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The Pickle Vine team expresses thanks to the Peace River Pickler community for their support during our tenure.

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MESSAGES FROM THE PRP BOARD

TOM WARD, PRESIDENT

I want to assure everyone that the Charlotte County Parks and Recreation Department highly values Peace River Picklers and our commitment to utilize the facilities at the South County Parks facility. We have been in routine communication with the Parks Department since it was first announced that upgrades would be made to those facilities.



As a part of their renovations a cement apron will be added to the new dual purpose tennis/pickleball courts so that we have an area to secure our temporary nets. They will also allow us to have a storage locker of some shape or size for us to house some of our equipment on site. Shade structures are also being added as well as an additional gate to access the courts. Foremost is their commitment to get the current temporary courts finished first among the many projects so that we may have access to them for our fall leagues.

While the renovations have experienced several delays, the Parks Department understands the urgency of our needs. The actual painting and striping of the courts as well as the installation of the permanent nets has been subcontracted to a company that specializes in tennis and pickleball courts. From the last communication I have had with the county officials, their final walk-through and sign off on the completed project is scheduled to take place on October 26. **Therefore, we will start our fall league schedule on Monday, October 31.**

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Below you will see the schedule of events. We will launch the registration of our leagues and drills on our website on **Thursday, October 13 at noon**. We expect a lot of traffic on the website on that day so plan accordingly.

South County Outdoor Courts will be reserved for League Play and Training Classes per the calendar below.

Peace River Picklers, Fall 2022 Leagues, Drills & Play and Bob W. Clinics							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
8:00 AM	7:30 am-9:00 am 2.5 Bob W Clinic (4)	F22A Coed 65+ 3.5-4.0 Shootout (4)	F22A Coed 60+ 3.0-3.5 Shootout 8:00am-10:00am (8)	F22A Coed Drills & Play 2.0-2.5 8:00-10:00am (4)	F22A Ladies 60+ Shootout 3.0+ 8:00am-10:00am (8)	F22A Ladies 3.5 Round Robin 8:00am-10:00am (8)	F22A Coed 3.0-3.5 Shootout 8:00am-10:00am (8)
9:00 AM							
10:00 AM	9:15am-10:45 pm 3.0 Bob W	F22A Mens 70+ 3.0+ Shootout (4)	F22A Coed 3.5-4.0 Ladder 10:00am-12:00pm (8)	F22A Coed Drills & Play 3.5 10:00am-12:00pm (4)	F22A Coed Drills & Play 3.0 10:00am-12:00pm (4)	F22A Ladies 2.0/2.5 Shootout (4)	F22A Mens 2.0/2.5 Shootout (4)
11:00 AM							F22A Ladies Skinny Singles 3.0-3.5 10:00am-11:30am (4+4 = 8)
12:00 PM	11:00 pm 12:30 pm 3.5 Bob W Clinic (4)						F22A Mens Skinny Singles 3.0-3.5 11:30am-1:00pm (4+4 = 8)
1:00 PM	<p>Fall League - 6 Wks Fall Skills & Drills – 6 Wks <i>Fall Dates</i> Oct 31st ~ Dec 17th NO PLAY the week of Thanksgiving</p> <p><i>Evening Leagues cancelled due to new light fixture availability</i></p>						
2:00 PM							
3:00 PM							
4:00 PM							
5:00 PM							
6:00 PM							
7:00 PM							
8:00 PM							
	<p>Bob White Clinic details: Fall Session 6 Wks: WK1 = Serve & Return, drive, cut, placement WK2 = Punch volley & Resets WK3 = Transition, baseline to kitchen strategy WK4 = Drop Shots & Drives WK5 = Dink Strategy & Techniques WK6 = Lobs & Put Aways</p> <p>Winter Session 6 Wks: Spring Session 6 Wks:</p> <p>Please sign up for the time of your appropriate skill level</p>						



Tom Ward, President

We appreciate everyone's patience as we wait for the renovations to be completed. The short term pain of not having our "home" courts will soon be replaced with access to eight permanent and an additional eight temporary pickleball courts with new lighting that will be top notch. In the event that there is yet another unforeseen delay in the construction process, we will make changes accordingly. Everyone needs to understand that construction delays happen and those things are out of our control.

