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And let's not forget that Covid-19 is still here and we need to continue practicing social distancing off the courts, respecting each other's personal space and using hand sanitizer.

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And of course, much more!



The Pickle Vine team welcomes any comments, submissions or suggestions

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## **Messages from the PRP Board**

#### **Deb Sarkisian, President**

Dear Picklers,

As April winds down, we say goodbye to many of our snowbird friends. Life around our towns is quieting down and temperatures are heating up!! I am happy to announce we are offering two Summer leagues starting June 5. These leagues are part of a pilot program to see if they are well received by our membership. Also, our May Instruction Clinics, taught by 5.0 Pro Bob White, have been filling up quickly and only a few slots remain. Please visit our website today to grab one of the few remaining clinic spots or to sign up for one of the summer leagues before they fill up.

Several of you have expressed an interest in PRP t-shirts and hats/visors. We are currently in discussions with a vendor who will take your orders and ship directly to you. Once finalized, details will be provided to you in an email blast, as well as being included on the website.

On another note...I'm starting to feel like a broken record, BUT we continue to seek volunteers from our membership for our Board of Directors. These are two-year terms and several spots will be open starting in January. Additionally, we always need league leaders and skills and drills teachers. If <u>ANY</u> of these positions sound like something you would be interested in, please sign up. You can do this by going to our website and completing the registration form under Volunteer/Registration. OR if you have questions, you can contact us via our website under The Club>Contact Us. We are always happy to discuss in person too. Just give us a call or tap us on the shoulder for more information!! WE NEED YOU, and appreciate those who have already expressed an interest. Please consider volunteering today.

Happy Pickling!!

**Deb Sarkisian** 

To Volunteer: <a href="https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/volunteer">https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/volunteer</a>

To Contact: <a href="https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/contact-us">https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/contact-us</a>

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**Bruce McPhee, Director of Leagues** 

Summer 2021 LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

#### Hello PRP Members!!

We are excited to offer a couple of league opportunities for the Summer this year!! Leagues will be 6 weeks, starting June 5<sup>th</sup>, running through July 10<sup>th</sup>.... This is a pilot program to gauge demand. Please go to <a href="https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/leagues">https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/leagues</a> and sign-up soon!!

#### **Summer Leagues:**

Saturday 8am – 10am, Mixed 3.0-3.5+ Shootout (4 Courts) Saturday 8am – 10am, Mixed 2.0-2.5+ Shootout (4 Courts)

# Peace River Picklers Community Assistance



The Peace River Picklers donated \$3,000 to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in late February, designated specifically for food purchases. A thank you letter from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was received extending a "heartfelt thank you for your extremely generous donation". Below are excerpts from the letter:

"During the past fiscal year 2019-2020 we assisted 5,197 individuals by providing 468,879 pounds of food. Unfortunately, times are different today. Since the start of the Coronavirus restrictions, our lives and the lives of those we serve have been upended to a degree that was unimaginable. Many of our fundraisers have been cancelled. Our May Postal Food Drive which helps stock the Pantry for many months was canceled. We are now purchasing much of the food that was previously donated. Thanks to you, we have kept our doors open....now, more than ever, your donation provides families with food at their time of greatest need."

"We are a 100% volunteer organization with only 4% overhead...all of your donations go to help those in need in our local community."

On behalf of all Peace River Pickler members, the Peace River Picklers Board of Directors is pleased to provide community support in this time of need.

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# A Special Thank You **Steve Hocker**

Steve was kind enough to donate our laminated PRP Skills and Drills Lesson Plans for each skill group's teacher to use during our upcoming Skills and Drills sessions. This prevents our teachers from having to take paper copies of the six weeks of lessons plans. We truly appreciate Steve's generosity!!!

PRP Board of Directors

Under the guidance of League Director Bruce McPhee, Peace River Picklers sponsored eleven pickleball leagues this spring, with a total of over 270 players enrolled. Below are league results and participants.

