



The Pickle Vine

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MEET YOUR MEMBERS...

We have been asked by several readers to introduce ourselves as your editors. So in lieu of featuring the many talented folks in our membership who we have targeted this year, and who have had very busy summers, we reluctantly move ahead to introduce ourselves. We met playing pickleball (go figure), but specifically in one of Lin Coe's drills sessions for women. Because of our similar levels, we typically were paired together, and enjoyed that. We met so many great women in that group and recognized the work it takes to keep this PRP engine running. So we felt we had to give back. Next thing you know... well, you know the rest of the story...

Introducing MacDONALD and MEYER



Calendar

Fundraiser for PRP Oct 3
Christmas Party @ 7:30 pm
Visanis (Sold Out!)
5:00 happy hour Show

Poker Run Fundrais- Nov 10
er for PicklePlex™ 8:30 am

PRP Membership Begins
Renewal/ Nov.1st
Enrollment

Referee Training Nov 11
11:30-
3:30

AAU National Out- Nov 28-
door Pickleball Dec 2
Championships

PRP Christmas Party Dec 16
Twin Isles Country
Club, Punta Gorda



My husband, Doug, and I grew up in Massachusetts. Both of us, along with our two sons, are avid New England sports fans. Go Pats! Go Sox! A job transfer relocated us to Georgia where we spent 20 years raising our boys- one of whom currently works for the New York Mets Organization (traitor!). After 40 years in the classroom, I retired from teaching. I taught mostly fourth and fifth grade, 20 years in Massachusetts and 20 years in Georgia. Doug, being a golfer, and both of us enjoying warm weather, we decided on SW Florida as our retirement location. Looking for an activity we could enjoy together, we researched pickleball and found South County Rec Center, where Lin and Frances started us on our way.

Something most people don't know about me...Before teaching, I worked as a short order cook at an all-night diner, serving truckers and inebriated folks coming from the bar scene. Lots of interesting people!



I was born, raised, married, and retired in Ann Arbor, Michigan; spent my career at The University of Michigan (GO BLUE!) as a research project manager. My claim to fame after retiring was to board a sailboat with my hubby and spend 13 wonderful winters sailing the East Coast and Caribbean. Returning to dry land we found Port Charlotte and are slowly growing roots here. We learned to play in Vero Beach, taught by the awesome Club "Pickleball University". We fell in love with the game, but also the social aspect. We sought a similar kind of Club in Port Charlotte and found Peace River Picklers. I heard drills were being offered at So. County and it was there that I met Ginny and so many awesome women participating with Lin Coe. After working with Lin and others for weeks on end (she never gave up on me), it was time to give back. An opportunity came to work with Ginny and provide a needed service. Perfect!

Something most people don't know about me... Mac and I rode and taught motorcycle safety for many years, established an education program at a Community College in Ann Arbor. We have taught over 500 students, have more than 100,000 miles under our belts across the U.S., Canada and Europe. (My column is wider because I talk too much.)

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



WELCOME BACK PRP MEMBERS!!!

We've missed you as you vacationed, traveled, visited family, etc... Full-timers sure kept busy on the courts as they survived the sizzling heat! And now for an update on your PRP 2018/2019 pickleball season!

As our Membership grows, so do our Programs...

Under the leadership of its Board members, Coaches/Instructors, Committee Chairs, and Volunteers, PRP is working hard to adhere to their Mission Statement of providing club members with educational, competitive, and social programs, while promoting a comradery among players. Communication plays a key role in the success of a club with over 700 members.

And So... Are you aware...



- ◆ "The **Pickle Vine**", our Club newsletter, was established in June, 2018, with volunteer members Ginny MacDonald and Sue Meyer as Co-Editors. We will be using this monthly e-mailed publication to help keep PRP members updated on news of fellow members, community players and current Programs and events.
- ◆ Our website is currently being redesigned by volunteer members Melissa Eichmeyer Shaffer, Andrea Gately, and Karen Farley to make club information readily assessible, including an easy registration process. Look for this dynamo website to be up and running this month!
- ◆ PRP has instructors who have completed training to acquire their **IPTPA** (International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association) certificate. **IPTPA** instructors are able to apply new teaching techniques and standards needed to better teach pickleball players. Those of you looking to advance your play level, we have local teachers who are ready to help you with your needs!







Social News...

By Susan McKittrick

SOLD OUT!!!