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

Peace River Picklers is very fortunate to have three of the very best pickleball instructors anywhere in the United States.



DEB MASCARIN

After being introduced to pickleball in 2016, Deb Mascarin quickly became an elite pro and now plays at the national level as a Team Paddletek Pro. Her achievements in pickleball, her tennis background, and her extensive teaching all over the country give her unique experience in coaching both new and experienced players alike. She currently serves as a USA Pickleball Ambassador and is a certified Pro/Clinician with the Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR). In 2019, the Professional Pickleball Registry recognized Deb's devotion and excellence by bestowing her with the prestigious National PPR Clinician of the Year Award. Deb recently won gold at the 5.0 Women's Doubles at the US Open in Naples. Deb will continue to run her popular Bootcamps in the coming season.

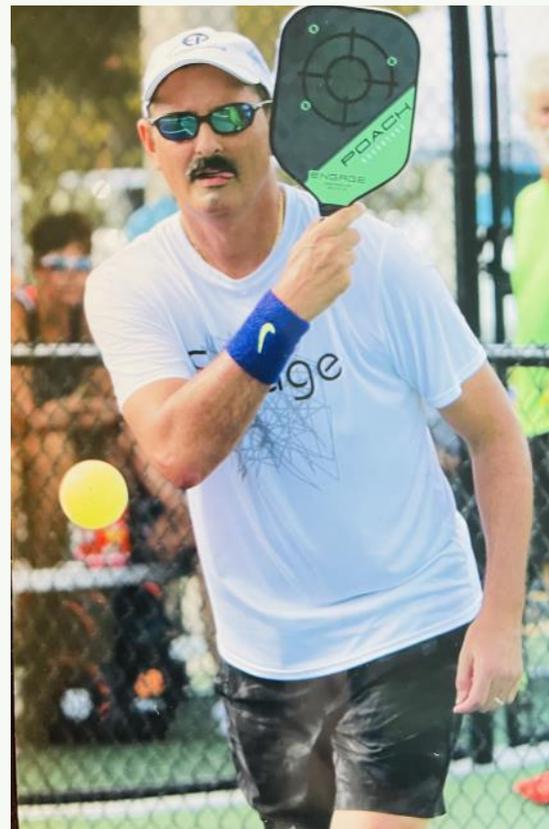
Deb can be reached for private and group lessons at (231) 730-9660. Her website is <https://www.debmascarinpb.com>



BOB WHITE

Bob White is rated by USPA at 5.4 pro player and is sponsored by Engage. He is currently the number 6 rated male player in the Senior Division of the APP. His love for the game was immediate and all-in. His spark quickly grew into a fire, and he spread it through the world of teaching. He has taught pickleball to the youth in local high schools for Physical Education classes, to individuals or groups and even to teachers. Bob hasn't lost the desire to compete, though. He has Gold and Silver medals from the Florida State games and has won or medaled in many area 5.0 tournaments in doubles or mixed doubles. Bob is no "pickleball snob." He can frequently be seen playing with players of all skill levels. Bob will resume his PRP pickleball clinics in the coming season.

Bob can be reached for private or group lessons at (419) 371-5411.



JEFF HOUHOU LIS

Jeff Houhoulis has been a part of the Punta Gorda pickleball scene since 2010. Jeff was instrumental in getting the City of Punta Gorda to put down temporary pickleball lines on the tennis courts in Gilcrest Park. He and his pickleball partner at the time welded temporary nets for use at Gilcrest. Eventually the demand grew to the point of the City building permanent courts at Gilchrist and those temporary nets were brought to South County and temporary lines were painted on their tennis courts. Jeff recently won the gold medal in 5.0 Men's Doubles at the Senior Games in Fort Lauderdale. Jeff can also be seen playing pickleball with players of all skill levels. He will be working with Bob once again in the PRP clinics.

