

# June 2024 Pickleblast

## Club President's Message

June, July and August are traditionally "vacation" months for the Pickleblast, since no BOD meetings are scheduled until September but I thought I would like to share some things with you even as the summer is already well under way:

1. Regarding all the Pickleblast emails you received in May - we have not been able to determine the reason this happened. It has happened at least one other time in the past and we hope (me in particular) that it doesn't happen again. I apologize for any inconvenience it caused.
2. Some of the recent events involving technology challenges, type of play at Canoa Ranch, court reservation processes and subsequent requests for not-insignificant changes to the club's existing infrastructure and content (e.g., reservations, scheduling, programming and content changes to Pickleball Plus, and the club website) have served as a potent reminder of the need for help in supporting the club's operations. The club is made up of a very talented group of volunteers and we are not only grateful for all of you but we need more of you! If you have ever been involved in any sort of technology environment then you know that technology infrastructure development and maintenance doesn't just happen in a vacuum. In particular at the moment we are looking for: C-sharp programmers, technology analysts and content editors / proof-readers.

Many of you have approached me and other members of the BOD with offers to help and we thank you. Please send an email to us at the club email address [greenvalleypickleballclub@gmail.com](mailto:greenvalleypickleballclub@gmail.com) and let us know if you are interested in helping and indicating to us what specifically you might want to help with (if known) and how many hours a week you may be willing to serve. Also if you know of anyone who may want to help - let us know that as well.

3. Regarding the club's Capital Improvement Project proposal we made to GVR in March and which is slated to go to phase two in July. I am still waiting to hear from GVR regarding the July 15th P&E meeting and will keep you updated as I have more information. As of now it's 'Cricketts'.

4. As has been noted previously - The "Drop Squad" (our State Champion women's 4.0 APPL team) is going to the National Team Pickleball League (NTPL) tournament in Hilton Head South Carolina from September 12-15 at the Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort: <https://www.ntpl.org/hiltonheadchampionship> All the 4.0 matches are scheduled to take place on Saturday September 14th and Sunday September 15th with at least two matches on Saturday and one on Sunday - with two additional matches possible on Sunday the 15th. This is a great opportunity for these players to represent Green Valley and our club on a national level. If you would like to support them:

### Drop Squad Nationals Donations

To make an online donation to the Drop Squad with your credit card, click on the link below.  
**Note: The team will receive your donation amount minus any credit card processing fees.**

[Donations \(pickleball.plus\)](#)

Checks can be placed in the club's drop boxes at the East Center or Pickleball Center or mailed to PO 845, Green Valley AZ 85622. Make the checks out to GVR Pickleball Club and on the memo line indicate "Drop Squad".

**NOTE: If you would like to assist with all the work it will take over the summer to get the team to the event please contact Coach Carol Hammerle at [starfish59k@aol.com](mailto:starfish59k@aol.com). Carol and the team**

**are scheduling other events that you may choose to participate in later this summer as a way of supporting their efforts.**

5. Thanks very much to those of you who have donated good, gently used (or even new) paddles to our "Paddle Drive" (boxes at PBC and EC) for folks that might need them for classes or practice or whatever. This need continues so please donate paddles if you can.

6.: FYI - Regarding paddles: USA Pickleball has "delisted [decertified]" certain JOOLA paddles meaning they cannot be used in sanctioned events. Part of the statement from USA Pickelball: "USA Pickleball received and tested the newly submitted paddles, which did not meet our approved equipment standards. As a result, these paddles have not been added to the USA Pickleball approved equipment list. <https://usapickleball.org/news/usa-pickleball-statement-on-decertified-joola-paddles-and-equipment-testing-standards/>

There are rumors (at least at the clubs I play at in Utah which have financial contracts with JOOLA and GearBox among other manufacturers) that other "Gen 3" paddles will more than likely be added to the list. The JOOLA paddles are not being allowed during recreation, league or tournament play at these facilities. No change motion has been presented to the club at this time but I just wanted to make you aware of it.

7. And, finally, I can't believe that I am actually having to write this again (actually I can believe it, I just don't want to) but PLEASE, PLEASE enough already with leaving gum on the courts or in the fences surrounding the courts (insert your own expletives here). PLEASE!

I hope you are having a great summer wherever you are and I look forward to seeing you all soon,

Our Community - Our Club!



Jeff Washburn - President, GVR Pickleball Club

# Board Meeting Highlights

## Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting: September 19, 2024, Time 4pm, Location TBA

## Board Meeting Highlights

No Board meeting in June

[For the complete minutes from the Board Meeting go to the club's website under the About the Club tab.](#)

## Highlights of Work Area Reports & General Interest to Members

[Click here](#) to access past Board Agenda & Work Area Reports.

Because there is no BOD meeting in June I am providing a brief summary of BOD members' activities since the last meeting here:

President (Jeff Washburn):

1. Met with various BOD members regarding their areas of assignment
2. Conducted club business via email (replies to inquiries, initiation of inquiries)
3. Met with Stripe (CC processor), club treasurer, PB+ developer and club's past president re: club accounting processes and software needs
4. Met with GVR foundation at their request re: their wish to explore ways to possibly help with the Drop Squad
5. Met with GVR representatives re: CR play changes and requests for changes to PB+ and club website.
6. Met with PB+ developer re: PB+ downtime issue
7. Met with past president re: club-wide survey draft, set up CC processing link for Drop Squad donations

Vice President (Janet Reynolds):

1. Had several calls with the club President to discuss outstanding Club issues.
2. Responded to 5 member requests for Court Scheduling adjustments
3. Alerted Members to a meeting called by GVR to discuss their reasoning behind taking over court reservations on Court 4 at Canoa Ranch.