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#### Mixed 65+ 3.0 Round Robin Tuesday

Playoff Winner: Joan Wedekind Season Winner: Sue Funk Leader: Jean McGee

Participants: Moe Pierson, Kim Halford, Stephen Goettler, Leslie Ferguson, Celine Boucher, Frank Armo, Bonnie Halford, Lynn Rogers, John Moore, Walter Smith, Betty Rae Lorenz, Beverly Miller, Linda Coffey, Paige Parker. Subs: Judi Marshall, Julie Frainier, Marie Copley

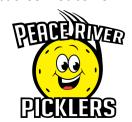


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#### Men's 3.5 Round Robin Monday

Playoff Winner: Dale Parker Season Winner: Marc LaBrosse Leader: Dale Parker

Participants: John Hace, Mark Boganski, Edward Kelleher, Dean Livingston, Mike Simone, Steve Bellio. David Mullin, Jim Hoover, Bill Hodges, Marc Boeckl, Joe Sangiovanni, Jack Laflamme, Jeff Berger, Mike Jackson. Subs Ron Horton, Mike Abair





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Mixed Ladder 3.5-4.0 Wednesday

Winner: Tony Mateus Leader: Sandra Sullivan

Participants: Jim Masuicca, Randall Gablehouse, Dale Parker, Rick Sullivan, Sheila Cloonan, Brad Barnes, Ken Snyder, David Brotzman, Dean Livingston, Michael Abair, Joseph Fenty, Kim Brotzman, Kathy Ross Laura Moore, Pam Volk, John Knowlton, Jay Knupp, Deana Masuicca, Greg Krauss, Charles Naber, Cindy Gablehouse, Jack Laflamme, Marjorie Izzo, Susan Barnhart, Julie Frainier, Leslye Gariepy, Sandra Sullivan

Subs: Renee Jackson, Laurel Phillips, Sharon Burst, Ron Horton, Steve Bellio, Cheryl Hoover, Jim Hoover



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Mixed Novice Round Robin Thursday

**Leader: Cheryl Bellio** 

Participants: Debbie Bambrick, Debbie Chase, Gene Mongiardini, Gloria Peabody, Joe Bierwirth, Lee Weinstock, Molly Soba, Nancy Adonnino, Philomena Roselli, Sam Winans, Sheri Lenora, Stella Wagner, Thomas Amatucci





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Mixed 3.0-3.5 Shootout Saturday

Winner: Ron Horton Leader: Heather Washick

Participants: Tammy Shorb, Kevin Mulligan, Ann Horton, Heather Washick, Celine Boucher, Mark Siracusa, Curt Crosser, Mark Gabel, Marshall Fernholz, Bob Prier, Jeff Berger, Joseph Cripe, Anastasia Settle, George Verity, Maryanne Lafleur, Guy Moscarello, Jane Warren, David Mullen, David Lauro, Bill Hodges, Leslie Ferguson, Mike Jackson, Richard Delfs, Gabrielle Thompson, Jack Laflamme, Jean McGee, Walter Smith, Susan Bell, Kim Halford, Bonnie Halford, Kellee Gabel, Betty Rae Lorenz, Julie Frainier. Subs: Steve Bellio, Renee Jackson, Cheryl Bellio, Gary Swallow, Judith Marshall, Patricia Gaddy



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#### Burnt Store Marina Mixed 3.5-4.0 Ladder Monday P.M.

Participants: Dan Davis, Steve Hocker, Tom VanWingen, Dennis Frank, John Lafeldt, Tony Gray, Rob Jamros, Randy Gablehouse, Cheryl Panetta, Greg Woodsum, Dave Allenick, Deb Sarkisian, Glen Bodien, David Pike, Sarah Valentine, Nancy Raczka, Denise Gravelyn, Paul Venne, Melody Woodsum, Ryan Hocker, Dana Pluss, Robert Gravelyn, Rick Sarkisian, Kathleen Harrigan, Anne McColgan, Karen Chesterman, Kim VanWingen, Eulalia Ralph, Mary Stewart, Ron Johnson, Shelly Gray, Kendal Hocker, Mary Olsen.

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Mixed 2.5 Shootout Monday

Winner: Moe Pierson Leader: Bonnie Halford

Participants: Jane Warren, Faith Mulroy, Daniel Jett, Kathryn Bradley, Laurie Lainhart, Bonnie Halford, Doug Nelson, Diane Pulling, Jacqueline Kerr, Crystal Mankin, Philomena Roselli, Linda Beemer, Donna Davis, Molly Soba, Donna Carr, Vivian Hendricks, Linda Talarico, Nancy Adonnino. Sub: Debra Hoyt

Ladies 3.0+ Shootout Monday P.M.

Winner: Michele Miller Leader: Anastasia Settle

Participants: Ann Horton, Jeanie Scharf, Tammy Shorb, Anastasia Settle, Patricia Gaddy, Teri Burritt, Leslie Ferguson, Gabby Thompson, Lori Larson, Debi Adamski, Deb McPhee, Susan Bell, Cheri McKay, Patty Smith, Maryann Lafleur, Jane Eisner, Carol Lear, Set Meyers, Paige Parker, Bev Backmann, JoAnn Kammler. Subs: Marryann Barrett, Mary A.