Peace River Picklers Christmas Party Fundraiser

COMEDIAN AL ROMAS

At Visani Comedy Theater and Restaurant

Wednesday, October 3, 2018,

7:30 p.m. For Show

Social time at 5:00, happy hour 2 for 2 ends at 5:45

(if you plan to have dinner, arrive around 6-6:30)

Visani's, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte

Cost: \$10.00 (for show only).

Dinner and drinks purchased separately,
there is a 2-drink minimum required

PLEASE CALL VISANI'S TO GUARANTEE YOUR SEATS.

Tell them you are with Peace River Picklers.

For a preview of the show, see Al Romas on
YouTube:

<https://youtube/dBPavHGgfus>



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Sunday, December 16, 2018.

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

Featuring the band TAT2

Look for reservation information in November



HELP WANTED !!!

Volunteers needed to serve on PRP's Social Committee. Do you enjoy planning and organizing fun events? If so...contact:

mckittricksusan@gmail.com





Skills/Drills/Instruction...



LET THE PROGRAMS BEGIN!



Programs started early this season, as more members are full-timers or early returnees, looking for play and ways to improve their game. Both Skills/Drills and Leagues are underway and will continue through October. Future programs will be announced in the newsletter and emailed to all members.



BASIC INSTRUCTION

Submitted by Lin Coe

Instructional Programs for players new to the game of Pickleball continue to be offered at no charge, (aside from \$3 entry fee) at South County Rec Center. PRP instructors Lin Coe, Frances Gammie and Susan McKittrick are teaching both indoor and outdoor instructional programs. Some basic pickleball skills including paddle grip, court/shot positioning, dinking, and serve/return are covered in these classes. It is a perfect opportunity for people new to the game to learn some basic skills and rules while developing an “addiction” to pickleball!

SKILLS/DRILLS

Submitted by Lin Coe



A variety of Skills/Drills sessions are also being offered to PRP members under the leadership of **IPTPA** certified instructors. Repetitive drills help with muscle memory and like with all sports, “practice makes perfect”. Some of the skills worked on during these sessions include proper grip technique, court positioning and movement, dinking, volleying, serve/return and 3rd shot drops.

It is the instructor’s goal to help players improve their game by practicing and developing habits needed for consistency and growth. Instructors are familiarizing players with the **IPTPA Skills Assessment** requirements needed to achieve different levels of play (2.0, 2.5, 3.0, etc...). Many players are unclear about their level they play and will benefit from this information. It’s all about practice and progressing to the next level!

Stay tuned as upcoming new programs are added!

Special thanks to all our volunteer instructors and coordinators for making fun opportunities for all of us.





Firstly, a shout of thanks to the PRP members who have volunteered to run our early seasonal leagues. We couldn't offer these leagues without your support!

Aside from our usual mixed leagues, we currently have two all ladies' leagues and a 65+ league happening this month! At the conclusion of the current leagues, new ones will be announced in upcoming issues of the newsletter and e-mail blasts. Our goal is to make our leagues competitive and enjoyable!

ATTENTION: A new Ladies League 3.0+ has been added to the October schedule (Oct. 8– Nov 12) Outdoor courts at Cooper St. Monday evenings. Email PRPLeagues@gmail.com if interested.



ATTENTION PLAYERS!

PRP is looking for used paddles to use in both Instructional classes and Skills/Drills sessions. If you have a paddle you would like to donate to our club please contact PRPLeagues@gmail.com





Answers to last month's trivia puzzle.

“Frankly, my dear, I don’t give a dink.”

Gone with the Wind

"I'm going to make him an overhead smash he can't refuse."

The Godfather, Part One

"Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in the Vil-lages anymore."

The Wizard of Oz

Here's volleying at you, kid."

Casablanca

“Go ahead, make my dink.”

Sudden Impact

“You dinking to me?”

Taxi Driver

“Why don’t you come up and dink me sometime?”

She Done Him Wrong

“We’ll always have pickleball.”

Casablanca

“A census taker once tried to lob me. I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice Chianti.”

Silence of the Lambs

“Pickleball green is people!”

Soylent Green

From Jennifer's blog at Allpickleball.com

Halloween Fun...

What is a mummies favorite type of dance music ? (A Wrap)

Why did the witches have to cancel their baseball game? (they ran out of bats)

What do birds give out at Halloween? (tweets)

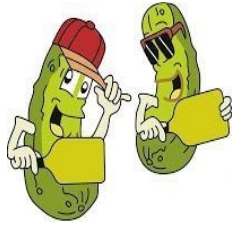
What is a monsters favorite candy? (Sugar Babies)

Why did the ghost go to the bar?
(for the boos)

What is Florida's top selling Halloween candy???

