



The Pickler News

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MEET OUR MEMBERS...

This new feature article will be a regular in our monthly newsletter. Your editors will invite chosen individuals to write a short bio, introducing themselves to you and allowing all of us to get to know them better. We thought it fitting to start with one of PRP's certified teaching professionals. Kris Johannessen, an IPTPA Level II Certified Teaching Professional, kindly accepted our invitation. Kris held his first PRP instructional clinic in June for 3.0 and 3.5 players and the feedback was very positive. Watch for his future clinics in the Fall. Kris is also available for individual and/or group instruction by contacting him at: krisjohannesen@gmail.com Thanks for your input, Kris!!

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.



Calendar

- Tues/Thurs Open Play 8:30am Outside Cooper Thru Summer
- Sunday 6pm Social Outside Cooper Thru Summer
- Summer Beach Bash Party, Port Charlotte Beach Complex, 4 pm July 27th
- PRP Newsletter Naming Contest ends Aug 15
- PRP Christmas Party Dec 16th

Pickler's Playgrounds

In Punta Gorda:
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 Rd

Introducing Kris Johannessen

My wife and I moved to Punta Gorda in 2015 after a statewide search for a place with good schools and some pasture land for our llama (more on that later!). As we were riding our "free bikes" borrowed from Laishley Marina and cruising the path along the Harbor, we came to Gilchrist Park. When we came to the tennis courts I took a picture of the funny sign restricting play to PICKLEBALL ONLY?!

I had never seen the sport played but heard about it from my 12-year-old daughter who struggled to explain this "paddle tennis" game they were playing in gym up in New England. With the intrigue of a new sport to learn, we settled into Punta Gorda and shortly thereafter I showed up with my

Walmart wooden paddle and met the locals hanging out under the trees in the warm tropical air! Some of them were wearing the old yellow Peace River Picklers' t-shirts. I have been hooked ever since!

As far as teaching pickleball goes, I am the new guy on the block. It occurred to me there are players out there who simply need a few pointers identified to them and they are able to improve their game significantly! All I'm doing is passing on knowledge gained from a lot of time on a lot of racquet/paddle courts, as well as being fortunate to play with some of the top-notch players who gather at Gilchrist. Nothing is more rewarding than



hearing a player tell me they tried what I suggested and it worked!

Oh...so the llama story...yes, when we lived in Colorado during my Air Force career we purchased two llamas to hike with in the beautiful Rocky Mountain air...no one told me they live for twenty years! So when we moved on to TN, and then CT and now Florida we took them with us. They were our true companions and provided much entertainment over the years...and yes they make an interesting story to tell when new friends ask about our past!



Social News...

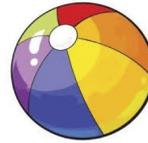
By Susan Mckittrick



Our Social Committee has a great Summer Beach Bash planned for those Picklebirds who have not flown North! Make sure to put this date on your calendar and RSVP by July 17! A pleasant evening of food and games is planned with your Pickler friends!



Summer Beach Bash!



Join fellow Peace River Picklers members

Port Charlotte Beach Complex
(under the picnic shelter)

Friday, July 27
4:00p - sunset

\$10/person includes BBQ & fixin's
(non-alcoholic beverages provided)

- Pickleball
- Volleyball
- Horseshoes
- Bocce
- Beach Games & F-U-N



Bring your spare change & donate to PRP's court at the PicklePlex!

RSVP by July 17th to: PRPsocialcoordinator@gmail.com
Make check payable to Peace River Picklers and mail to:
3941 Tamiami Trail #3157, PMB 325, Punta Gorda, FL 33950



Cooper St. Social Play- all levels!
Organized by Karen Farley... eve-ry Tues. and Thurs. morning throughout the summer...8:30 am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Peace River Picklers' Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 16, 2018.

Featuring the band Tatz 2

More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.



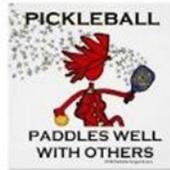


League Happenings...



Gilchrist's 3rd Annual Summer League is Underway

Submitted by
Dave Fox



The summer League at Gilchrist Park is alive and well and growing every year. This year's numbers grew from 40 participants last year to 56 participants this year, 2018. In fact, several people were on the waiting list in case of dropouts. This is a 6 week league starting on the Memorial Day week and ending the Sunday after the 4th of July. The unique part of this league is that all levels can play

and be competitive within their own grouping and all players from retirees in the morning to players who still work can play in this league. The scheduled play is very flexible whether it be in the morning, evening, or on the weekend. The only day that is not flexible is the Sunday after the 4th of July. On that day, called Playoff Sunday, all teams play at the same time. After play is over, the League throws a picnic for players and families. The League consists of 4 teams with 14 players per team. Two weeks before the season starts, the 4 captains draft their teams. The excitement among all the players and the cheering from the fans rooting their team to win, makes it all worthwhile.

