

The Pickler News

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MEET OUR MEMBERS...

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 , S. County Rec, Outdoor Courts	Thru Summer
Sunday 6pm Social, S. County Rec, Outdoor Courts	Thru Summer
PRP Newsletter Naming Contest ends	Aug 15
Pizza & Pickleball S. County Rec, Outdoor Courts (see page 3)	Aug 17 5-9 pm
Celebration of Life Tom Stewart (see p. 2)	Wed 9/5 5-8 pm
Beginners' Class, South County Rec, Indoor courts	Thur 9/6 11- 12:45
Intracoastal Cleanup Day (See page 3)	Sept 15

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

We are proud to feature our Club's pro pickleball player, Scott Tingley. Scott has been a long-time member of our Club and makes us proud in every tournament he plays. At the U.S. Open this year, he won the Silver in the Men's Doubles 40+ category. In 2016, he won Silver in the 5.0 45+ singles and was also a Bronze winner in the 5.0 40+ men's doubles. He has offered countless lessons to our Club members and others and is available by contacting him on his website:

<https://www.ilovetoplaypickleball.com/about-scott>

Introducing SCOTT TINGLEY

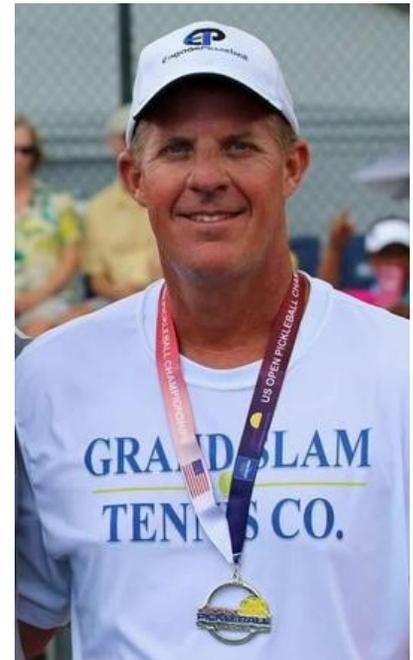
Scott Tingley was born in 1971 in Clearwater, Florida where he began his love for tennis at the tender age of 10. Playing with players from all over the country, he ranked for the first time nationally at the age of 14. With an outstanding background in tennis as a player and instructor, Scott brought and continues to bring both his passion and his expertise to the court, helping players to achieve their goals!

As time passed, the racquets got a bit dusty and one of Scott's former employees kept asking him to try pickleball. Scott kept making excuses. The employee knew Jeff Houhoulis from fishing and finally in 2012 they drove together to South County Rec Center and learned the game, becoming immediately hooked.

Scott's passion for the sport grew so quickly that before long he was investing as many as 15+ hours per week and loving every second of it. He was quickly playing with players that were national champions.

In Scott's very first tournament, he placed 4th playing at a 4.0 level with only 9 months experience under his belt. Of course this only fueled his fire and since then he has played in numerous tournaments, winning many medals.

Scott has been working as a private Pickleball coach in the Punta Gorda area



and has participated in group clinics all over the U.S.

He is not only one of our IPTPA certified instructors, but has also earned the privilege of serving IPTPA to certify other instructors as well. You can see the passion he has for the sport in how he assists students of all ages, as well as instructors in sharpening their own abilities to achieve their goals. And we are lucky to have him right here in our own back yard!!

When we asked Scott to tell us something not everyone knows about him he shares that he once owned a parasail business with his wife of 26 years and she was the Captain of the boat!



PEOPLE WATCH...



TRAVELING PRP MEMBERS EARN MEDALS



Donna and Gary Wilson earn gold medals at Stone Harbor, New Jersey Tournament!



Jean Standifer and Lin Coe take gold at Pioneer Park Tournament in Prescott, Az.



CONGRATULATIONS on Gold Medaling in your tournaments!!!

Attention All PRP Members!!!!

We would love to post pics of you playing in various tournaments this Summer. We have already seen some great results! Don't be shy, get those cameras/cell phones out and share with us!! Send them to either editors' email address.



