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And let's not forget that Covid-19 is still here and, while the CDC has relaxed some guidelines for vaccinated people, we should continue practicing social distancing off the courts, respecting each other's personal space and using hand sanitizer.

Note to readers: The Pickle Vine is best when viewed on a larger screen, e.g. a tablet, laptop, desktop, TV, projection screen, outdoor movie screen or even an IMAX screen.....

The Pickle Vine team welcomes any comments, submissions or suggestions

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Messages from the PRP Board

Deb Sarkisian, President

Dear Picklers,

This is the time of year I have to ask myself “is this spring or is this summer?” One day it’s blistering hot and the next day it’s cool. No matter what the temps, always remember to HYDRATE!!! Especially with the June leagues soon to be underway. These summer leagues start June 5 and are part of a pilot program to see if they are well received by our membership. Considering how quickly they filled up, I believe they are going to be a big success and will likely be repeated in the future!!

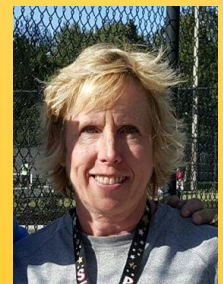
As I mentioned last month, we are working with a merchandise vendor who will be setting up a ‘store’ specifically for Peace River Picklers. This store will include shirts (short-sleeve, long-sleeve, sleeveless and racerback), hats, visors, cooling towels, bags and much much more!! If you don’t see what you are looking for, please let us know and we can talk to our vendor to see if they can provide that specific item you want. We will be putting out an email blast within the next week or two with the login information. You will be working directly with them, as they will do all of the order taking and shipping. More information to follow. Stay tuned...

Thank you to all of you who participated in our Christmas Survey. There is enough interest from our membership to hold a Christmas party this year. Further details are provided below in this month’s PickleVine.

One final note - we are still seeking volunteers from our membership for our Board of Directors. These are two-year terms and several spots will be open starting in **January**. This is your chance to give back to the club and to add your spin with new ideas and creative thinking. WE NEED YOU, and appreciate those who have already expressed an interest. Please consider volunteering today.

Happy Pickling!!

Deb Sarkisian



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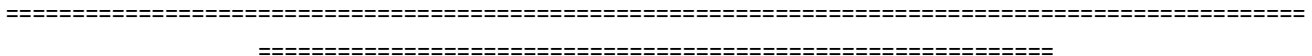
Bruce McPhee, Director of Leagues

League Updates

Based on feedback from last year's membership survey, we have set up a couple of leagues this summer on Saturday mornings (8am – 10am). We chose this time frame in order to have something available for our full-time resident members, taking into account that they may be working during the week. We will be running a Shootout on all 8 courts for lower to upper intermediate players and it will be 7 weeks rather than our normal 6 weeks. The leagues will run from the beginning of June to just after the 4th of July. It appears to have been well received as we are full at this time.

The next session of leagues will start in September, and will also run 7 weeks. As we get closer, look for announcements for registration in the PickleVine and Facebook!

Bruce McPhee



Our club offers a variety of leagues for all level skills. The league formats include a Round Robin (where everyone plays everyone else), a Shootout (players are moved up or down based on match scores), or a Ladder (rating determined by which court, wins, and points scored over the course of the league).



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Can I learn to play Pickleball in 90 minutes?

The answer is yes I can! And I did!

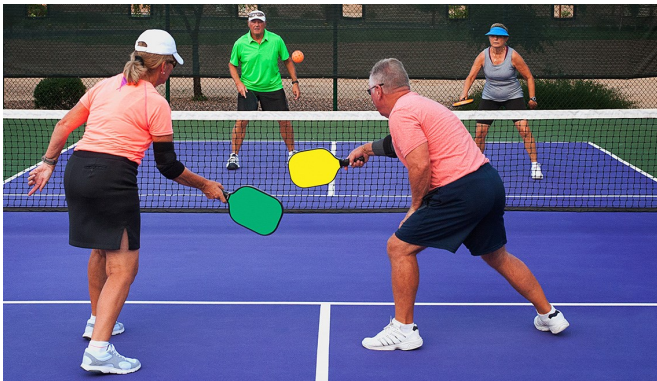
The number of students we have reached just keeps growing. It is amazing! When students show up, they have no idea where to begin. When they leave 90 minutes later, they can dink, serve, and yes - even keep score!

During the summer months, we will be having one class per month with 12 students maximum. PB101 enrollees do not have to be members. They do not need equipment. If you know someone who would like to learn the sport, they can register on our website.

<https://www.peacriverpicklers.com/pb101>

Laurie Price, Secretary

Pickleball — A Game for all ages and skill levels



Messages from the PRP Board

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It's Not Too Early



Hello Fellow Picklers!

It's Party Time!!!!

