



The Pickle Vine

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AAU Outdoor Championships @ PicklePlex®	Jan 3-5
PicklePlex® Grand Opening Tournament	Jan 9-12
PRP Annual Members Meeting @ South County Rec	Jan 19
Suncoast Pickleball Camp	Jan 28-30
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PEACE RIVER PICKLERS

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Peace River Picklers, Inc. pickleball club is to promote pickleball through education, clinics, and competitive tournaments to residents of Charlotte County and surrounding areas as well as providing opportunities for competitive and social pickleball activities. Our overall theme is to encourage sportsmanship and camaraderie through fun and exercise.

Happy New Year to all PRP members!!!

The Pickle Vine staff, along with the PRP Board members wish everyone a healthy and pickleball fun-filled year!

Speaking of Board members, please read the article below which introduces you to the candidates running for PRP Board positions this month.

UPCOMING ANNUAL ELECTION...

Before we introduce our new Board candidates, we must give our heartfelt gratitude to those Board members stepping down. Lin Coe, Karen Farley and Kris Johannessen have served us so well. Each has worked diligently, giving so much of their time to make sure our Club meets the needs of our growing membership. Be sure to thank them when you see them on the courts! *Page two gives you a short "preview" of each new candidate's bio. PLEASE be sure to read their complete bios on the PRP website. You will be impressed with their qualifications and experience!*

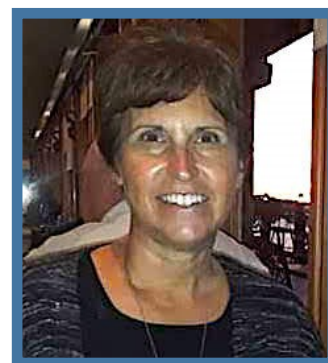
MEET YOUR CANDIDATES!



Jean McGee



Deb Sarkissian



Laurie Price

We welcome newsletter submissions, suggestions, comments.

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YOUR CANDIDATES



Meet Jean McGee:

Hailing from Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Jean became a full-time Punta Gorda resident in 2018. Her business background includes Finance, Project Management and Business Operations. Jean's PRP volunteer activities include tournaments and drills. **BUT**, there's more! *Read her full bio on our website!*

Meet Deb Sarkisian:

Having lived in Indiana her whole life, Deb retired to Punta Gorda as a full-time resident in 2013. Deb has extensive Project Management and Customer Service experience, as she was employed by Honeywell for 37 years. Deb's PRP volunteer activities include running the mentor/volunteer program and helping to preserve the Gilchrist courts. **BUT**, there's more! *Read her full bio on our website!*

Meet Laurie Price:

Laurie established herself as a full-time Punta Gorda resident when she retired in 2016. Laurie has experience as a legal secretary and in working in the banking, insurance and manufacturing industries. Laurie's PRP volunteer activities include tournaments and coaching. **BUT**, there's more! *Read her full bio on our website!*

All of our candidates share a love for pickleball and are eager to bring their passion for our sport, as well as their skills and experiences to the PRP community, helping to promote pickleball and keep our Club flourishing!

READ THEIR COMPLETE BIOS ON OUR WEBSITE!!!

BIG CHANGES FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF THE PICKLE VINE AND PRP INFORMATION

PRP's Website address: peaceriverpicklers.com

PRP's Facebook page: PEACE RIVER PICKLERS

PicklePlex® news is available on their website: pickleplex.org

PicklePlex® Facebook page: PicklePlex of Punta Gorda at FSW



Interested in being part of the Pickle Vine publication team???

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FALL SKILLS/DRILLS/LEAGUES PICS

Fun was had by all!!!