SUCCESSFUL SUMMER CLINIC

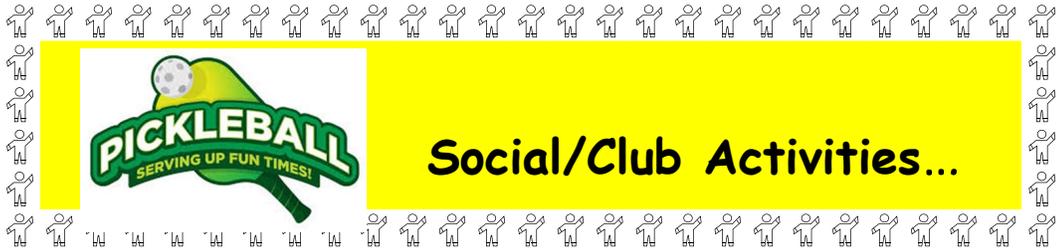
All participants in Summer Clinics run by Kris Johanssen at the outdoor courts at South County Rec Center agree that the learning experience was a positive one. The emphasis was on net play, where players worked on drills to improve dinking and volleying skills. As we all know, this is where the game is won! Thank you, Kris!



PUNTA GORDA PICKLEBALL PLAYER RECOGNIZED

A big shout-out from PRP friends to **Ricky Ricardo Dellar** for the recent write-up in the *Charlotte Sun* on his work with at-risk-youth. Ricky was recognized for his positive influence on kids with behavioral problems. Through the sport of pickleball, Ricky has managed to touch the lives of these kids both on and off the court. As many PRP players know, Ricky's loving spirit and welcoming nature are qualities both children and adults are drawn to. Keep up the great work, Ricky, inspiring and building confidence in these special youngsters!





Social/Club Activities...



Our Social Committee, headed up by Susan McKittrick, has another summertime fun event planned! So, come out and enjoy pizza and pickleball with your PRP friends! Don't forget to RSVP!

Peace River Picklers, Inc presents ...



Pizza!



Pickle!

We're having a pizza party with a little pickleball!!

Where: South County Recreational Park
670 Cooper St (outdoor courts)

When: Friday, August 17, 5-9pm

We'll provide the pizza & sodas-
You bring a chair & come ready to play

RSVP by Aug 14: prpsocialcoordinator@gmail.com



**HOLD THE DATE!!!
September 15**

**—Intracoastal Clean-up
Day—**

Submitted by Gloria Reilly



The Peace River Picklers will participate in this event as a community service project. Our clean-up area is from the courts at Gilchrist on the southwest side to the Hotel at the end of Gilchrist on the northeast. We will gather together early and will work in groups to clean the park and area along the Peace River. Snacks will be provided to participants and a free t-shirt will be given to those who sign-up early (date and sign-up yet to be determined). Watch for details in the next issue of the newsletter. This is a great project that gives back to the community on behalf of the Club.

REMINDER:

Cooper St. social play continues— all levels!
Organized by Karen Farley... every Tues. and
Thurs. morning throughout the summer...8:30
am till ???

A Florida Celebration of Life for PRP Member **Tom Stewart**

Wednesday, September 5th , 5 pm—8 pm

Fountain Court Condominium Clubhouse

255 West End Drive, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Refreshments and light drinks will be provided. BYOB if you prefer.

“Tom loved a good party, so please bring stories to share.”

—Mary Stewart



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Sunday, December 16, 2018.

Peace River Picklers' Christmas Party!
Twin Isles Country Club, Punta Gorda

Featuring the band TAT2

More details to follow in upcoming
newsletters.



League/Drills/Instruction...



Gilchrist's 3rd Annual Summer League

The 3rd annual Gilchrist Summer League came to an end on Sunday, July 7th, where teams played in the final championship games. The four teams: the Big Guns, Ninjas, Backhanders, and Blues Brothers battled it out with The Big Guns taking the overall championship title. Participants from ages 20-70 played in this popular summer league. As the sport of pickleball grows, more and more players are interested in playing in this seasonal league. It is hopeful that it can be played next year at The PicklePlex Complex underway at Florida South Western College. Thanks again to **Dave Fox** for the time and effort he puts into making this summer league so enjoyable for Punta Gorda players. And congratulations to the players!!



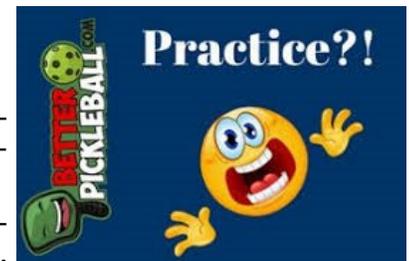
Upcoming PRP Drills

Submitted by Lin Coe



Outdoor drills will take place at South County Recreational Center, on Cooper Street in Punta Gorda, starting the week of September 10th. Get ready to come out and work on your game!