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Mixed 65+ 3.5 Round Robin Tuesday

Winner: Bob Prier Leader: Debi & Curt Crosser

Participants: Goerge Verity, Deborah Borner, Frank Wong, Mary Ballew, Niles Waring, Steve Bellio, Jeff Berger, Mike Abair, Maureen Blanton, Rena Abair, Laurel Phillips, Joe Sangiovanni, Guy Mascarello, Peggy Nowack, Joe Coffey, Cheryl Bellio, Mike Jackson, Judy Leach, Fred Graham, Curt Crosser.





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Ladies Play (2.5-3.0) Thursday

**Leader: Denise Macisaac** 

Participants: Brenda O'Brien, Carolyn Miller, Christine Dutkiewicz, Cindy Stokes. Diane Loader, Donna Carr, Jane Warren, Janet Mullen, Janice Riepma, Julie Peterson, Kathy Kaye, Kathy Knupp, Laurie Lainhart, Linda Talarico, Lisa Koeneman, Mary Bates, Pamela Nelson

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#### Ladies 3.5 Round Robin Friday

Winner: Barb Wambold Leader: Renee Jackson

Participants: Susan Armo, Maureen Blanton, Renee Jackson, Cheryl Bellio, Cheryl Hoover, Barbara Shanahan, Tammy Shorb, Laura Moore, Kim Brontzman, Lori Miller, Karen Kelleher, Laurel Phillips, Cindy Gablehouse, Leslye Gariepy, Mary Ballew, Joanna Boeckl, Debbie Dix, Julie Frainer, Jean McGee, Pam Hopkins, Susan Frass, Judy Leach, Betty Rae Lorenz, Jean Standifer, Sharon Burst, Ann Horton, Sandra Sullivan, Diane Simone

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## PRP Tournament Medallists

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#### **PicklePlex® Spring Fling**

3/19/21 thru 3/21/21

#### Mens Doubles/Age Groups 60+

- 3.0: bracket 60-69 BRONZE: Charles Naber Bruce Suardini
- 3.5: bracket 60-69 Pool Winners SILVER: David Allenick Rob Jamros
- 3.5: bracket 70-79 SILVER: Fred Graham
- 4.0: bracket 60 69 Pool Winners GOLD: Ron Kurtz
- 4.5: bracket 60+ SILVER: Kris Johanessen

#### **Mens Doubles**

- 3.5: bracket 60 64 GOLD: Tony Mateus Gregory Fillo
  - BRONZE: Dennis Frank Tony Gray
- 3.5: bracket 65+ GOLD: Tom Ward
  - **BRONZE: Michael Carpino**
- 4.5: bracket Open GOLD: Jeff Houhoulis

#### **Mixed Doubles**

- 3.0: bracket 60+ GOLD: Michele Miller
  - SILVER: Teri Burritt Ken Burritt
- 3.0: bracket 70+ GOLD: Rena Abair Mike Abair
  - BRONZE: Mary Olsen Ron Johnson
- 3.5: bracket 50+ Pool Winners BRONZE: Rob Jamros
- 3.5: bracket 70+ GOLD: Su Chaplin
- 4.0: bracket 19+, 35+- GOLD: Mark Mangune
- 4.0: bracket 50+ GOLD: Karen Harrod

#### Womens Doubles/Age Group 60+

- 3.5: bracket 60 64 BRONZE: Laura Moore
- 3.5: bracket 55+ GOLD: Diane Bonnstetter Kathy Ross
- 3.5: bracket 50 54 GOLD: Anne McColgan

#### **PRP Tournament Medallists**

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G\$ Play 4.0 Pickleplex® 04/04/2021

Mixed Doubles 60-69 Silver: Bruce McPhee

**Bronze: Carrie Palmer** 

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G\$ Mens/Ladies 3.5/4.0 Pickleplex® 04/25/2021

Ladies Doubles 3.5 Gold: Diane Bonnstetter

Mens Doubles 3.5 Bronze: Tom Ward

Hopen Its Open Bonita Springs 04/08-11/2021
Mixed Doubles 4.0, 19+ Bronze: Mark Mangune

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## **Charlotte County Senior Games**



The 2021 Charlotte County Senior Games Pickleball events were held at South County Regional Park in Punta Gorda on March 27th and 28th. Several Peace River Pickler members were registered to compete in these events, but the results are not available at this time. We plan to include those results in the next issue.