Skittles and Nestle Crunch





Pickleball Poker Run Fundraiser

for the PicklePlex™

Saturday, November 10th

9:00 am— 2:00 pm

Check-in at 8:30 am at your assigned location

Cost: \$25 per person.



Play 6 games of pickleball, two at each of the following 3 locations to collect cards: Gilchrist, South County, and FSW Punta Gorda Campus. You will receive an e-mail regarding your start location.

There is no need to have a partner!

Please bring water to drink while you are playing and a chair.

Afterwards, gather at Creekside RV Resort, 27005 Jones Loop Road for lunch, poker hand reveal, music, more pickleball and swimming (proper swim attire required). Soda and water will be provided for lunch. Bring your own beer or wine. Please no pets! Prizes for the best poker hands!

Register and pay online at pickleplex.org

Or print and complete this form and mail with your check to PicklePlex™, 130 E Marion Ave. #512691, Punta Gorda, FL 33951. Deadline: November 6, 2018

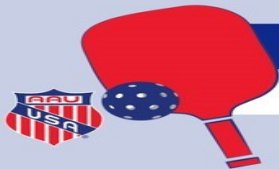
Name _____

Playing level 2.5 3 3.5 4.0 4.5+ (Please circle)

Email address: _____



Submitted by Sue Carmen



2018
AAU NATIONAL OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 2, 2018

LOCATION: Charlotte High School, 1250 Cooper Street
Punta Gorda, FL

REGISTRATION: Pickleballtournaments.com

DIVISIONS: **Single, Junior, Skill/Age, Age**
Skill - 2.5 through - 5.0
Age - 19+ through - 80+
Juniors 12, 14, 16, 18 - **Singles, Doubles**

ENTRY FEE: \$40 - Registration Fee — \$10 Each Additional Event

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This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S Inc. All participants must have a current AAU membership. AAU membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event. AAU membership must be obtained before the competition begins except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connection. Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU website www.ausports.org to obtain their membership

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT AAUPICKLEBALL.ORG

**2018 AAU NATIONAL OUTDOOR
PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
EVENT SCHEDULE**

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28 — ALL M/W SINGLES

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29 — M/W DOUBLES AGE DIVISION

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30 — MIXED DOUBLES AGE DIVISION

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 1 — M/W DOUBLES SKILL/AGE DIVISION
JUNIOR DOUBLES**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 2 — MIXED DOUBLES SKILL/AGE DIVISION
JUNIOR SINGLES**



More PicklePlex™ news on next page...

Submitted by Sue Carmen



OFFERING PRP MEMBERS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINING TO BE A REFEREE!!

The AAU has offered to train referees for the upcoming National AAU Outdoor Pickleball Tournament being held at Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda, November 27– December 2, 2018.

Training will be conducted by the Village's certified referees Ron Jenkins and Charles Bradley. Training will be held at South County Recreational Center, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 on November 11th from 11:30-3:30- two hours with the instructors and practice afterwards. There will be opportunities to practice your referee skills a few weeks prior to the Tournament. Referees are not limited to pickleball players. If you don't play pickleball and want to referee, please feel free to attend.

To RSVP for this FREE referee training, please email referee@pickleplex.org Please note, to become an AAU referee, you must join AAU, aausports.org. Please dress in pickleball attire and bring water, sunscreen, paddle and a small clipboard (\$1 at Dollar Store).

The AAU Tournament and many other tournaments will be held at PicklePlex™ of Punta Gorda next year. PicklePlex™ would like local pickleball clubs, players and interested individuals to learn how to referee so that all tournaments at PicklePlex™ can be sanctioned.

PicklePlex™ has asked Lin Coe to head up our referee training program and oversee the referees. Lin will work with pickleballtournaments.com scoring, logging and getting scorecards to courts at future tournaments. Lin will be forming sub-committees to help her with this process and can be contacted at referee@pickleplex.org.

A well-run tournament is accomplished by having great volunteers. PicklePlex™ encourages everyone to get involved. PicklePlex™ appreciates the support of our local unaffiliated Pickleball Clubs and the many pickleball players in the area.

Also, AAU just added PRO events to the Punta Gorda Tournament which will have CASH prizes.