Monday evenings will be reserved for mixed drills and Wednesday mornings, ladies only drills. Look for more details, times, and sign-up information in the September Newsletter.



Beginner Pickleball Instruction

Coming up in September!!!

Submitted by Frances Gammie



Have any friends wanting to learn to play pickleball? Instructional classes for beginners will be on Thursdays, starting September 6, from 11:00-12:45 p.m. at South County indoor courts. Call 941-505-8686 to reserve your place, pre-registration is required.

Paddle rental = \$1.00; Gym fee = \$3.00. **The class is free.**

The PRP volunteer instructors and league coordinators would like to thank you for all your support and enthusiasm in your participations in PRP programs!!



ONLINE SURVEY — PRELIMINARY RESULTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! As of press time, we have received only 36 responses to our on-line survey to help us to better plan future leagues. We would obviously like to hear from more of you so we are leaving the survey open for a few more weeks.

So far, the Shootout format on weekday mornings is the most popular choice, followed by Team Play on weekday mornings. There is also some interest in evening play. Results are showing that there is interest in a women's league, more so than just a men's league. A mixed league was requested by the most people. We also have interest in some indoor play, although outdoor was indicated by twice as many people, but most having no preference. People are interested in September through June, with some indicating they would like to see some play over the Summer as well.

At this point in time, we are looking at having the following leagues: outdoor league for over 70 in the shootout format; a Saturday morning shootout format for all ages; and a Monday morning shootout format for all ages. These would be starting in mid-September and running for 6 weeks. We are also looking at a Novice league that would be indoors on Thursday morning, and an Intermediate league on Friday mornings. ***Stay tuned for more information as we collect more data and plans are made accordingly. BUT PLEASE... if you have not done so already, read the various proposed formats below, then click on the link below and complete the very short survey.***

An e-mail will be sent out with specifics on what is coming up and how to signup.

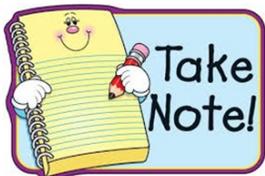
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Again, 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>

CONTEST TO NAME THE NEWSLETTER

NEARS ENTRY DEADLINE!!



Last chance to participate in our contest to name the Newsletter!!! You still have until **August 15** to submit your entry! 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 Johannessen, or Andy Gutierrez.] Enter by sending an e-mail to one of your editors and we will announce the WINNER in the September issues of the newsletter.

Ginny MacDonald: macdonald24520@gmail.com

Or Sue Meyer: suemeyer@umich.edu

**LAST CHANCE TO
ENTER!!!**



Each month we will attempt to feature little tidbits from various sources and members. Your suggestions are welcome!

COURTESY PLEASE!

Please do not walk behind players during their play to get to your court. Please wait until their point ends.

Also, do not walk onto another court or behind the players to retrieve your ball. If the ball is causing a safety risk, call out “ball on court” to bring it to their attention and wait for the ball to be passed to you.

If a ball rolls onto your court and the play is stopped, please do not kick the ball back to the other court or hit the ball carelessly. Courtesy rules! Try to pick the ball up, look for a hand up indicating it is their ball, and toss it in the air or hit the ball in the air to the player.

Same is true when sending the ball back to your opponent to serve. Take time to hit the ball to them so as to not further delay the next serve.

SAFETY (again). Refrain from “pedaling” backwards for a ball, especially a lob. This has resulted in so many falls/injuries.

If you have a play tip, a safety suggestion, a courtesy reminder, feel free to send it to us.

RIDDLES IN PICKLEBALL

When in doubt, call it out

When in doubt, it didn't go out

Stay for dinner, don't go for the winner

Shoulder high, let it fly

Down the middle, play em like a fiddle

Hit it high, then you die

Linda Ronstadt: Blew by You

Hit it to Tammy, but not a slammy

Respect the Net

Stinka dinka

OUTstanding (when they hit it out). Only recommended with friends.