In addition, throughout the season, we try to have write-ups on Facebook [*Facebook: Pickleball of Punta Gorda*] for most of the games being played. It's a lot of fun for all. Maybe next year, we will have more teams in the League.



PRP Leagues, Drills and Clinics

Submitted by Lin Coe

The 2018-2019 PRP schedules for leagues, drills and clinics will be announced in the September newsletter and on the PRP website. We are looking at a few changes in how leagues, drills and clinics will be structured for the upcoming season.

Drills and clinics have been a popular venue for members in improving their game. As such, we are working together with local Certified Teachers to organize future sessions. Additionally, our goal is to provide programs and designated court time to allow you to practice the skills you learn in a clinic or class.

For leagues, it would be helpful to receive feedback from members on what you might be looking for in league play. Thus, we have set up a short survey to help with this effort. *Please first read the description of different leagues on the next page. Then, go to the link at the end of that page for a short survey!* We strive to improve programs that will meet the demands of our members and the fastest growing sport, and we believe this survey will help in this endeavor.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LEAGUE SURVEY



(Read before clicking on survey link)

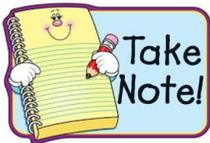
By Bruce McPhee

We are interested in providing appropriate League formats for our members and are attempting to understand the needs and desires of our community prior to setting up a 2018-2019 League Schedule (Sept—May). We are considering the use of different formats for Leagues and would like to better understand how much participation we could expect or plan for. We would like to consider three formats that are described as follows:

SHOOT-OUT—Four players per court. Each player will team with others at similar skill levels over three games, played to 12 points, win by one. The two players with the most points would move “up” a court for the next match, the two players with the least points would move “down”. For example if you are playing on court 3, the two players with the most points move to court 2; the players with the least points would move to court 4. Two matches per play day. The initial grouping would be on identified skill levels (highest on Court 1; lowest on Court 8). Scoring in this format is similar to how the Leagues have been scored recently. The administrator, based on who indicated they would be playing, would keep points in that order to set the initial matches. Subs would be allowed. No shows (not notifying anyone that you would not be playing) would be subject to removal from the League.

TEAM PLAY—A minimum of 4 teams would be established with a “Captain” identified for each. Each team would have multiple groups of 2, based on skill level. These groups would then play other groups at the same level in the other teams. Best 2 of 3 games, with the winning group getting a point for their team. Each winning team would get an additional team bonus point for having more groups winning than their opposing team. Scoring would be to 11, win by 2. The third game may not be required (e.g., a group could win 2 games to none). Players could enter the League with a partner or would get paired with another. Groups would be by player rating (i.e., would attempt to have the groups across teams be equivalent in skill level). Subs would be allowed from a lower grouping on the same team, no shows would penalize the team by a point (e.g., the match would be forfeited and the team with the no-show would lose a team point and be ineligible for the team bonus that week).

NON-COMPETITIVE—No overall scoring would be kept as well as no team scoring. Teams could change depending on player desires. No attempt to match up skill level. This is basically dedicating the court time to a group of people, but limiting the maximum number to minimize any wait times in between games.



Now that you know the differences, please click on the link to complete the survey—>>>

Survey link-

<https://goo.gl/forms/5ich6fw6ZCg7q9EN2>

If you are wondering, “Why drill?” Or “Why do we dink so much in drills?”

Recall this quote:

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.”

—Aristotle



PICKLEPLEX NEWS...

from Sue Carman



A Poker Run fundraiser for Pickleplex was held on June 9 for PRP members. Players met at three different court locations and at the end of their match they drew a card, then moved to another location. At the end of the day, they would collect 6 cards, best poker hand wins. The more matches you won, the more cards you could draw/discard for the best hand.

A picnic was enjoyed at the end of the matches at Creekside RV Resort, also one of the play locations. Great food, great company and a pool to boot was enjoyed by all. The event was a great success, with 95 players participating! Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this such an exciting and fun event! The list of winners can be found at the website, as well as a wonderful write-up from the local paper. <https://www.pickleplex.org/>

If you missed this fundraising event, look for another Poker Run in October!

KIDS



OTHER NEWS: With Pickleball being the nation's fastest growing sport, PicklePlex is committed to educating youth about the sport. It is not a game for seniors only!

