

Peace River Picklers



Well, a lot has happened in the last few weeks that we are excited to share with our PRP family.

On January 3rd, a new hard working Board was installed.



(From left to right)
David Brotzman
Susan Bell
Dave Pike
Pam Volk
Heather Washik
Lin Coe
John Hace

We rolled up our sleeves and asked ourselves, “What can we do to make a positive difference for our pickleball members?”.

Our biggest challenge is that the South County courts are unavailable due to the construction and the remaining County courts cannot be reserved due to hurricane related issues. This has prevented us from providing the robust learning and playing opportunities that our members have come to expect and enjoy.

So, the first thing we did was to make the following unanimous policy decision: **The Peace River Picklers will not be charging for renewing memberships (one year from your anniversary date) for any member in good standing on Dec 31, 2022. This policy will expire December 31, 2023.** We are working on a technical solution to this. If you were a member on Dec 31st, you can ignore any renewal notice. If you are one of the few

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who have already renewed since then, we will refund your membership dues.

Of course, some of you consider your \$20 membership fee as a way of “paying it forward” and supporting our club, even though you may no longer participate in our programs and activities. Our new policy won’t stop you from doing that and we welcome your continued support.

Our next challenge took a little more work. Since we’re still unable to reserve courts, we cannot guarantee that any of our events will have court space. And, until the County Parks and Recreation department changes their current no-reservations policy, we won’t know when the new dedicated courts will become available to us.

So, we collectively decided to offer **limited programing** at other venues throughout the County. While we cannot reserve those courts, we can still play on them! We want to respect the non-members who regularly play at these facilities, so we are limiting the number of courts we will use.

The next challenge was to decide the “What, When, and How”. Toward that end, we have come up with some limited program offerings that you will find on our website (peacriverpicklers.com). Look under the “Play” and “Learn” tabs at the top of the website.

And, by the way, because we don’t have to pay for court reservations there will be **no charge** for you to participate in our limited programs.

There will be a slight learning curve, as we have decided to use a phone app called TEAMREACH to manage each event. You will need to download the free TEAMREACH app and install it on your portable device in order to participate. Each of our play or drill/play sessions will have a GROUP NUMBER which you will enter in the “Group Code” field once you have installed the app. All of our group numbers will be posted on our website and if you need help, there will also be a TEAMREACH guide to

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assist you. If you are really technology challenged, contact any Board member and they would be happy to assist.

We are also planning some social activities that we think you will enjoy. You are encouraged to watch our Facebook page, as that is one of the quicker ways to communicate everything going on. If you're not a Facebook user, then you can access our newsletters on the Peace River Pickler's website.

This Board is excited and committed to our Pickleball family. There is excitement in the air! We can feel it. Can you?

Your PRP Team;

Dave Pike: President

David Brotzman: Vice President

Heather Washik: Treasurer

Pam Volk: Secretary

Susan Bell: Director-Social Committee

Lin Coe: Director-Education Committee

John Hace: Director-League Play