Pickleball Central DISCOUNT

PRP members will receive a 5% discount from Pickleball Central when they use our membership discount code.

The website is PickleballCentral.com and our discount code is: **CRPuntaGorda**.

Not only do you receive a 5% discount but PRP also receives a 5% Club Reward over the course of a year.

OUR EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT PROMO CODE IS CRpuntagorda.

This past year **we saved \$294 toward the purchase of new pickleballs,**
because of your use of our discount code.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

**2022 Singles Galore, East Naples Community Park,
Naples — 09/24-9/25/22**

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**2022 FLORIDA OPEN (Hopen its Open), Pelican Sound Golf & River Club and Seasons at Bonita,  
Estero — 10/07-10/09/22**

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**Marco Island PickleFest @ Marco Island YMCA
Marco Island —10/08-10/08/22**

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**NP Punta Gorda Classic, Pickleplex  
Punta Gorda — 10/21-10/23/22**

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**Dink for Pink at Sundial for Breast Cancer Awareness - All Proceeds go to Charity!
Sundial Beach Resort & Spa, Sanibel — 10/27-10/29/22**

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**Veteran's Day Tribute Tournament, East Naples Community Park  
Naples — 11/10-11/11/22**

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**Naples Fun Festival 50+ and Fun Festival 50+ Tournament
Naples — 12/01-12/04/22**

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**Sundial New Years Extravaganza Tournament, Sundial Beach Resort & Spa  
Sanibel — 01/05-01/07/23**

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**Riverbend Pickleball Classic, Riverbend Motorcoach Resort
Labelle — 01/19-01/21/23**

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**2023 Naples Pickleball Center Championship, East Naples Community Park  
Naples — 02/03-02/05/23**

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**Valentines Weekend Classic Tournament, Sundial Beach Resort & Spa
Sanibel — 02/16-02/18/23**

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**Find a comprehensive list of tournaments, searchable by region, by visiting:**

[https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/pbt\\_main.pl](https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/pbt_main.pl)

# Pickleball Around the Web



The logo for Pickleball University (PBU) features the letters "PBU" in a large, bold, blue serif font. Below "PBU" is the text "PICKLEBALL UNIVERSITY" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is centered and flanked by horizontal lines above and below.

**Pickleball University** is an interesting website with a mission "to inspire and equip you with custom content, information and education in the pickleball world."

Here are some recent articles from Pickleball University to help you hone your skills and build a competitive edge.

## **5 Simple Tips to Hit a Perfect Pickleball Return of Serve**

<http://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/5-simple-tips-to-hit-a-perfect-pickleball-return-of-serve>

## **The Top 5 FASTEST Ways To Improve Your Pickleball Game - Tips & Tricks**

<http://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/the-top-5-fastest-ways-to-improve-your-pickleball-game-tips-amp-tricks>

## **Top Pickleball Tips to Stop Popping the Ball Up**

<http://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/top-pickleball-tips-to-stop-popping-the-ball-up>

Enjoying these articles?

For more, visit: <http://www.pickleballuniversity.com>

## 2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

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|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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### DIRECTORS

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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
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## Mission Statement

Peace River Picklers Pickleball club is a nonprofit organization established to cultivate the game of Pickleball through social play, competitive leagues and standardized, consistent educational programs for our members. These activities provide opportunities for players to realize their own potential in an environment that promotes socialization, fun & exercise.

# USA PICKLEBALL AREA AMBASSADORS

## THE ROLE OF AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are volunteers who have pledged to promote the sport of pickleball and the USA Pickleball in the local area that they represent. They are individuals or couples who work with the communities, clubs, and other various recreational facilities to guide and help build pickleball programs for all to enjoy. These Ambassadors work together as a teams within their Districts and across their Region to enhance the development of the USA Pickleball and pickleball. The main prerequisite is a love of the sport and the desire to share our game with others of all ages.

