

# October 2024 Pickleblast

## Club President's Message

Welcome to the fall season – Arizona style. Anybody up for 100 degree weather for a few more weeks? Me either or me too – depending on the day. Either way, here we are again. I am looking forward to another great season with all of you.

1. **Club Survey:** We have received a good number of responses to the club survey. If you have not had a chance yet to fill it out you can do so here: <https://forms.gle/KyPMg7KMR63UMobC9> (alternatively open the club's website <https://www.gvrpickleball.org/> and click on "Survey" in the popup window). Note: if the survey link won't open for you try updating your browser or using a different one. We'll be summarizing the results of the survey at the Thursday October 17 Board of Directors meeting to which you all are invited – note: There will be snacks.

Further note: If you are interested in exploring and the opportunities for volunteering in the club please be sure and include your name and email in the survey form so we can follow up with you.

2. **Volunteers:** Big Shout Out and Thanks to Maria Acevedo, Sue Buovy, Gail Gersonde, Pete Fronsee, Bob Stransky, John Dresback, Greg Wright, Marilyn Rambo, Jay Salerno (others) for organizing and cleaning up PBC closet and Classes shed. You Rock! Thanks from all of us.

3. **Social Event:** October Dink, Dine & Pickleween - Saturday, 10/19th

East Center Auditorium & Courts

*Dust off your brooms & spooky (or cute) costumes for the Halloween contest!* (Costumes are not required!)

Bring Dish to share. B.Y.O.B.

4:30pm Tables Ready

5:00pm Dinner

5:45pm Halloween Contest

6:00pm Play Pickleball

4. **Drop Squad:** Unless you have been living in a cave you undoubtedly know by now that the women of the Drop Squad competed in the inaugural National Team Pickleball League (NTPL) tournament in Hilton Head South Carolina from September 11th -15th in the 4.0 division. The team brought home the silver medal after a hard-fought match with the team from Florida in the final on the 15th. The match was tied going in to the final two points of the final game. We are very proud of the team's accomplishments and the way they represented our community and state! We'll celebrate the team later this season so stay tuned. Here's a couple of pictures (Thanks Juli Howell [I think] someone sent them to me):





5. **Speaking of APPL:** Carol Hammerle has agreed to coordinate (not coach) our club's APPL-related efforts this year. I have heard rumblings about a number of possible teams being formed (Women's and Men's). If you are interested in participating on or with an APPL team (coordinating / coaching, coaching or playing) please contact Carol at [STARFSH59K@AOL.COM](mailto:STARFSH59K@AOL.COM) for more information. Here is a link to [information directly from APPL](#).

6. **Additional Courts Proposal:** The Club's proposal has completed the committee review process (P&E and FAC) and as I noted in the last Pickleblast will now go to the GVR BOD for final review. I expect a decision on this by the end of the month and will keep everyone informed. Thank you all for your expressions of support during the process.

7. **Immediate Volunteer Opportunity:** Feeder training: 3.0 and 3.5 feeder training started Oct 1<sup>st</sup> but continues again next Tuesday October 8th at 1:30 PM at the Pickleball Center (PBC) and every Tuesday thereafter. Learn to feed to help with RAP and club testing. You must be a 3.0 or higher Sign up under Events the Sat before. Questions? call Marilyn Rambo at 520 648-7328

8. **Intro to Pickleball for Parkinson's event:** An "Introduction to Pickleball for Parkinsons" event will take place at the Ramada and courts 1 and 2 in Quail Creek on October 8th at 12:00. All Parkinsons patients, their caregivers, and pickleball volunteers are invited to participate and hear Kathryn Riley, a Parkinsons patient and pickleball teacher, talk about her experience playing pickleball and details regarding a study on the advantages of pickleball for Parkinsons patients. This event is being offered through Lenny Friedman, USA Pickleball Ambassador Green Valley/Sahuarita, AZArizona Pickleball Education Ambassador For more information reach out to Lenny at [lenny.pickleball@gmail.com](mailto:lenny.pickleball@gmail.com). It is my understanding that volunteers will be needed to assist the Parkinson's group during pickleball activities that are going to take place twice a week for one hour each day (days / times / location TBD) for

approximately six months starting sometime this fall. This introduction event will provide more information and details

**9. Pickleball for students in Green Valley / Sahuarita:** Lenny has asked me to provide the following information about an opportunity to assist youngsters in our community:  
“This school year, I have volunteered to teach pickleball in an after-school program at Continental School on Thursdays from 2:45-4:45 October 17-December 19 or additionally March 20 – May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025. Are there GVR pickleball players who would like to volunteer to help teach the kids pickleball?” I think this is an opportunity to engage with our larger community. Please either contact Lenny directly (see email address in item above).

So, Buckle Your Seatbelts - the BOD has some exciting events and opportunities coming your way this season. We and all the volunteers in the club continue to work to provide you an exceptional pickleball experience and we thank you for your continued support and efforts in making this such a great community.

Our Community - Our Club!