Mark your calendars and save **December 12th** for our annual Peace River Picklers Christmas Party. Be prepared to have a lovely meal, listen to some great music and dance the night away. Time is tentatively from 5:30 pm – 10 pm as in past years. There will be live entertainment for your pleasure. Details for ticket sales to follow in the near future. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mary Stewart

PRP Director



HELP NEEDED!!!

Anyone that is interested in assisting with the planning, set up, table centerpieces, clean up and check-ins for the Christmas Party, please, please, contact me. I would like to form a committee of 5-7 people that would oversee and assist in completion of the tasks outlined above. I need your input and your talents. You can reach me at:

marytomstewart@gmail.com or

586 946 7731

Minto US Open Highlights

Enjoy watching some fine pickleball? This page is devoted to several of the pro-level games from this year's Minto US Open, held just down the road in Naples, FL, and considered one of the premier tournament events of the year. Some top quality pickleball here.

2021 Minto US Open Women's Pro Singles Gold Highlights Irina Trescheko vs Lea Jensen

<https://pickleball.cafe/video/irina-tereschenko-vs-lea-jansen-2021-us-open-women-s-singles-gold->

2021 Minto US Open Men's Pro Singles Gold Highlights Tyson McGuffin vs Ben Johns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8jm5MxXJG0>

2021 Minto US Open Women's Pro Doubles Bronze Highlights Waters/Waters vs Irvine/Tereschenko

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNGYi7NC-m4>

2021 Minto US Open Women's Pro Doubles Semi-finals Highlights Smith/Parenteau vs Waters/Waters

<https://pickleball.cafe/video/2021-us-open-women-s-pro-doubles-smith-parenteau-vs-a-waters-l-waters-full-match-highlights>

2021 Minto US Open Men's Pro Doubles Bronze Highlights McGuffin/Newman vs Yates/Wright

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjJb_Euea7w

Minto US Open Pro Results

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Womens Pro Singles	Irina Tereschenko	Lea Jensen	Anna Leigh Waters
Mens Pro Singles	Ben Johns	Tyson McGuffin	Gabriel Joseph
Womens Pro Doubles	Catherine Parenteau Callie Smith	Simon Jardim Lucy Kovalova	Leigh Waters Anna Leigh Waters
Mens Pro Doubes	Collin Johns Ben Johns	Adam Stone Dekel Bar	Tyson McGuffin Riley Newman
Mixed Pro Doubles	Simone Jardim Ben Johns	Lindsey Newman Riley Newman	Lucy Kovalova Matt Wright

For complete results, see this issue of Pickleball Magazine:

<https://viewer.joomag.com/pickleball-magazine-6-3-wd/0265141001621005356?short&>

Caution – Bad Pickleball Advice Ahead

Cathy Jo Johnson of CJ Johnson Global wrote a good article on the early advice we probably all received about rushing to the kitchen line. A good read.

Most of us started our pickleball journey learning from the pickleball enthusiasts who preceded us. The sport was passed down to us from the court elders or the group's pickleball experts who shared their nuggets of wisdom. "Stand up there when I am returning serve." "The first team to serve only gets 1 serve." "After the third shot, get to the kitchen as fast as you can." And so on. Some of the wisdom passed down to us by other pickleball players was good advice. In fact, it was necessary so that we could learn the rules of the game.

But some of the advice we received, particularly before we had a better understanding of pickleball, could fall under the category of bad pickleball advice because in most cases, it proved counterproductive to our improvement.

This is not to say that those who taught us did so with anything but the best of intentions. We are thankful to those who took the time to help us on our journey with this awesome sport that we are now a part of.

What we want to do with this series is set the record straight on some of these "tips" with the hope that we can push them out of the lore of the game. So that when the next new player comes to your facility, you can get them on the path to pickleball improvement, without the unnecessary detours we all went down.

Bad Pickleball Advice-Topic #1

Perhaps the most damaging bad advice most of us pickleball newbies received as we started our journey was "rush up to the kitchen" when you are on the serve side. This advice suggests that as soon as you or your partner hits the third shot, you both should rush headlong up to the kitchen line.

The advice is based on the generally correct premise that pickleball is won by being up at the kitchen (non-volley zone) line. While it is true that we want to play rallies from up at the non-volley zone line or NVZ, we first have to get there. And that is where this advice falls short.

Often in recreational play, particularly when we are first starting out, we do not know how to hit unattackable third shots. The most common definition of unattackable is a ball that bounces or stays below net height. It takes a greater degree of skill to attack a low shot. As we dutifully rush forward up to the non-volley zone line, our opponents are already starting their downward slam with their paddles. The result is that we get slammed or passed. Over and over again.

We are doing what we were taught by the elders. But it is not working. Rather than exploring the fallacy of the advice to rush forward, we blame the result on our third shot not having been good enough.