In between splits the team

Shake & Bake

Set em up; knock em down

Tow (or Toe) the Line

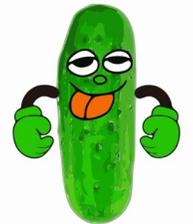
Shot between the legs: a tweener

Serve and stay, receive and run

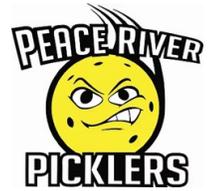
I am going to send you a thank you card

No ball is worth a fall

Around the post gets praise from most



(Suggestions made by members of Facebook's Pickleball Forum)



PICKLEPLEX NEWS...

from Sue Carman



Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Tournament

AAU will be holding their outdoor **National Tournament** in Punta Gorda at Charlotte High School, with PicklePlex assisting them. The dates will be November 27– December 2 and sign-up will be posted on pickleballtournaments.com in August. Next year, AAU will hold the same National Tournament at PicklePlex.



SAVE THE DATE!!! Having received many requests, PicklePlex will be running another **Poker Run** in the Fall. The date is **November 10, 2018**, with details being shared in the September issue of the newsletter. Sign up early, as this event will fill up quickly!!!



.....EXCITING NEWS...

PicklePlex continues to move forward. Due to some unforeseen delays, we have gone back to our contractors to either confirm or update their construction proposals.

To be conservative with our timeline, we are projecting October, 2018, as our start date for construction. We anticipate that courts will be available for play within 90 days after the first shovel moves dirt!

Recently we learned, while attending the US Open, that laser technology is becoming available for Pickleball that would electronically make “line calls”. We have decided that we should provide for the use of this technology at some point in the future and will be pre-wiring our new courts to accommodate this.



CAMPERS SUMMER LESSONS...

The Pickleball summer teaching lessons were a fun time for all involved, adults and children alike! Thanks again to the PicklePlex team for promoting these cross-generational interactions on the courts and to PRP volunteers for teaching. Participants from The Boys and Girls Club received medals, certificates and pickleball key chains to cap off their learning experience.





ASK THE REF RULES PLEASE!

QUESTION: In a non-ref game, who can call foot faults at the NVZ and during service?

FROM THE REF: The short answer is: ANYONE!! EXCEPT spectators standing on the sidelines. Quality pickleball requires everyone to be very sportsmanlike on this one. Especially in REC play. If you know you have faulted, call it yourself, of course. If you see your partner fault, call him/her on it. If your partner or opponent calls you, just accept the call and move on. Learn how to stay out of the kitchen!!

Rule 9G applies when no ref is present. Any of the four players may make the call.

In a ref game, only the ref can call foot faults, or the team causing the infraction. If a missed call is suspected, raise the non-paddle hand immediately and continue the rally. At the end of the rally state the appeal. Perhaps another judge saw the fault.

Rule 13.C.1: Ref calls NVZ infractions, short serves, and service foot faults.

SECTION 9 – NON-VOLLEY-ZONE RULES 9.A. All volleys must be initiated outside of the non-volley zone. 9.B. A fault will be declared if, in the act of volleying the ball, a player or anything contacting the player touches the non-volley zone. 9.B.1. The act of volleying the ball includes the swing, the follow-through, and the momentum from the action. 9.B.2. If the paddle touches the non-volley zone during the volley motion, before or after contacting the ball, it is a fault. 9.C. It is a fault if the player's momentum causes the player to contact anything that is touching the non-volley zone, including the player's partner. 9.C.1. It is a fault even if the ball is declared dead before the player contacts the non-volley zone. 9.D. If a player has touched the non-volley zone for any reason, that player cannot volley a return until both feet have made contact with the playing surface completely outside the non-volley zone. A maneuver such as standing within the non-volley zone, jumping up to hit a volley, and then landing outside the non-volley zone is prohibited. 9.E. A player may enter the non-volley zone at any time except when that player is volleying the ball. USAPA & IFP Official Tournament Rulebook 38 9.F. A player may enter the non-volley zone before or after returning any ball that bounces. 9.G. A player may stay inside the non-volley zone to return a ball that has bounced. There is no violation if a player does not exit the non-volley zone after hitting a ball that bounces. 9.H. There is no violation if a player returns the ball while his or her partner is standing in the non-volley zone. 9.I. For non-officiated play, non-volley-zone faults may be called by any player on either team. Benefit of the doubt goes to the player who makes the call.

Awareness is also important regarding foot faults on your serve. Be aware of your position during your serve and when called, accept it and be careful next serve.

4.A.3. At the beginning of the serve, both feet must be behind the baseline. At the time the ball is struck, at least one foot must be on the playing surface or ground behind the baseline, and the server's feet may not touch the playing surface in an area outside the confines of the serving area.

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.