Jeff Washburn - President, GVR Pickleball Club

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting: Thursday October 17, 2024, 4 – 6 PM, Location: Las Campanas, Ocotillo Room

### Board Meeting Highlights

[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 July or August 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 and other communications (BOD planning meeting, replies to inquiries, initiation of inquiries, phone calls, 1:1 meetings).
3. Met with GVR representatives re: Club proposal to add new courts, prepare for GVR P&E Committee meeting at the Fiscal Affairs Committee (FAC) meeting.

4. Conducted September BOD meeting.
5. Met with past president re: club-wide survey.
6. Met with various committee heads.
7. Met with consultant regarding PB+ and reviewed findings with Technology Oversight committee (Patrick and Janet)

**Vice President (Janet Reynolds):**

1. Provided input to club president re: Club's P&E Committee Report for adding new courts.
2. Responded to Court Scheduling needs email
3. Continued investigation into software alternatives to PB+.
4. Presented analysis of "Grouper" which is a cash & health benefit that can be offered to our members through their Medical Insurance at September BOD meeting.
5. Responded to multiple members regarding court scheduling requests.
6. Reviewed & discussed October 2024 court schedule changes with Beilke, Hirtes.
7. New members -resolved problems with several new members regarding their new member sign-ups.

**Secretary (Julia Cole-Sheppard):**

1. Completed first run through on clean-up of PBC website tabs
2. Compiled BOD meeting minutes
3. Attended and participated in the BOD's Agenda Planning meetings.

**Treasurer (Nina Campfield):**

1. Researched Gathered input from members of the BOD and committee chairs to plan the 2025 budget.
2. Prepared budget calculation - actual year to date and budget by month for the balance of 2024.
3. Recommended budget amounts for 2025. The 2025 budget was approved by the BOD at the September 19 meeting.
4. Attended the GVR FAC meeting.
5. Participated in planning session to determine and prepared 2024-25 draft budget.
6. Attended and participated in the BOD's Agenda Planning meetings.

**Members at Large**

**Mary Wright:**

1. Organized and led the Dink, Toss & Tailgate - Saturday, September 21st East Center Auditorium & Courts
2. Attended and participated in the BOD's Agenda Planning meetings.
3. SAVE THE DATES - details will be announced later.  
Saturday, October 19th  
Saturday, November 16th
4. WELLNESS - mailed Get Well cards and Sympathy cards.
5. NAME TAGS - Suspended for the summer months – will begin again soon
6. GVR PICKLEBALL FACEBOOK (private) PAGE - 296 Members

**Jay Salerno:**

1. Wrote numerous work orders to GVR for repairs,
2. Attended and participated in the BOD's Agenda Planning meetings. .
3. continue working on space utilization,
4. researching sheds for more storage,

**Wes Elder**

1. I have been restocking balls at all 3 court locations when needed.
2. Ordered and received new squeegee type court water clearing tool.

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

1. Sent out the BOD Club Member Survey to the membership in September.
2. Provided a brief report at the September Board Meeting of the 214 surveys



received so far. I plan to provide a more comprehensive report of the survey at the October Board Meeting after the Board has time to review the results.

3. Since I have been tasked by the Board to lead the review of the Club's technology, Pickleball Plus and the Club Website, the review continues as follows:

A. Preparing a report to the Board on an initial review of the Wild Apricot application. The report will also include feedback provided by Janet Reynolds and others. The review will be comparing the functionality of Wild Apricot and Pickleball Plus.

For the Board, preparing a recap of a conversation with Mike Meier, who is responsible for the software that the Grand Pickleball Club in Surprise, AZ uses. They have more than 1900 members and Mike has been reviewing the various applications the club uses

B. From the Club survey, there are several club members who expressed an interest in learning more details of the technical support required for Pickleball Plus. I will be reaching out to them to follow up on their interest.

C. I have reviewed feedback from Janet Reynolds and Julia Sheppard Cole regarding the club's website content. Next steps will be forthcoming.

4. Met to review the duties and responsibilities of the President with Jeff as needed.

## Special Notices

As noted above - If you are interested in participating on or with an APPL team (coordinating / coaching, coaching or playing) please contact Carol at [STARFSH59K@AOL.COM](mailto:STARFSH59K@AOL.COM) for more information.

## Court Updates & Reminders

### Saturday Morning Sign Ups

We are currently transitioning to the fall 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 \(gvrpickleball.org\)](https://gvrpickleball.org).

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

3.0: Doug Edelson, John Maetta, Tony Izuel, Barry Gillaspie, Dean Ebaugh, Cynthia Taylor, Pat Black, Tami Shafer, Tina Breiten, Jackie Schoenfelder

3.5: Michael Hughes, George Anderson, Mike Sager

## **New Members**

Please join me in welcoming 10 new members: David Riley, Louise Riley, Carol Benight, Steve Ellis, Rhonda Needham, Susan Piazza, Keith Wunderlich, Chip Benight, Michael Hughes, Sandy Bird

## **Fall 2024 Club Classes**

**Note: These days / times are subject to change – always check Pickleball Plus for the current schedule.**

### **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.**

See the Fall 2024 GVR Catalogue (hard copy or online) for classes and signup information

## **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.