Promoted as "The biggest pickleball party in the world", the US Open Pickleball Championships just down the road in Naples is one of the premier events in the sport. Scheduled for April 18th through April 24th, it will include some competitors from Peace River Picklers among the 2600 registrants. We wish our PRP players the best of luck and will include information on results in our next issue.

#### **East Naples Community Park**

3500 Thomasson Dr.

Naples, Florida 34112 <a href="https://usopenpickleballchampionship.com/index.html">https://usopenpickleballchampionship.com/index.html</a>

Pickleball Channel will be streaming from the Championship Court, which can be seen on their Youtube channel here. You can also watch on Facebook. And CBS Sports will be livestreaming the Pro Gold Medal matches on April 24 from 7-9pm EST.

# ZING ZANG CHAMPIONSHIP COURT

## 2021 Featured Finals\*

	Sunday,	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,	Friday,	Saturday,
	April 18th	April 19th	April 20th	April 21st	April 22nd	April 23rd	April 24th
	ALL	AGE	MIXED AGE	MEN'S SR PRO	WOMEN'S SR PRO	PRO DOUBLES	PRO OPEN
	SINGLES MATCHES	DOUBLES MATCHES	DOUBLES MATCHES	& MEN'S SKILL DOUBLES	& WOMEN'S SKILL DOUBLES	MIXED PRO DOUBLES	DOUBLES MATCHES
2pm	Men's or Women's Pro Singles Match	Men's Pro/Split Age Match	Mixed Pro/Split Age Match	Match SR Pro Match Men's	Women's SR Pro Match Women's SR Pro Match Women's SR Pro Match	Women's Pro Match Men's Pro Match Men's or Women's Pro Match	Men's or Women's Pro Match 'TBD' National Anthem prior to Mixed Pro Mixed Pro GOLD
3pm	Men's SR Pro GOLD	Women's Pro/Split Age Match	Mixed Pro/Split Age Match				
4pm	Women's Pro GOLD	Men's or Women's Pro/Split Age Match	Mixed Pro/Split Age Match	Men's SR Pro Match			
5pm	Men's Pro GOLD	Women's Pro/Split Age GOLD	Mixed Pro/Split Age GOLD	Men's SR Pro BRONZE	Women's SR Pro BRONZE	Mixed SR Pro GOLD	Flag Ceremony
6pm	Women's SR Pro GOLD	Men's Pro/Split Age GOLD	Mixed Pro/Split Age BRONZE	Men's SR Pro GOLD	Women's SR Pro GOLD	Men's or Women's BRONZE	prior to Women's Pro
7pm	_						Women's Pro GOLD
8pm		S HOUSE					Men's Pro GOLD

TAKE A SCREEN SHOT OF SCHEDULE WITH YOUR PHONE \*Matches and Times subject to change... Powered by PickleballTournaments.com

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Live Tournament Update Site www.USOpenPickleball.info

## Peace River Picklers Skill Level Rating Guide

#### Level 1.0

New—has minimal knowledge of the game.

#### Level 1.5

- Has taken at least one beginner lesson
- Learning how to serve
- Developing a forehand
- Fails to return easy balls frequently
- Learning to play the game, scoring and some basic rules

#### Level 2.0

- Has participated in novice and beginning skills practice
- Moves around the court in a balanced and safe manner
- Gets some serves "in"
- Realizes aspects of score-keeping, rules and where to stand on the court during serve, receive of serve and general play
- Has some basic stroke skills, backhand, forehand, volley but has obvious weaknesses
- Familiar with where to stand in doubles play

#### Level 2.5

- Able to serve "in" more regularly
- Knows the two bounce rule and demonstrates it most times
- Knows where to stand on the court during serve, serve receive and general play
- Is mastering keeping score
- Aware of the soft game and occasionally tries to dink
- Working on form for ground strokes, accuracy is variable
- Makes longer lasting slow paced rallies
- Sometimes lobs with forehand with varying degrees of success
- Beginning to approach the non-volley zone to hit volleys
- Court coverage is weak but is improving
- Knows fundamental rules and can keep score

#### Level 3.0

- Working to keep the serve and serve receive deep
- Moves quickly towards the non-volley zone when opportunity is there
- Trying to make flatter returns (where appropriate)
- More aware of their partner's position on the court and moving more as a team
- Developing more power in shots
- Beginning to attempt lobs and dinks with little success and doesn't fully understand when and why they should be used
- Demonstrates improved skills with all the basic shot strokes and shot placement but lacks control when trying for direction, depth or power on shots