Below is a listing of current ambassadors within a 25 mile radius of Punta Gorda.

|                 |                    |                                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jorge Aguilar   | Venice, FL         | Ambassador: Venice; FL          |
| Colleen Blakley | N. Ft. Myers, FL   | Ambassador: Key West; FL        |
| Sue Carman      | Venice, FL         | Ambassador: Sarasota County; FL |
| Linda Coe       | Port Charlotte, FL | Ambassador: Port Charlotte; FL  |
| Dick Crossland  | Englewood, FL      | Ambassador: Englewood; FL       |
| Gloria Reilly   | Punta Gorda, FL    | Ambassador: Punta Gorda; FL     |
| Robert White    | Arcadia, FL        | Ambassador: North Port; FL      |
| Dave Pike       |                    | Ambassador: at Large            |

A complete and searchable list of USA Pickleball ambassadors and email addresses, can be found at:

[https://www.memberleap.com/members/directory/search\\_USAPA.php?ambassadors](https://www.memberleap.com/members/directory/search_USAPA.php?ambassadors)

Further information on USA Pickleball Ambassadors can be found at:



## PICKLER PLAYGROUNDS

### Englewood

|                          |                                          |              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Englewood Sports Complex | 1300 S. River Rd, Englewood, FL 34223    | 941-681-3742 |
| Ann & Chuck Dever Park   | 6961 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34223 |              |
| Tringali Park            | 3460 N. Access Rd, Englewood, FL 34223   |              |

### Port Charlotte

|                                  |                                                |              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Centennial Park Rec. Center      | 1120 Centennial Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33953 | 941-613-3230 |
| Harold Ave Reg. Park Rec. Center | 23400 Harold Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33980     | 941-627-1074 |
| McGuire Park                     | 21125 McGuire Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33952    | 941-681-3742 |
| Midway Park                      | 23023 Midway Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33952    | 941-625-7529 |
| Port Charlotte Beach Park        | 4500 Harbor Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33952     |              |
| William Gaines Veterans Park     | 20499 Edgewater Dr, Port Charlotte, FL 33952   |              |

### Punta Gorda

|                                       |                                              |              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bissett Park                          | 12455 Path Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950        | 941-681-3742 |
| Deep Creek Park                       | 25555 Sandhill Blvd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950   |              |
| Frank Ross Park                       | 19333 Quesada Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950     |              |
| Gilchrist Park                        | 400 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 |              |
| Harbour Heights Park                  | 27420 Voyageur Dr, Punta Gorda, FL 33950     |              |
| Pickleplex®@ FSW Campus               | 26300 Airport Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950      | 941-451-9923 |
| South County Regional Park Rec Center | 670 Cooper St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950         | 941-505-8686 |

### Rotonda

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Rotonda Community Park | 100 Rotonda Blvd, E Rotonda, FL 33947 | 941-681-3742 |
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# The Peace River Picklers Merchandise Store

**Have you visited the PRP online Store yet?**

Available through the [Peace River Picklers website](#)....



## FROM THE PEACE RIVER PICKLERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The purpose of the Peace River Picklers (PRP) is to promote the game of pickleball. This implies that sportsmanship, etiquette and generosity will be foremost in all PRP efforts. Pickleball can be competitive or it can be recreational. PRP will respect the wants and goals of all players, endeavoring to provide events, activities, and play to meet all members' needs.

### PEACE RIVER PICKLERS (PRP) CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will not act in a way that threatens my safety or the safety of others.
- I will refrain from verbal outbursts which are profane, threatening or abusive.
- I will refrain from acts or language which harasses or belittles a teammate or opponent, or which creates turmoil and/or dissension among players.
- I will respect the pickleball courts and property and perform no action which may cause damage.
- I will comply with posted court schedules.
- I will make fair line calls and respect calls made by others. I will consider the ball to be "in" if uncertain of the line call.
- I will behave in a manner consistent with this code and, as such, will be an ambassador for the sport of pickleball.