65+ League, Leaders: Curt Crosser, Jane Warren



Saturday Intermediate League, Leader: Mary Ann Gilroy



Monday Night Ladies 3.5 League, Leader: Brooke Minnich



"Up and Comers" Novice League, Leader: Sue Meyer



Monday night Ladies League, Leader: Gabby Thompson



Monday Night Drills, Coaches: Doug and Ginny MacDonald, Susan Barnhart, Karen Harrod

Our new January/February Leagues /Drills are all filled up and ready to start soon! Our website lists the leagues and instructional programs offered for January and February and we are so pleased that many new (and old) leaders have stepped up to the plate so that our Club has such a variety of programs available! Remember, the more volunteer leaders/coaches we get, the more programs that can be offered!



PRP/PICKLEPLEX® COMMUNITY PAGE



Pickleball Christmas

Twass the night before Christmas
And out on the courts
Were all types of people
In tennies and shorts

All of them beaming and shouting with joy
Happy as children with a new Christmas toy
Out of their bags, colorful paddles appeared
To the kitchen they scurried, lined up, and cheered

Let's dink it and drop it, let's volley and kill
The balls started bouncing as if without will
The sound from the paddles and balls as they rose
Moved all of the players to the tips of their toes

Cross court and forward, balls started to fly
When appeared an old player with a wink in his eye
Dressed in all red from his head to his toe
A smile on his face and a warm, cheery glow

0-0-2 he shouted as he served me the ball
He moved like the wind, barely saw him at all
Then all of a sudden, it was 11 to 0
As we lightly touched paddles, he said he must go

Before I asked where, he disappeared in a haze,
But I heard his farewell while still in my daze
"Keep playing and laughing and having your fun!
Merry Pickleball to all, my work here is done!"

PRP and PicklePlex® Host FSW Collegiate High School Honor Society for Fundraiser!

High School students from the Honor Society of FSW Collegiate High School held a holiday fundraiser for pickleball players under the lights at PicklePlex® on December 14.

Under the generous guidance of Honor Society Advisor, Michael Mitchell and a helpful hand or two from PicklePlex's Gloria Reilly, a fun poker-run format tournament was enjoyed by all, half of whom were students from the School.

Honor Society's president, Allison Bordner, led the effort to get players organized, registered, and familiar with the format. Other students helped to record scores at the end of each round to determine winners of a variety of prizes.

Their fundraising charity is *Soldier's Angels*, as described by Mr. Mitchell "a wonderful organization that helps deployed military. We formed two teams for two airmen (women) who are presently deployed. Soldier's Angels provides a list and we pick from them. Because our membership is mostly girls, we chose to adopt women. Allison has done in-depth research as to their needs and what is allowed to be shipped." The students began writing weekly letters and sent care packages monthly with towels, snacks, hygiene items, gum and candy, etc. At the tournament, the students invited pickleball participants to also write letters and those were included in the most recent packages. It was a nice reminder of the purpose of the tournament and a way to give thanks to these soldiers who are away from their family and friends during the holidays.



Big thanks to the Honor Society, Mr. Mitchell, Gloria Reilly, and all the tournament players! A great time was had by all!!



Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!

PRP Recent Tournament Winners!

PicklePlex® Haunted Halloween

Men's Doubles:

3.0 60+

GOLD: Rick Chambers/John LaFeld

SILVER: Mac Meyer/Doug MacDonald

3.5 60+

GOLD: Fred Graham/Gary Seward

SILVER: John Hace

4.0 (under 60)

SILVER: Gary Wilson

BRONZE: Bruce McPhee/Jon Ralph

4.0 60+

Pete Reilly/Greg Woodsum

4.5 (under 60)

GOLD: Ricky Deller/Drew Hurley

SILVER: Jeff Houhoulis



Women's Doubles:

3.0 (50+, 55+)

SILVER: Jeri Butler/Suzanne Smith

3.0 60+

SILVER: Debbie Dix

BRONZE: Renee Jackson/Karen Kelleher

3.0 60+

GOLD: Sue Meyer/Ginny MacDonald

BRONZE: Mary Olsen./Susan Sitzberger

4.0 60+

SILVER: Ritzy Hodges/Melissa Eichmeyer Shaffer

Mixed Doubles:

3.0 (under 60)

SILVER: Dennis Frank/Suzanne Smith

3.0 60+

GOLD: Beth Ferns/Larry Ferns

BRONZE: Sharon Chambers/Rick Chambers

3.5 55+

BRONZE: Jon Ralph/Paula Rockwell

3.5 65+

SILVER: Cindy Morrell/Dick Morrell

4.0 (35+,50+,55+)

BRONZE: Mac Moody/Bruce McPhee

4.0 60+

SILVER: Andy Gutierrez/Ritzy Hodges



Lucy Kitcher PicklePlex® Gamma Championships

Men's Singles: 4.0, 60+

BRONZE: Coach Andy Gutierrez

Women's Doubles: 3.0 35+

GOLD: Jeri Butler, Suzanne Smith

Mixed Doubles: 3.5, 50+

SILVER: Jon Ralph, Paula Rockwell

Men's Doubles: 4.0,19+,35+,50+

SILVER: Bruce McPhee, Jon Ralph

Women's Doubles: 3.5, 65+

GOLD: Cindy Morrell, Gloria Reilly

Mixed Doubles: 4.0. 60+

BRONZE: Lin Coe

Men's Doubles: 4.0, 55+

BRONZE: Coach Andy Gutierrez

BRONZE: Julie David, Bonnie Stade

Mixed Doubles: 4.0,4.5, 35+

BRONZE: Bruce McPhee, Mac Moody



VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS...

Our third and fourth volunteer/mentoring sessions took place in November and December. These continue to be popular events with both our volunteer players and mentor players. Be sure to volunteer to get a chance to be coached by our higher level players!



a Heartfelt 
THANK YOU
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

On Thursday, December 19th, a group of PRP members met to play a few games with "Ricky's kids" at the Cooper Street courts. As most of us know, Ricky Deller works with teens from the Compass Center in Punta Gorda. Thanks to the efforts of Laurel Phillips, Ricky, and some generous PRP members, these teens were treated to some "stuffed" stockings filled with goodies to brighten their Holiday.



PRP SOCIAL NEWS



Dancing the night away...

Another fabulous Holiday Gala was held on Sunday, December 15th at Twin Isles Country Club. A delicious meal and awesome entertainment provided by TAT2 contributed to a festive evening of socializing and dancing.

Something new this year was the addition of a prize table where some lucky guests (not yours truly) had their choice of some fabulous give-aways! Restaurant gift certificates included Rum Runners, Carmelo's, Bianca's and Beef 'O' Brady's. Much sought after free lessons from Coach Andy and Ricky Deller were also up for grabs. Stone Crab tickets, a paddle from YourPickleballPlace, garden art from Kathy Ashen and Jessica Poe, as well as contributions from South County Rec Park and PRP topped off the prize table. Special thanks to Donna DeNardo for her beautiful packaging of these prize baskets!

The highlight of the evening goes to our very own Pete Reilly, Coach Andy, Joe Coffey and Guy Moscarello as they performed a "Doo Wop" rendition of "Sherry Baby" by the Four Seasons. Tat2 leader, Vito Aneruoso, felt it was the best volunteer performance he'd ever had!

Our thanks go out to the amazing organizers of this rocking event, Susan McKittrick and Frances Gammie!





Miscellaneous Announcements



Serving Reminders!

Submitted by Paige Parker

Remember, it is the receiving team's responsibility to call the serve in or out. Also, servers, remember to call the score loudly enough for your opponents to hear! **EVERY TIME!**



What did the pickle say to his Valentine?

You mean a great dill to me!