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## PRP Skill Level Rating Guide—(continued)

#### Level 3.5

- Demonstrates a broad knowledge of the rules of the game
- Gets high majority of serves "in"
- Able to serve and return serve deep
- Hits to the weak side of opponent often
- Demonstrates more strategies of playing during games
- Works better with partners in communicating, covering court, moving to net
- With varying consistency executes: lobs, forehand/backhand ground strokes, overheads, net volleys and sustained dinking
- Starting to use drop shots in order to get to the net
- Knows when to make some specific placed shots in the game
- Working on mixing up soft shots with power shots to create an advantage
- Hits fewer balls out of bounds or in the net
- Dinks mostly in opponents' kitchen and dinks lower over the net
- Able to sustain dinking in the game
- Has a moderate number of unforced errors

#### Level 4.0

- Beginning to play more consistently in all phases of the game
- Anticipates opponents shots resulting in good court position
- Primarily plays offensively
- Controls and places serves and return of serves to best advantage
- Puts strategy into play in the game
- Consistently varies shots to create a competitive advantage
- Works and moves well with partner easily switches court positions when required
- Very comfortable playing at the non-volley zone. Works with partner to control the line, keeping opponents back and driving them off line
- Can block volleys directed at them
- Has good footwork and moves laterally, backward and forward with ease
- Uses strategy in dinking to get a put-away shot
- Consistently executes effective drop shots
- Demonstrates 3rd shot strategies: drop shot, lobs and fast paced ground strokes
- Hits a low number of unforced errors per game

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## PRP Skill Level Rating Guide—(continued)

#### Level 4.5

- Able to regularly convert a hard shot to a soft shot
- Exhibits patience at a superior level
- Shows noticeably increased skills, a higher level of strategy, quickness of hands and movement, judicious use of power, superior placement of shots, anticipation of play, sustained volleying skills, superior put-aways – all with consistency
- Understands strategy and can adjust style of play and game plan according to opponents strength and weaknesses and court position
- Beginning to master dink and drop shots
- Makes very few unforced errors

#### Level 5.0

- Has mastered all skills and strategies
- Dependable in stressful situations
- Athletic ability, quickness, and agility separates these players

This above list is a composite of several documents found on the Internet and adopted by Peace River Picklers as a Skill Level Rating Guide. It can also be found on the Peace River Picklers website at:

https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/skill-level-guide

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There are Two Different Pickleball Player Rating Systems

There are two central rating systems used to group players as of the beginning of 2019: the two-digit system and the four-digit system.

1. The Two-Digit System – For Everyone

Also known as the legacy rating system, two-digit ratings may range from 1.0 to 6.0 and go up or down by 0.5 increments. This process is most commonly used by pickleball clubs and leagues, as well as casual players who want to describe their experience level.

When it comes to determining your pickleball levels via the two-digit system, it is done either by self-assessment or via tournament ratings.

2. The Four-Digit System – If you're really serious

Professional pickleball players will instead have a four-digit system developed by the USAPA to explain their skill level. This process is also known as the USAPA Tournament Player Rating (UTPR). With four-digit ratings, it is far more dynamic, as the values are determined based on the evaluation of both players and the outcome of their match. There are five main categories for rating: women's singles, men's singles, women's doubles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles.

# Pickleball Around the Web

#### March Madness Makes It To The Pickleball Courts

Due to the covid=19 pandemic, NCAA Basketball Tournament players and coaches were relegated to their Indianapolis bubble while they prepared for the national championship. And reports have it that pickleball has hooked the Gonzaga Bulldogs and the Baylor Bears, helping them to fill the free time. The below link is to an article that cites that the two team coaches, Gonzaga head coach Mark Few and Baylor head coach Scott Drew, joined forces to "take on anyone willing to pose the challenge, holding court as if they were two college-aged friends unwilling to give up their spot on the beer pong table".

https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2021/apr/04/kings-of-the-pickleball-court-gonzagas-mark-few-ba/

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#### **Pickleball in the News**

Another television piece on the growing popularity of pickleball, this one a CNBC news article featuring pro Ben Johns. Always nice to see "our" sport getting publicized.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtCRY67SqvU

### The Importance of Early Set Up

Another video from Mark Renneson of Third Shot Sports, this one focusing on how preparing for the ball plays a huge part in how well you hit it.

https://youtu.be/NBBN-xGurpA

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## 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 <u>up until a few days before</u> 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 <u>court</u>* <u>quickly</u> so that you are not holding up another group's game. <u>Close the gate after last person</u> <u>enters or exits!</u>

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!