Secretary (Julia Cole-Sheppard):

1. Met with club president about reviewing the Club website for duplicate, extraneous, unclear information and making recommendations about how to, possibly, make the existing information more easily navigable.

Treasurer (Nina Campfield):

1. Met with club president, PB+ developer, past club president and Stripe (Credit Card Processing company) re: supporting an integrated accounting solution for the club.
2. Researched commercially available accounting software that may provide an integrated solution for the club
3. Met with GVR Foundation (at their request)
4. May account balances are summarized as follows (see full report for May that will be attached to the next set of minutes)

Balances:

Checking:       \$13,910.58

Savings:         \$ 3,502.61

Investments: \$41,515.44

## Members at Large”

Mary Wright:

Nothing new to report

Jay Salerno:

1. Continuing to monitor courts and balls, helping to organize storage space, women’s state championship plaque will be on display in the East Center pickleball display case and their championship banner is hung at the PBC
2. looking into the battery supply for the court blowers.
3. Attended the meeting with GVR regarding the Canoa Ranch courts.
4. Met with Scheduling committee re: magnetic planning board and placement

Wes Elder

1. Continuing to monitor courts and balls, helping to organize storage space.
2. Reviewed proposals for intra-club leagues to start in the fall.
3. Met with the Tournament committee.

Past President (non-voting member of BOD - Patrick Furumoto):

1. Developed initial draft of club-wide survey developed from input during BOD planning sessions in April. Survey to be finalized and sent to club when ready.
2. Met with GVR staff at request of and with club president re: CR play changes and subsequent changes.

## Special Notices

None at this time

## Court Updates & Reminders

### Saturday Morning Sign Ups

We are currently on the summer schedule - please see the Pickleball Plus Homepage for current sign up information.

### SLP (skill level play) Reminder

During SLP play in the mornings, please follow the summer rules for playing. Be fair and respectable to the players in the designated skill level.

**Open Play (all skill levels):** Remember at Canoa Ranch courts every day and at various times at the East Center & the KJB Pickleball Center, open play is available for those players who want an opportunity to play with different skill levels.

**The latest court schedules are also on the Club’s website home page.**

## Skill Ratings

Skill Ratings testing is over for the season - we will start again next fall - probably in October. For complete information about Skill Ratings and RAP (Rating Assessment & Demo Practice) visit the Club’s website Rating tab at: [Ratings | PB2021 \(gvrpickleball.org\)](#).

Members whose skill rating has changed through the Club rating process, IPTPA, DUPR, or other accepted rating testing.

2.5 Eileen Foresman, Linda Kiefer, Charles Barder, Barry Gillaspie, Jean Gustafson, Bruce Gudanowski, Sharon Robinson, Pam Blankenfeld, Lynn Teolis

### **New Members**

17 New members –  
John Boudin, Cheryl (Cheri) Boudin, Vernon Bauer, John Maetta, Sharon Turner, MaryAnne Murdock, Philip Morin, Scott Bower, Sharon Robinson, Michael Kern, Anthony Izuel, Darryl Goltz, Julie Olson, Kathleen Garcia, Christine Kelly-Smimmo, Jeanne Kern

## **Summer 2024 Club Classes**

### **Developing Skills:**

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7:00-8:30. For players up through 2.5 level. Lead Coach Peter Fronsee.

### **Player Development:**

For 2.5 rated players Mondays 7:00 - 9:00 am. Must be 2.5 rating. Lead Coach Marilyn Rambo.  
For 3.0 rated players Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 am. Must be 3.0 rating. Lead Coach Greg Wright.  
For 3.5 and 4.0 players Wednesdays 8:30 - 10:00 am. Must be 3.5 or 4.0 rating. Lead Coach Carol Hammerle.

The Club offers classes free of charge to active club members for those looking to learn and to improve their skills. While there is no charge for these they do require registration through Pickleball Plus ([gvpc.pickleball.plus](http://gvpc.pickleball.plus)).

Developing Skills for 2.0 & 2.5 players. Players are encouraged to use Developing Skills as a stepping stone to improve their skills after taking a GVR Pickleball 101 class. These sessions incorporate drills and game play with a coach observer. After 4 sessions players will need to join the Club to continue to sign up.

Coaches are authorized to advance players from 2.0 to 2.5.

## **GVR Classes**

**None scheduled for the summer.**

## **Training for Ball Machines**

The Club has a Lobster Ball Machine at the East Center and the KJB Pickleball Center. Both are available to reserve through Pickleball Plus. If you want to be trained on the Lobster ball machine, check Events in Pickleball Plus for the monthly training sign ups (in season).

## **Play Safe and Be Prepared**

As a reminder, when you go to play pickleball. It is a great idea to have a copy of your insurance card, driver's license, and emergency contact. Hopefully, you will never need to use them on the courts, but they are important, if you have a medical issue. Also, if you see plastic bags in the cabinets at the 3 locations, they are to be used for impromptu ice packs in case there are no ice packs in the first aid kits.