



SCOV Pickleball Club

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PICKLEBALL AT SCOV!

**THE SCOV PICKLEBALL CLUB IS
RECOGNIZING 10 YEARS OF PICKLEBALL
IN SUN CITY!**

**ON NOVEMBER 9, 2:00-4:00PM WE ARE
HOLDING A CELEBRATION/OPEN HOUSE
ON OUR COURTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO
EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ALL
CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS, CHARTER
MEMBERS, SUN CITY HOMEOWNERS AND
RENTERS TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.**

HOW IT ALL BEGAN!

As Program Director for SCOV back in 2007 and 2008, Pam Sarpalius kept hearing about a strange sport called Pickleball from those seeking a retirement destination and from her searches on what's new to bring to our community. After some checking, she realized that pickleball is a growing sport that needed to be a part of Sun City.

When Bob Mariani became GM at SCOV, Pam approached Bob about bringing this new sport here. With a thumbs up from the General Manager and approval from the SCOV board, the next steps were to put in some courts! At the time the tennis courts were being refurbished. Since the equipment was already here, it was decided to go ahead and put in pickleball courts after the tennis court work was completed.

But where? At the time, Shuffleboard courts were where our current courts 1 and 2 are located and bocce courts where courts 3-5 are currently located. It was decided to take out shuffleboard altogether and put two pickleball courts in their place. The courts were built between May and September 2009 at a cost of \$84,109. The courts were completed but there was still not a pickleball club here at SCOV.

Saddlebrooke, who already had a pickleball club, was invited to come and demonstrate the sport to those who were interested in learning how to play and to help get a new club off the ground.

THE FIRST YEAR...2009!

Although the SCOV Pickleball Club didn't officially come into existence until December 16, 2009 when the charter was approved by SCOV, the club was beginning to take shape. Two people helped make that happen...Marge Allen and Sandra Kennedy. The first board meeting of the newly formed pickleball club was held in October of 2009.

The Saddlebrooke Pickleball Club helped tremendously by providing the new board information on where to purchase equipment, the rules of the game, scoring and holding tournaments. Ginny Phillipi, one of our charter members, also volunteered to give lessons to new members. Dues that first year was only \$5.00 and the money was used primarily to purchase paddles and balls.

Early Accomplishments: In January 2010, three members of our club participated in the Senior Pickleball Olympics and won 2 golds and 1 silver! In April, 2010, our club held its first tournament for members. There were 36 who participated.

Our first Pickleball Club Board Members:

President - Marge Allen; Vice President - Sandy Kennedy; Secretary - Carol Guibert; Treasurer - Ron Roberts

There were 156 charter members! Twenty are still current members today!

Marge Allen, Steve and Terri Alverdes, Dick Boss, Al Burdi, Margie Golombek, Coralyn Hoaglund, Ted Hood, Alicia Kelly, Sue Lane, Lynne Newbauer, Pat Orchard, Jan Pelzer, Mary Ann Roberts, Carol Ryan, Dick Schaefer, Kilja Sulouff, Marianne Walker, Maria Welch, and Gary Wickberg



Courts 3, 4 and 5 being
built in October 2014



2011 Board Members Don Piele, Margie Golombek, Ginny Phillipi, Marge Allen, Pat Winder, Vern Lemieux



What's New on the Courts!

- We have completed the Penn 40 ball trial for Pickleball Central. Bottom line is they were not as durable and consistent as our Onix Pure 2 balls that we are currently using.
- The Pickleball Central Topp REVIVE graphite paddle is still being reviewed by members but we need 4 or 5 more volunteers to test drive it and write a review. Please contact Nelson Brown at lnelsonb@gmail.com if you would be willing to do this. Nelson will provide you with information on what should be included in the review.
- The new fans on the courts work great and most everyone has enjoyed them so far.
- Our Tutor machine is getting tired and we may want to replace it next year. It will be 4 years old this coming January.
- Practice balls and hitters are being left outside the courts and not put back in the Storage room. Likewise doors to the courts have been left open overnight. PLEASE take care of our equipment and courts so everyone can enjoy them.
- The Lost and Found bin is getting full. There is even a paddle with no name in it. Remember to check out the bin if you think you are missing something.

Round 1. (1 plays 14, 2 plays 13, ...)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14	13	12	11	10	9	8

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE ROUND ROBIN FUN EACH WEEK!

Round-Robins are held every Thursday at 1:00 for competitive level players and Fridays at 1:00 for casual level players. Come out and enjoy playing with your fellow club members in friendly competition play.