As a result, we spend the next few months in a hopeless repeating cycle. Third shot – rush forward – get slammed – "My fault. Bad third shot." Rinse and repeat.

Hopefully at some point we learn (or figure out) the correct movement to the non-volley zone. Good third shot: move forward. Not so good third shot: hold your ground and defend – wait for a better shot to move forward. No more getting repeatedly smashed like at an all-you-can eat pickleball buffet.

Indiscriminately rushing to the non-volley zone line was a needless detour occasioned by the bad, if well-intentioned, advice we did not know to ignore.

THE PICKLEBALL EXPERTS GUIDE TO CHOOSING A PICKLEBALL PADDLE

Choosing a pickleball paddle can be an intimidating process. With all the options of size, shape, face and core material, grip size, etc., it can be hard to figure out what the differences are and which paddle is right for you. That's why we created this interactive paddle guide that helps narrow down your choices based on your answers to a few questions. In a few easy steps, we'll find the paddle that's right for you. Let's get started!

Weight

The biggest factor in finding the right paddle is undoubtedly weight. The weight of your paddle affects everything from the amount of power and control in your game to your comfort and stamina while playing. There are 3 options for weight in the paddles we sell: light (<7.3 oz), medium (7.3-8.4 oz) and heavy (8.5-9.5 oz). Read the descriptions below to decide which is best for you.

Light Paddles

- Best choice for those who play a pure control/touch/feel game, spending most of their time at the net and preferring "dinks" to hard shots or slams
- Provides more control, which comes at the expense of some power and pop
- Requires less arm strength
- Generates more head speed - good for hard hitters
- Requires more energy and momentum to swing, so not a good choice for those with shoulder/elbow/hand injuries or arthritis
- More popular for doubles players

Medium Paddles

- A good choice if you're unsure about what weight is right for you
- Best choice for those who play with both power and finesse
- Best choice for most beginners who haven't figured out all of their preferences and play style
- Best choice for those with shoulder/elbow/hand injuries or arthritis

Heavy Paddles

- Best choice for those who play a pure power game, spending most of their time at the baseline and preferring big shots to "dinks" and finesse shots
- Provides more power and pop, which comes at the expense of some control
- Requires more arm strength
- Generates less head speed - good for light hitters
- Fatigues your arm faster and can aggravate your elbow, so not a good choice for those with shoulder/elbow/hand injuries or arthritis. More popular for singles players.
- This article from Pickleball Experts: <https://www.pickleballexperts.com/pages/pickleball-paddle-guide>

Selecting The Appropriate Grip Size

There are two common methods used to help identify the ideal grip size for a player. However, instead of using one, I typically recommend using both to help get the best fit.

First, if you have one handy, grab a ruler or measuring tape. Next, take a look at one of your hands and you'll notice you have a bunch of lines and creases running through your palm. In the middle of your palm you'll notice two large or pronounced lines, one on top and one on the bottom, running horizontally from one side of your hand to the other.

Grab your ruler or measuring tape and line it up vertically with your middle finger so that the bottom of the ruler (the part hitting your palm) lines up with the bottom horizontal line in your palm. Once you have it lined up measure to the top of your ring finger.

You should find that the measurement falls somewhere between 4 inches and 5 inches.

Start with the paddle grip size that is closest to what you measured and grab hold of the paddle handle with a continental grip.

At this point you should be able to stick your index finger of the hand not holding the racquet in between the tip of your middle finger and your palm. If it fits then you're likely right on the mark.

However, keep in mind that it's not an exact science so grab hold of the racquet grip size that's bigger and then the one that's smaller to get a feel for whether or not the grip you've identified feels right. For many players you'll just know by holding on to each paddle. It should feel comfortable, yet secure.

Some players may feel like they are in between sizes. If that's you, go for the smaller size. There are a bunch of different ways you can build up a grip to make it feel perfect, including the simple addition of an inexpensive overgrip. However, it is more difficult and in some cases not possible to drop the size of a grip.

Many players also like to use a new overgrip every few times they play to keep that nice tacky feel in their hand. If that's you and you're on the fence about a larger size definitely go smaller. Overgrips will usually add about 1/16 of an inch to a grip so if you go a bit smaller you freely add that overgrip without it starting to feel too bulky.

<https://www.thirdshotdrop.com/blog/find-pickleball-paddle-grip-size.htm>

FINGER LENGTH TEST FOR PICKLEBALL GRIP SIZE



Best pickleball grip size for you is the length measurement from the tip of your paddle-hand ring finger to the middle crease of your palm.