Following these simple Pickleball "court etiquette" guidelines will create a fun & enjoyable open play

experience for all!!





## **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.





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

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

# 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.

The Board of Directors appreciates your adherence to this Code of Conduct. Please feel free to contact any one of us with any concerns.

Deb Sarkisian, Jean McGee, Laurie Price, Heather Washik, Bruce McPhee, Mary Stewart and Tom Ward

## **Professional Pickleball Player Rankings**

Note: Numerous groups rank the pros and all do not agree.

See the basis for rankings in the following two organizations.

Top pro rankings as listed by the Professional Pickleball Association as of 04/10/2021

(Note: No change in PPA rankings or points since previous issue)

Ranking based on player results in tournaments on the PPA Grand Slam Tour.

Player	Points		Player	Points
Men's Singles			Women's Doubles	
Ben Johns	3500		Simone Jardim	3750
Zane Navratil	1560		Lucy Kovalova	3750
Tyson McGuffin	1410		Jessie Irvine	2450
Women's Singles				
Simone Jardim 3250			Mixed Doubles	
Irina Tereschenko	2085		Simone Jardim	3000
Michelle Esquivel	1600		Ben Johns	3000
Men's Doubles			Jessie Irvine	1660
Ben Johns	3750		Jeffrey Warnick	1660
Matt Wright	2920		Lucy Kovalova	1650
Tyson McGuffin	2025		Matt Wright	1650

Top Pro Rankings as listed by <u>Pickleball Global</u> as of 04/10/2021 Ranking based on the best 12 tournament results during the last 52 weeks.

Player	Points		Player	Points	
Men's Singles			Women's Doubles		
Ben Johns	12800		Simone Jardim	10450	
Zane Navratil	10500		Lucy Kovalova	8800	
Tyson McGuffin	9200		Atherine Parenteau	6100	
Women's Singles					
Simone Jardim 10600			Mixed Doubles		
Catherine Parenteau	6650		Simone Jardim	15000	
Lea Jansen	5050		Ben Johns	13400	
Men's Doubles			Lucy Kovalova	9800	
Ben Johns	12700		Matt Wright	9800	
Tyson McGuffin	11300		Catherine Parenteau	8150	
Matt Wright	9600		Jeffrey Warnick	6300	

## **Pickler Playgrounds**

Englewood, FL							
Englew	Englewood Sports Complex		River Rd, Englewood, FL 34223	942	1-681-3742		
Tringal	li Park recreation Center	3460 N	Access Rd, Englewood, FL 34224	942	1-861-5000		
Port Charlotte, FL							
Center	nnial Park Rec. Center	1120 Ce	entennial Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 339	953 943	1-613-3230		
Harold	Ave Reg. Park Rec. Center	23400 l	Harold Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33980	942	1-627-1074		
McGui	re Park	21125 [	McGuire Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 3395	52 94 <u>2</u>	1-681-3742		
Midwa	y Park	23023 [	Midway Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 3395	52 94 <u>2</u>	1-625-7529		
Punta Gorda							
Bissett	Bissett Park		Path Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	943	1-681-3742		
Gilchri	Gilchrist Park		Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33	950			
Picklep	olex®@ FSW Campus	26300 A	Airport Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	942	1-451-9923		
South	South County Regional Park Rec Ce		enter 670 Cooper St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950		1-505-8686		
Rotonda, FL							
Rotono	da Community Park	100 Rot	onda Blvd, E Rotonda, FL 33947	942	1-681-3742		

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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.

#### **Upcoming Southwest Florida Pickleball Tournaments**

Minto US Open Pickleball Championships....Naples, FL 04/17-24/2021
St. Pete Memorial Sizzler....St. Petersburg, FL 05/29/2021
Lucy Kitcher Gamma Sundial Championship....Sanibel, FL 09/24-26/2021
Collier County Turn Up—The PINK....Naples, FL 10/15-17/2021
The Halloween Havoc....Fort Myers, FL 10/29-31/2021
The Fall Brawl....Fort Myers, FL 11/12-14/2021
The Holiday Paddle Battle....Fort Myers, FL 12/17-19/2021
More info on these and other tournaments can be found at:

https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/pbt main.pl