



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter MAY 2019

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THANK YOU

TO OUR MEMBERS!

A club is only as strong as its members. And our members have risen to this occasion. Volunteerism is what our community is all about and there isn't a club here in SCOV that can function without them. Our pickleball club is no different. This issue is a tribute to all those who have given of their time, expertise and commitment to making our SCOV Pickleball Club one of the most popular here in Sun City.

Starting at the Beginning!

When new members join our club, there are many to thank who have assisted in helping them feel welcome...

Every new member, no matter their experience level, goes through a safety orientation that covers how our club operates. Thank You to Nelson Brown, Dave Burnham, Jeff Rusch for ensuring that all new members feel welcome in the club.

All members who join the club and are new to the game of pickleball are invited to attend a Beginners Clinic to introduce them to how the game is played. Thank You to Dave Burnham, Nelson Brown, Bill Brown, Bill Ingino, and Jeff Rusch for your time and expertise in helping our new members get started.

New members who come out to play during the beginners time are provided assistance to help them improve their skills and confidence. Thank You to all our mentors who have given their time and expertise:

Michael Brands, Nelson Brown, Bill Brown, Dave Burnham, Karen Burnham, Judy Cornelius, Suzy Foster, Pat Herman, Joan Ellen Jones, Bryan Kilgore, Dorothy Leonard, Mary Ann London, Jane Lutz, Anne Rusch, Lola Schlapkohl, John Smith, Renee Steinmetz, Walt Swap, Jerry Tovatt, Lindsay Turnquist, Art Wickersham, and Al Womac.



All club members, no matter what level, are invited to attend skills clinic to improve their game. Skills clinics covered Serving, Lobs and Slams, Third Shot Drop, Volley and Half Volley, and Partnering Skills. Thank You to our expert volunteers who provided these workshops for members: Bill Brown, Nelson Brown, Bill Ingino, Jeff Rusch, Roy McGechaen, Bryan Kilgore, and Judy Cornelius.

And for those who wished to learn how to use the Tutor Machine to up their game, Thank You to Craig Jones and Nelson Brown who provided training on how to use the machine.



Our courts are kept in Tip Top shape because of some very dedicated individuals who were on the courts, sometimes at the crack of dawn, to keep them clean, repair nets, and keep the Tutor in working order. Thank You to Craig Jones, Jeff Rusch, Nelson Brown, MaryAnne London, Bob Lopez, Carl Norkooli, and Steve Frye.

Our club members love to socialize...on and off the courts. Our Tournaments Committee has provided us with fun informal round robin tournaments (8 Minute Scramble) and socials for the casual and competitive level players. And...Ice Cream for All!! Thank You committee members for putting these events on for us: MaryAnne London, Laura Lewis, Lindsay Tournquist, Jerry Tovatt, and Jo Eaton. And watch for upcoming additional formats (Pickleball poker...seriously!) in the near future.



We don't often think about our scheduling committee, who has worked diligently to develop a court schedule that provides ample playing time for all levels...No small task! Thank You to Nancy Fowler, Sharon Miller, Jane Lutz, Jim Locnikar, Judee Wickersham, Bonnie Blodgett-Bethea, and Nelson Brown.

Our new website wouldn't exist if it weren't for Don Teiser, who developed, and as head administrator, is continually working to improve its functioning. Thank You Don!

And last but not least, we would be remis if we didn't thank our current board members for their dedicated service. It is a huge undertaking to serve on a club board and we want to Thank You for your time and willingness to lead our club!

What's New on the Courts!



- Two new brooms and squeegee have been purchased to keep the courts clean.
- Additional ball holder trays have been placed on the back fence of each court (parking lot side of courts).
- New court balls have been purchased from Pickleball Central with club credits earned from purchases made from members (Remember...for every purchase you make from Pickleball Central, you get 5% off and our club gets 5% in credit. Use the code CRSCOV).
- New ball holders for practice balls that are kept in the storage room.
- A Pickleball Scooper...A back saver! No bending over and having to pick up practice balls by hand!
- A new clock placed in front of court 3...you can actually read the time!