Pickleball Around the Web

Helle Sparre's Dynamite Doubles Strategies

Helle Sparre, a TeamSelkirk Advisory Staff Member, came to Pickleball after years of teaching tennis and playing in the pros during the 1970's. Helle stresses in her teaching that the most important thing is your position in relationship to your partner. As an example, you and your partner should never be side by side even though many people believe you should move to the net together. This makes balls hit down the middle a challenge since you and your partner are both fighting to take these shots. Instead, you and your partner should be slightly staggered with one player a step or two behind the lead player. See her video below for a different view on doubles strategy

<https://tahoepickleball.com/2018/08/21/a-peak-at-helle-sparres-dynamite-doubles-strategies/>

A Stronger Backhand

Like to have a better backhand shot? This Youtube video by Daniel Moore hits the nail on the head. You'll have mental visions of how the pros hit their backhands while watching this brief clip. And you'll find yourself wanting to get out and practice.

<https://youtu.be/F30RBqxkmpw>

How to Get Quick Hands in Pickleball Volleys

Phil Metz, instructor at Peak Performance Pickleball Academy, demonstrates some great drills to help with developing quick hands in volleys, with student Simone Jardim.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZFKnYaVVnk>



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 05/14/2021

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	6400		Simone Jardim	6600
Zane Navratil	2700		Catherine Parenteau	6200
Tyson McGuffin	1925		Lucy Kovalova	4600
Women's Singles			Mixed Doubles	
Simone Jardim	3650		Simone Jardim	7200
Catherine Parenteau	3425		Ben Johns	7200
Irina Tereschenko	2825		Lucy Kovalova	3000
Men's Doubles			Matt wright	3000
Ben Johns	6800		Lindsey Newman	2400
Collin Johns	6200		Riley Newman	2500
Dekel Bar	4250			

Top Pro Rankings as listed by Pickleball Global as of 05/11/2021

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	14800		Simone Jardim	12050
Zane Navratil	11300		Lucy Kovalova	10400
Tyson McGuffin	10800		Catherine Parenteau	8100
Women's Singles			Mixed Doubles	
Simone Jardim	11000		Simone Jardim	16500
Catherine Parenteau	7250		Ben Johns	15400
Lea Jansen	6250		Lucy Kovalova	12000
Men's Doubles			Matt Wright	12000
Ben Johns	14300		Catherine Parenteau	11350
Tyson McGuffin	13100		Tyson McGuffin	7700
Matt Wright	11400			

Pickler Playgrounds

Englewood, FL

Englewood Sports Complex	1300 S. River Rd, Englewood, FL 34223	941-681-3742
Tringali Park recreation Center	3460 N. Access Rd, Englewood, FL 34224	941-861-5000

Port Charlotte, FL

Centennial Park Rec. Center	1120 Centennial Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33953	941-613-3230
Harold Ave Reg. Park Rec. Center	23400 Harold Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33980	941-627-1074
McGuire Park	21125 McGuire Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33952	941-681-3742
Midway Park	23023 Midway Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33952	941-625-7529

Punta Gorda

Bissett Park	12455 Path Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-681-3742
Gilchrist Park	400 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	
Pickleplex®@ FSW Campus	26300 Airport Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-451-9923
South County Regional Park Rec Center	670 Cooper St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-505-8686

Rotonda, FL

Rotonda Community Park	100 Rotonda Blvd, E Rotonda, FL 33947	941-681-3742
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For a full calendar of PRP events & details:

<https://www.peacriverpicklers.com/>

For Pickleplex® events & details:

<https://www.pickleplex.org/calendar>

**And if you are a snowbird heading north,
check for a tournament near you:**

https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/pbt_main.pl



<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/calendar/>



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

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

Veteran's Day Tribute....Naples, FL 11/11-12/2021

2021 Florida Open....Bonita, FL 11/12-14/2021

The Fall Brawl....Fort Myers 11/19-21/2021

American Pickleball Sundial Resort....Punta Gorda, FL 12/03-05/2021

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

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>

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.

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

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!!





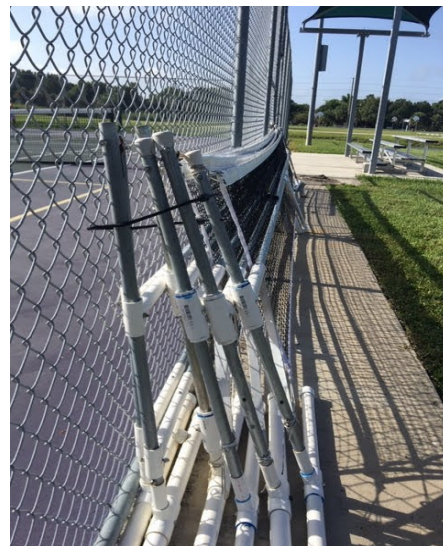
Pickleball Nets



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: <https://www.peacriverpicklers.com/net-code>

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