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Still having problems receiving PRP email BLASTS??? Below are email addresses to **add to your email contact list** which might (hopefully) eliminate the problem. Also, be sure to check your SPAM folder or adjust your e-mail settings if needed.

peacriverpicklers@pb04.ascendbywix.com

peacriverpicklers@pb04.wixshoutout.com

peacriverpicklers@gmail.com

Picklers Playgrounds

In Punta Gorda:

PicklePlex® FSW Campus , 26300 Airport Road

Gilchrist Park, West Retta Esplanade

South County Rec Center, 670 Cooper Street

In Port Charlotte:

Harold Avenue Rec Center, 23400 Harold Avenue

In Englewood:

Tringali Sports Center, 3460 N. Access Road

Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S River Road



PRP now has a Facebook page thanks to administrator Leo Millward. If you have difficulty receiving email blasts, consider joining as our Facebook page will keep you updated on current club news.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/881124178732695/>

Or while in Facebook, search for "Peace River Picklers"

Upcoming PicklePlex® Events



2020 AAU Outdoor National Championships

2020 National Outdoor Pickleball Championships

Jan. 3-5, 2020

PicklePlex, Punta Gorda, FL

Men's Women's Jr.s Pros



Suncoast Pickleball Presents
A Special Pickleball Camp at the
PicklePlex in Punta Gorda, FL

Featuring Top ITPA Pros

John Sperling



US Open Gold Medalist
Instructor at Ocala Country Club, Grand Oaks Resort, Engage Pickleball and Lead Pro at ATP-Pickleball

Scott Tingley



US Open Silver and Bronze Medalist
US Open Academy Instructor
Pickleball Lead Pro at Esplanade Golf & Country Club

David Duncan



US Open Silver and Bronze Medalist
Pickleball Instructor at ATP-Pickleball

Barry Waddell



US Open Gold and Silver Medalist
Texas Open Gold Medalist
Head Pickleball Pro at Pickleball & Tennis US

You don't want to miss this great opportunity to Train, Play, and Drill with some of the World's Best Pickleball Pros and Instructors

Camp Includes 6 hours of critique and instruction each day with the Pros (18 total) along with 2 hours of play, plus lunch daily and a Camp Dry-fit shirt

WHERE: PicklePlex in Punta Gorda, FL

TIMES: Tuesday to Thursday, January 28 – 30, 2020

LIMITED: To first 32 players who register.

ITPA Certified instruction guidelines with 1:8 Instructor to Student Ratio.
Ability Levels – 3.0 level and up. Players grouped in their ability level.

COST: Only \$589 per player

REGISTER: Go to www.suncoastpickleball.com/punta-gorda-pickleball-camp.html

Deadline to register is Wednesday, 1/1/20 - Sign ups go quickly, so register today!

For More Information on this Fantastic Training Opportunity Contact:

Coach Russell at (813) 298-2022 - Email: coachrusselle@gmail.com

Norman Weathersby at (865) 300-9691 - Email: nweathersby@gmail.com



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FEATURING:

LEVELUP
PICKLEBALL CAMPS



Wayne and Lisa Dollard - Publishers of Pickleball Magazine / US Open and USAPA Nationals Mixed Gold Medalists—at PicklePlex®

January 14-15, 2020: This camp is for beginner players Levels 2.0 to 2.9

January 17-19, 2020 This camp is for intermediate players Levels 3.0 to 4.5 (SOLD OUT)

TYSON MCGUFFIN at PicklePlex®

February 18-20, 2020—for intermediate players - Levels 3.0 to 4.5 (SOLD OUT)

Feb. 21-23, 2020 | - for advanced players level 4.0—4.9



Grand Opening Tournament

January 9– 12, 2020

26300 Airport Road

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Registration Fee: \$40, plus \$10 for each event

Thursday Over 60 Mixed Doubles

Friday Over 60 Men and Women's Doubles

Saturday Mixed Doubles (All Ages)

Sunday Men and Women's Doubles (All Ages)

LEVELS 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0

Age Divisions: 12-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 plus

- ***Ages and levels may be combined if less than 4 teams***
 - Round Robin Format

Deadline: January 5, 2020

Must register by December 27, 2019 to receive a dry fit tournament shirt.

Ball: Dura Fast 40

Go to Pickleballtournaments.com to register.