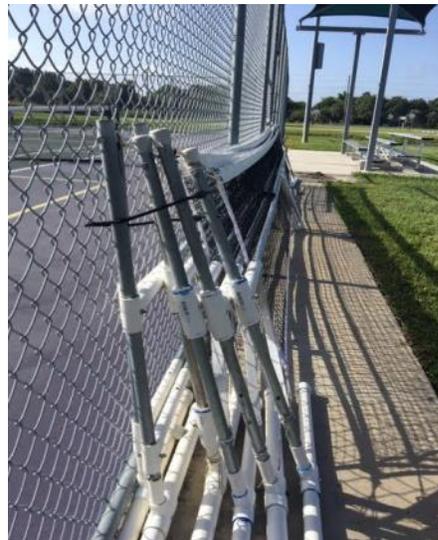


# Pickleball Nets

The pickleball nets at South County Regional Park are owned by Peace River Picklers, with repair and maintenance work coordinated by Doug Gammie of PRP.

It is in our collective best interest to properly maintain these nets to insure quality of play and keep replacement costs and repairs to a minimum. Members of PRP are asked to review the following suggestions from Deb Sarkisian and Bruce McPhee that will help to prolong the “life and health” of our nets.

1. Nets should be stored at the two opposite ends of the courts—the parking lot end and the Cooper Street end. Nets brought onto the court from one side should be returned to the same side.
2. Nets should be stacked together with the center bars facing out.
3. Nets stored on the parking lot end of the courts should be secured against the wooden barrier structure on that end. Nets stored at the opposite end of the courts should be secured against the chain link fence.
4. Bungee cords should be wrapped around the nets as tightly as possible to keep the nets upright.
5. Once nets are in place, wrap the cable lock to secure the nets against the barrier/fence. The pictures below show properly stored nets:



Should nets be found to be in need of repair, please contact Doug Gammie at [gammie72@msn.com](mailto:gammie72@msn.com) or 941-505-0893.

Combination for the net locks can be found at: <https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/net-code>

# PRP Leagues, Skills/Drills, & Advanced Clinics Refund Process Update

We would like our membership to know that the PRP Board has updated our Refund Policy to include:

Any/all refunds will ONLY be given to those who make a request no later than two weeks prior to the start of the event. After that, no refunds will be issued.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All of our events require a certain amount of players for the programs to function both physically and financially, thus the reason for this policy change!!

Setting up these events requires a great deal of work including:

- Court Rentals:
  - o Determine and pay for the number of courts required by event
  - o Work with South County Regional Park team to contract/rent the courts
- Leagues:
  - o Recruit enough volunteers to be League Leaders
  - o Define which Leagues to offer:
    - § Shootout
    - § Round Robin
    - § Ladder
- Skills/Drills, Advanced Clinics, & PB101:
  - o Recruit enough teachers to adhere to teacher/student ratios
  - o Recruit Skills/Drills Coordinators

Due to these events being driven by the number of members who sign up, it's a constant work in progress up until a few days before the events launch. Again, all of our events require a certain amount of players for the programs to function.

This doesn't get done easily. This process requires numerous volunteers working with PRP board to ensure all events are organized and ready to go when players arrive. Late/last minute requests are not acceptable.

I'm sure you can all understand the need for this change!

Thank you

Peace River Picklers Board



# PEACE RIVER PICKLERS

## South County Regional Park

### Pickleball Court Etiquette Guidelines

South County Pickleball Courts are considered "Open Play" when Leagues & Skills & Drills are not in session. Please adhere to the following Pickleball court etiquette guidelines so that we make open play fun for everyone:

During open play, players' play 4 to a court, play to a score of 11, team must win by 2 points.

There are three gates to enter & exit from the courts. Please be respectful and use the gate that is closest to the court you are going onto or leaving. This will alleviate disrupting another group's game.

Make sure you enter & exit the courts when you have all 4 players together.

**Move on/off the court quickly** so that you are not holding up another group's game.

**Close the gate after last person enters or exits!**

If you have to cross an active court to get onto a vacant court or to leave a court, wait until their current point is over. Ask the players for permission to cross their court.

If your ball goes into another court during play, please call out "ball" to notify the team so they can stop play. We do not want anyone to get hurt.

If you are standing around waiting to play, please be assertive and ask any player if you can join next game. Open play means everyone has an opportunity to play, but you own making that happen!