park sponsored by U of W-Madison, which taught a form of climbing called Top Roping, a less dangerous form than Leading. I later joined a women's rock climbing group called the Crag Hags. We climbed 80-100 foot cliffs. It was exhilarating to watch women succeed and a euphoric revelation for me to complete a climb.

I also spent many a summer day kayaking the lakes of Madison. I sea kayaked in Wisconsin and Lake Michigan and also explored rivers as well in Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas. Besides sea kayaking my husband and I rafted Grand Canyon, Gallatin River in Montana, the Middle Fork of the Salmon in Idaho and the Matanuska River in Alaska. While going down the lower part of the Grand Canyon, I body surfed in a class 5-6 rapids, which was an exhilarating experience!

In the mid 90's, my husband and I started taking biking vacations. We have biked in England, Italy (twice), France, Ireland, Scotland, Czech Republic, Australia, Netherlands and Germany. Biking allowed us to easily connect with locals, enjoy breath-taking scenery and appreciate wonderful local cuisine.

After forty years of cold and and snowy weather we needed a change so we moved to Marana in 2005. When friends told us about the fun they were having in Sun City; we moved here and found out it was true.....Sun City had a lot to offer. When I began playing pickle ball in 2012-13, Sun City only had two PB courts. The PB people were great and the game was so much fun. After playing for some time, I noted that the PB courts were rarely used in the evenings so I started a Women's Evening group for beginners and casuals. We now play three evenings a week.

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



Want to reserve a court during open time? Just go to our website and click on **Court Reservations**.

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**Did you guess who our October mystery member is? Thank you, Bonnie Grant-Baird, for sharing with us!**