Court Use and Proposed Expansion Update

Jeff Rusch, President

As everyone knows our Pickleball Club membership continues to grow. Therefore, the need to look to the future is very important.

Since the Fall of 2018 and into 2019 the SCOV Pickleball BOD have met a number of times with leadership groups from the Tennis and Pop-tennis clubs as well as the Long Range Planning Committee. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss future of court needs in all areas for Sun City.

To read the LRP presentation to the Board related to this you will need to sign in to the SCOV website (<https://www.suncityorovalley.com>), go to the "Committees" page and click on the "Members" button.

SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Pizza Social

Thursday, July 25 at 5:00PM

Activity Center Navajo Room

When the Mountains turn Pink, it's time to PLAY PICKLEBALL!

Yes, we play at night too!

Women play on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Co-Ed play is on Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays.

COME JOIN US!

For those of you who dare to stay the summer!! Our Summer Schedule starts May 1st and ends September 30th

Summer (May - Sept) Pickleball Court Schedule

HOURS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30-10:30	Competv 1,2	Competv 1,2	Competv 1,2	Competv 1,2	Competv 1,2	Competv 1,2	Competv 1,2
6:30-10:30	Casual 3,4	Casual 3,4	Casual 3,4	Casual 3,4	Casual 3,4	Casual 3,4	Casual 3,4
6:30-10:30	Com/Cas 5	Com/Cas 5	Com/Cas 5	Com/Cas 5	Com/Cas 5	Com/Cas 5	Com/Cas 5
10:30-12:30	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res
12:30-2:30	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res
2:30-4:30	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res
4:30-6:30	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res	Open/Res
6:30-8:30	Women 1-3	Competv 1,2	Women 1-3	Competv 1,2	Open/Res 1,2	Open/Res 1,2	Competv 1,2
6:30-8:30	Open/Res 4	Casual 3,4	Open/Res 4	Casual 3,4	Open/Res 3,4	Open/Res 3,4	Casual 3,4
6:30-8:30	Open/Res 5	Com/Cas 5	Open/Res 5	Com/Cas 5	Open/Res 5	Open/Res 5	Com/Cas 5

NOTE: No AED available prior to Storage room & bathrooms opening at 6:30AM (relocked at 8:45PM).

Competv	Competitive (Competv): Players with higher skill levels wanting a more competitive game.
Casual	Players with moderate skill levels wanting to enjoy the game.
Com/Cas 5	Competitives and Casuals may play together.
Open/Res	Open for any HOA members/Reserve times for Club members only; Reserve courts on Club website.
Women	Women only.

May Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

After college my first job was with the military which lasted a little over 8 years. I was stationed in Thailand when the Vietnam War ended. My wife and I met in the military and decided to go back to civilian life in the early 80's. We have together lived in 7 States and 2 foreign countries; our firstborn arrived while we were working in Saudi Arabia. Our other two sons were born in Ohio. Being a pilot by trade, I have flown supersonic fighters as well as commercial airliners and corporate aircraft. My last job was as chief pilot for a major pharmaceutical company in the Pittsburgh area. We have lived in SCOV for four years now and are convinced that SCOV is a hidden gem of a place to live. You can find me on the courts at least once per day when not traveling. Hint, hint....I have four younger brothers who live in Florida.

Can you guess who this is?? Their name can be found at the bottom of this page.

New Newsletter Feature...Tips to Improve Your Play!

Ready...Set...Play!

Did you know that you should get back to the ready position quickly after every ground stroke, and especially volleys, with your paddle way out in front of your body.

A common mistake made while moving forward to the net is not having your paddle in proper ready position. Many players have their paddles at their knees or below the net, not up and out in front of the body.

At the point when the ball contacts your opponents' paddle, you should be in your ready position: elbows and paddle out in front of your body, feet at shoulder width apart, side by side on your toes, not your heels, ready to move left or right. Never be moving at the point of contact of your opponent's paddle on the ball. No matter where you are on the court, stop and get into your ready position. Never sacrifice being ready for positioning on the court. If you are not prepared early and properly to hit a ball, it doesn't matter where you are on court. You probably won't hit the ball properly.

Did you guess who our May mystery member is? Thank you Nelson Brown for sharing with us.