At the October 15 board meeting, the revised bylaws were approved by members. You can find them on the website under the Members Tab on the Club Legal Documents page.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WINTER SCHEDULE-PLEASE READ

Message from your Board:

We needed to make some minor changes to the current court schedule in order to meet the rules of the HOA. These changes will not involve any of the current Club times but will decrease slightly the times that Club members will be able to make court reservations. The following times are now posted as “Open” times and club members will NOT be able to reserve courts during those times. Members will still have the opportunity to play during these times if the courts are available.

Our schedule will show “Open” times every day at:

6:30-8:00 AM
12:00-1:00 PM
7:00-8:30 PM

If you have any questions, please contact a Board member.

JUST FOR OUR BEGINNERS!

DID YOU KNOW....

A beginner's contact list is posted on our website under the members tab (password protected for members only). You can use this list to contact others of the same level to play with during the beginner's time slot or during open/reserve times.

If you would like to be added to this list please email Dave Burnham at dburnhampton@gmail.com. Make sure to include your name, email address and phone number.

BEGINNER MENTORING PROGRAM

Starting November 1, during each beginner's time slot, there will be an experienced player present to provide tips on serving, hitting and play strategy as well as providing assistance with scoring and answering general club policy questions.

If you are a beginner level player, we hope you will take advantage of this service to improve your game, gain confidence in your playing ability and meet other club members.

Tips to Improve Your Play!

BEGINNERS 101 TIPS - PART TWO Shot Selection

Don't try to make the highlight reel: too many beginners love trying to hit a "winner". While it is fun to hit that "fist-pumping" winning shot, trying to smash the ball past your opponents or hit a tricky shot - more often times than not ends in an unforced error rather than the intended winner.

Rather than trying hit the ball as hard as you can, dial it back a little bit. Think if driving in 3rd gear- slow and steady rather than trying to blast by everyone in the fast lane. Hit at a level that feels about 3/4 of your strength rather than trying to hit as hard as possible. Learn to be patient, get the ball over the net and let your opponent make the mistakes. Ultimately, you'll win more points by letting the opponent committing errors than you will by hitting winners.

Most beginners didn't even attempt the Third Shot Drop. To be fair, the drop shot is a difficult shot, even many very advanced pickleball players will admit it's one of the toughest shots for them to perfect, so it's understandable that a new player struggles with it. Why do beginners totally ignore the drop shot completely? Most common answer: FEAR! Fear of messing up. Fear of losing the point and disappointing their partner. Fear of not clearing the net, committing an unforced error.

Don't be afraid! Start trying the "Third Shot Drop"! Yes, you'll probably lose some points at first and no it won't always land where you want it. But it's a powerful shot and can be a very useful weapon. So the advice is to just start using it more-simple as that. Having said that, that **does NOT mean you should be using the drop shot on every third shot.**

In general, you want to keep your opponents back as much as possible using long hard drives to keep them deep- but for times when the other team is already up at the net you can buy yourself extra time to approach the NVZ by using the drop because the drop shot takes an extra second or so longer than a hard drive - it gives you precious time needed to rush up to the kitchen line.

You'll find videos and other resources on the Third Shot Drop by going to our website. Look under the Resources Tab-Training Resources-Online Videos and Websites AND under the Members Tab-Skills Clinics.

November Mystery Club Member...Who AM I?

We have two mystery members this month!

Mystery Member One...

Growing up, I lived in North Dakota, California and Minnesota. I have been married for 57 years and have four children, six grandchildren, two bonus grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Over the years I worked as a long-distance telephone operator, bookmobile librarian, Human Resources Assistant and Director of Home and Foreign Missions.

Besides Pickleball, I enjoy playing in the Ukulele Club, reading, gardening, entertaining, spending time with my family and watching Hallmark Movies.

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

Mystery Member Two...

I am 80 like Jane but not nearly as sweet. I don't have her soft game but like to compete. I pop in and out like the balls I hit out. I play handball, tennis and bridge and often miss out. Although I hit out I am grateful to you for inviting me in and making me feel part of your pickleball group.

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

SAVE THE DATE!



HOLIDAY SOCIAL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
5PM TO 7PM



Watch for the registration email the first week of November

Did you guess who our November mystery members are?

Mystery Member 1: Thank you Alicia Keys (a charter member) for sharing with us.

Mystery Member 2: Thank you Stephen Miller for sharing with us.