



PickleBlast

May 2018 PickleBlast

Welcome to this month's **PickleBlast**, with board meeting highlights, a new interview, and updates on activity for the new pickleball center. Here we go!

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Board Meeting Highlights

- New lock on East Center storage closet has wireless connectivity and codes can be assigned via a remote application for members requesting the use of the ball machine.
- The next round of decisions by the GVR Board are coming up regarding the purchase and development of the site for new courts. Please plan to attend these critical Board and committee meetings to show support, and to write to the GVR Board if you are not in the area.
- The Board will research the possibility of moving to electronic and/or proxy voting for club board members and bylaw revisions in the next few months. Current bylaws specify that members must be present at the annual meeting to cast a vote.
- The club will move to the new Onyx Fuse balls, which are more durable than the Onyx Pure and DuraFast balls now in use. Current inventory will be used prior to purchasing the Onyx Fuse replacements. The Board will raise the issue of more frequent court cleaning with GVR staff to provide a safer environment and reduce ball replacement costs.

Next board meeting is scheduled for September 12 at 6:00 pm at the East Center Lounge.

New GVR Pickleball Courts update

Thanks to all who came out and participated in our club golf outing on April 22. We had a great time and raised over \$12,000 for our new courts. The leaders and volunteers for this event did an outstanding job and we're already looking forward to next year!

Starting this month, we'll publish information updates on our GVR Foundation account as we receive them. Here's where we are at the end of April:

**GVR Foundation
Statement of Revenue and Expense
PICKLEBALL
Year-to-Date: 1/1/2018 - 4/30/2018
Acct is In (4100, 4102, 9030)**

		Current Year	Prior Year	Totals
		Year-to- Date	Year-to- Date	
Revenue				
	Pickleball Contributions	\$620.00	\$6,240.00	
	Pickleball Golf Receipts	\$15,808.00	\$0.00	
Revenue		\$16,428.00	\$6,240.00	\$22,668.00
Expenses				
	Pickleball Expenses	\$4,080.15	\$0.00	
Expenses		\$4,080.15	\$0.00	\$4,080.15
Excess or (Deficiency) of	Revenue Over Expenses	\$12,347.85	\$6,240.00	\$18,587.85

**Pickleball Club Reserve for New Courts
Total \$54,266.90
\$72,854.75**

Welcome New Members! (April)

Edward Bonkowski	Robert Hanson	Michael Plotnik	Jay Salerno
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Congrats to Members with New Ratings! (April)

Moved to 2.5:	Edward Bonkowski	Patty Calver	Paul Davis	Richard Farrell
Frank Morrison	Jay Salerno	Chuck Stewart	Greg Wright	
Moved to 3.0:	Blake Iserman	Lynne Knight	Gina Rowsam	Sam Schaen
Jack Stoddard	Shirley Stoddard	Susan Stussy		
Moved to 3.5:	Mark Ahern	Cameron Crawford	Barb Giesen	Dave Hamilton
Dave Henrickson	Jean Liedl	Ruth Neufeld	Marsha Olson	Glenn Riley
Karen Riley	Al Willette			
Moved to 4.0:	Kathy Palese			
Moved to 4.5:	Carol Hammerle			

** Have you received a new rating through USAPA or IPTPA? If so, let our Secretary Pam Goodrich know and she'll update your club profile.

Volunteer of the Month

This month's volunteer is **Deb McPartland**. Deb has taken the lead on our Social Committee, as well as our Wellness and Outreach Committee. Both of these positions require a lot of work behind the scenes that most of you don't ever see. Deb coordinated our April picnic and is working on a summer social and social events for the fall and winter for 2018-2019. She is super-good at planning and organizing and that helps all of us. Thanks Deb!

Interview with Pam Goodrich

This month's interview is with our new club secretary, Pam Goodrich. Pam started her two-year term last month. Let's hear what she has to say.

[PickleBlast]: Thanks for taking some time to talk to us today Pam. For our members who may not know you, tell us about your background, how you came to Green Valley, and how you discovered the game of pickleball.

[Pam Goodrich]: I was born and raised in a small town in Eastern Washington (Waterville) - population 1,014! Attended college at the U. of Puget Sound in Tacoma where, in 1966, I graduated with a double major in Psychology and German (go figure). I worked in the field of Social Work and as an Executive Director for most of my career (hospitals and non-profit agencies). Ten years prior to retirement, I was certified as a Life Care Planner and moved into the for-profit world by working in our privately-owned business.

Bill and I moved from Missoula, MT to Green Valley in the fall of 2015 and are permanent residents. Even though we miss our children and grandchildren, we are so pleased with our choice to move here and have not had one regret. We fell in love with pickleball when we first walked on the courts while attending Paul May's Assisted Play classes. It feels so great to still be able to play a court sport and we are thoroughly enjoying each and every person we've met.

[PB]: As you ran to become our club secretary, you must have some ideas about how we can improve and expand on what our club offers. Would you describe some of your ideas on how we can make our club better?

[PG]: The main reason I decided to run for Secretary was to just add one more person to the list of those of you who do SO much to make our pickleball club run smoothly. As with most other organizations, it seems there are too few doing way too much. It's wonderful to see the same faces so often but it's way past time for more of us to step up. My goal is and will be to constantly 'talk up' our pickleball experience, share and promote our vision, and encourage others to get more involved.

One of the greatest blessings in my life was to be the state-wide Director of a non-profit in MT where we instituted a concept called 'strategic alignment'. Because we were so aligned behind our vision, we grew and gained unbelievable momentum. I am so impressed with our club and it's exciting to be working with a group of people with a vision. The momentum and passion are palpable.

[PB]: Pam, thanks for your thoughts today and especially for joining us as we lead our club through the changes on the horizon. We are excited about what you bring to our board!

Netiquette

- Please observe the posted start times at both East Center (6:00 a.m.) and Canoa Ranch (7:00 a.m.). Start times are set by GVR and are a result of agreements with neighboring HOAs. Some of you have started playing prior to these times as the weather warms. If that continues, you can expect GVR to keep the courts locked until the published start times, so please follow the posted times.
- Because we don't have play throughout the day during the summer, it becomes more important to return balls to their holders once you have finished your game to extend the life of the balls.

Observations

- Our summer schedule is out! You will notice a few minor changes but as usual we'll focus on early morning and evening activity as it gets warmer. We are

suspending the restriction on stacking two paddles at East Center for the summer when combining focus levels.

- **The GVR Board meeting on May 22 will include a vote to fund the design phase for new courts. Please attend if you can. GVR Directors notice when we're in attendance at their meetings, and especially if we're waving paddles and making comments when given the chance.**

Upcoming Events

- We're having an ice cream social and round robin! August 22 at East Center. More details to come.

Upcoming GVR Board meetings are scheduled for May 22, June 26, and July 31. Most of us who are full-time residents take some time to get away during the summer, so please attend those meetings that you can.

In Closing?? If you have a suggestion, comment, or a question, let us know – preferably by email – as discussions on the court sometimes (actually quite frequently) get lost or forgotten. And let us know if you find this newsletter helpful. Use the GVR Pickleball Club website (<http://www.gvrpickleball.org>) to contact us.

That's all for now folks.....stay positive, keep smiling, and enjoy playing!!!!



Jeff Harrell

President, GVR Pickleball Club