Gloria and Pete Reilly, along with **Ricky Ricardo Dellar** are supervising Pickleball Youth Training sessions this summer for students in the County's summer camp program. On Mondays, volunteers from Peace River Picklers Club are teaching Middle School students at South County Rec Center. On Thursdays, students between the ages of 7-12 are receiving instruction at The Boys and Girls Club on Mary Street, Punta Gorda. Equipment is being supplied by PRP. Many of the students are excited about learning this game with the strange name and can be heard leaving the courts saying, "That was fun!"

We would like to congratulate the PicklePlex Team on their continued efforts in fundraising for this incredible project. We all appreciate and will benefit from your work! It takes a village, as they say, but in this case, it takes a huge and persistent village!! Keep on keepin' on!

REMINDER!!! CONTEST CONTINUES

TO NAME THE NEWSLETTER!!

**NOTE! DEADLINE
DATE CHANGED**

Last month we challenged the membership to name this newsletter with a fun/catchy/appropriate name. While we have received several great entries, we still encourage all members to e-mail their suggestions for a chance to win. [Winner gets to select a one-hour lesson with one of our three certified teachers — Scott Tingley, Kris Johanessen, or Andy Gutierrez.] Enter by sending an e-mail to one of your editors (addresses below) and we will announce the WINNER in the September issues of the newsletter. We moved the deadline for submission to **August 15** so that we can collect all entries, discuss, and select the winner and add it to the September news.

Send your entries by August 15

to either of your newsletter

writers/editors:

Ginny MacDonald: macdonald24520@gmail.com Or

Sue Meyer: suemeyer@umich.edu

Attention Snowbirds!!!!

We would love to post some pics of you playing with your family and friends up North! Our August newsletter is a perfect time, as we are expecting a slow news month. So, get those cameras (cell phones) out and start clicking away! Send them to either editors' email address.



Recommended on-line resources

<https://www.peacriverpicklers.com>

Home of the Peace River Picklers

<https://www.pickleplex.org>

Home of the PicklePlex of Florida SouthWestern
State College

<https://www.pickleballchannel.com>

Great instructional videos, live feed during tournaments, past matches

<https://www.usapa.org>

National organization of Pickleball. Great videos, places to play,
tournaments, many links to other great sites.

<https://www.ilovepickleball1>

Scott Tingley's web site

<http://www.coachandyg.com/>

Andy Gutierrez's web site

<https://www.sarahansboury.com>

Sarah's personal site with great information on classes, rules,
fundamentals, recorded matches, lots of tips

<https://www.thirdshotsports.com>

Great website full of instructional videos, news, tips

And on Facebook, check out these great resources.....

Peace River Picklers

PicklePlex of Punta Gorda

USAPA Pickleball

Scott Tingley

Andy Gutierrez

Pickleball Forum

Sarah Ansboury

3rd Shot Sports

NOTE: Nearly every pro player has a web site or Facebook page with all kinds of information, instruction, video tips, videos of their matches. This is just a small sample. You can spend days browsing. LOL



ASK THE REF RULES PLEASE!

QUESTION: Our opponent was serving to my partner. My partner was standing behind the baseline. The service ball struck my partner's foot before it hit the court. Again, her foot was beyond the baseline (i.e., out of bounds.). Our opponent said they won the point. We contended it wasn't a good serve, so she lost her serve. What is the right call?

FROM THE REF:

The short answer is: the serving team earns a point. Frankly, it doesn't matter if your partner was struck by the served ball in the head while standing 10 feet behind the baseline. A ball is not "out" until it touches the court outside of the court. Let's look at the [Rule Book](#) to understand the applicable rules.

Let's begin by considering pickleball rule 8.B:

A ball is not declared dead until it has bounced twice or has violated one of the fault rules (See Section 7).

Section 7 defines the Fault Rules. Among them is 7.B which states it is a fault if one hits a ball out-of-bounds. 7.F goes on to stipulate:

The ball in play strikes a player or anything the player is wearing or carrying... If the ball strikes a player standing out-of-bounds before a fault has occurred, that player loses the rally. In doubles, if the serve strikes the receiver's partner, it is a point for the serving team, providing it is not a let serve or a fault serve. This rule also includes balls that appear to be hit out-of-bounds: during play, if you catch the ball or try to stop it from heading out-of-bounds, you lose the rally.

In support of the above are the rules related to Interference which are spelled out in Section 4.C.2:

Interference. If the serve clears the net and the receiver or the receiver's partner interferes with the flight of the ball on the serve, it is a point for the serving team.

Pickleball Rules: Like every rule book, it is helpful to read the book in its entirety and then go back and compile the applicable rules for a clear understanding.