



# SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter January 2026

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

### **The Double Hit Rule**



Clarification of double hit rule:

- The ball may be hit more than once but the stroke must be continuous in a single direction by one player. (This includes the rare triple hit).
- If a player and his/her partner both hit a ball to return it, it is a fault against the players.

### **Rally Scoring**

A change in rally scoring for 2026 has been made. The previous rule awarded a point on every serve regardless of the team serving except game point, which was only awarded when serving. In 2026 this rule was modified to allow game point to be awarded regardless of which team is serving.



# WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

## **Court Schedule Reminders:**

Please remember to have your membership card available while playing during club time as random checks will occur this winter.

There is a Foursomes addition added to the schedule. It is a walk up, non-reserved time where four or more club members come for private doubles play. This idea has a lot of enthusiasm behind it and will be watched on a trial basis this winter.

A highly competitive round robin has been added at 3:00PM on Thursdays for those rated at 3.75 or higher. Four courts have been reserved. If this appeals to you and your skills can hang with our best players, please join in! This is also a trial addition during peak winter season.

## **Court Usage Policy:**

1. Color coded times and courts are intended for paid club members. These courts are available for general use only if Club members do not need them. Common sense should prevail.
2. "OPEN" times are available to any SCOV resident or ACCOMPANIED GUEST of SCOV resident. No unaccompanied guests should use the PB courts.
3. Reservations for OPEN courts are made through the SCOV HOA website reservations page, not the Club webpage.
4. Courts are released for general use 15 minutes after a reservation NO SHOW.
5. Always behave respectfully should any disagreements or misunderstandings over court use occur.
6. Members should keep their membership cards with them in printed or electronic form while playing pickleball during club time should periodic monitoring occur.

If you are **New to Pickleball** or just consider yourself having beginner skill sets, we have a team of volunteers ready to meet with you during the beginner's time slot. Simply email Doyle Ranstrom at [doyle@doylearanstrom.com](mailto:doyle@doylearanstrom.com) to arrange for a mentor to meet with you and instruct you at a level you are comfortable with. Visit our FAQ page of the website for additional mentors.

**The End of Year Tournament Winners** were Phil Rose and Roxanne Klas, who went undefeated in their victory march. Runners up were Dave Burnham and Suzy Rose. The consolation bracket winners were Denny Fisher and Anne Wolfinger. Runners up were Chuck Chokel and Linda Marisa. Congratulations to all the participants who made this event a success and to the abundance of fans who dropped by to watch excellent matches! See pictures on page 4.

# CLUB NEWS !



COME CHEER YOUR SCOV PICKLEBALL TEAMS  
AS THE APPL SEASON KICKS OFF!

SMASH SISTERS (3.0, 50+)

HOME MATCHS ON  
**MONDAYS** AT 1:00P

JAN. 5

JAN. 26

FEB. 16

FEB. 23

MAR. 9

DINK POSITIVE (3.0, 65+)

HOME MATCHS ON  
**TUESDAYS** AT 1:00P

JAN. 6

JAN. 13

JAN. 20 (1:30P)

FEB. 3

MAR. 3

TEAM MEMBERS

ANN GARLINGHOUSE, CAPTAIN

LOUISE EVERETT, CO-CAPTAIN

LAURIE BROWN

DIANE BROZOVSKY

CAROLYN CHAMBASIAN

DENISE HARTMAN

LINDY HOLDER

JANET HOLLIDAY

MONIQUE KANTOR

LAURIE KLASSEN

TERESA MATHIEU

DIANE PATON

CHERYL RADEMACHER

ROXANNE AND DEAN KLAS, COACHES

TEAM MEMBERS

ANNE WOLFINGER, CAPTAIN/COACH

NANCY VANDER ARK, CO-CAPTAIN

JEANNIE ANTONUCCI

JUDY CORNELIUS

HONORA DENT

SIGRID FLATNESS

BARB HOFFMAN

YASKA HUFF

LINDA MARASA

PEGGY REED

# ANNUAL PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



January 17<sup>th</sup>  
3:00PM  
Activity Center Auditorium



Open to all members!  
Watch for the email with registration details.

The incoming Pickleball Club board will be introduced, and outgoing board members will be recognized

Key volunteers will be recognized by the board

An open discussion will be held on how we will navigate growth and provide the most play opportunities for the most members, given limited court facilities. Club and community volunteer efforts will be solicited for anyone interested.

And...we will have a raffle for those remaining at the end of the meeting/social.

## TOURNAMENT WINNERS!



Winners and Runner Ups!



Consolation Bracket Winners and Runner Ups!

# Tips to Improve Your Play!

## Mastering Pickleball Shot Selection



Pickleball's all about picking the right shot at the right time. Whether you're a newbie or a seasoned player, knowing which shot to use can make or break your game. From the soft dink to the powerful overhead, each shot has its own place on the court.

### The Power of the Overhead Drive

#### Executing the Overhead Drive

The overhead drive is like the slam dunk of pickleball. When the ball comes at you with a high arc, you get ready to smash it back with authority. Here's how you do it:

- **Positioning:** Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, knees slightly bent. Keep your weight on the balls of your feet for quick movement.
- **Grip and Stance:** Hold the paddle comfortably in your dominant hand. As you prepare for the shot, pivot your non-dominant foot forward, aligning your chest to the sideline.
- **Swing:** Shift your weight back, then swing your paddle overhead, following through in the direction you want the ball to go.

This shot is a game-changer when executed right, often leaving your opponent scrambling to respond.

#### When to Use the Overhead Drive

Timing is everything with the overhead drive. You want to use it when the ball is high, and you have a clear shot. It's perfect for:

1. Finishing a rally with a powerful shot.
2. Catching your opponent off guard when they least expect it.
3. Taking advantage of a weak return that gives you time to set up.

#### Avoiding Overhead Drive Pitfalls

Even though it's a powerful move, there are some common mistakes to avoid:

- **Overcommitting:** Don't rush forward too quickly or you might end up missing the shot entirely.
- **Poor Timing:** Swinging too early or too late can lead to a mishit and lost point.
- **Lack of Control:** Power is important, but control is key to keep the ball in play.

Mastering the overhead drive can be the difference between winning and losing a match. It's all about practice and knowing when to unleash this powerful shot. Keep honing your skills and watch how it transforms your game.