Calling all Pickleball Players!

Pickleball has been growing quickly at The Villages. Our club membership has grown to over 100 people, and we’re always looking for more people to play this easy to learn game. Currently, Pickleball can be played on courts 5 & 6, using the blue tape lines laid down on the court already. Sign up at the Tennis Shack; currently Pickleball players can sign up 5 days in advance for time slots 10:30 and later.

The Pickleball Club has both Paddles and balls available for use in our storage unit (located in the back corner of Court 6), so it’s easy to try out the sport without investing any hard earned cash. Please make sure to wear shoes with non-marking soles on the bottom. Members are eligible for a discount when purchasing equipment; discount cards are available by contacting Steve Williams at steveandkumi@gmail.com.

We will be holding additional Villages clinics in coming weeks, including bringing in a Pickleball professional for more serious players at both the beginning and advanced levels. These are a great opportunity for those interested to learn both how to play and also meet potential partners. We maintain an online calendar were users can sign up, but attending the clinic will allow people to meet face to face and set up groups in advance.

Attending the clinics will also give players the opportunity to meet players who are at the same level. You’ll be amazed how quickly the game can be learned, as well as how much fun it is. Remember, we have open play for all levels of players between 1 PM and 4:30 on Wednesdays on courts 5 and 6! Stay tuned for future articles, which will explain how to play and give hints for strategy.

Recently, we announced a PLEDGE Project to build Pickleball Courts here at the Villages. A Pledge is *a solemn promise or agreement to do something*.  There has been some confusion about our Pickleball Courts PLEDGE program. The Pickleball Club’s goal is to raise a minimum of $50,000 in pledges within the next few months with the campaign ending on November 30, 2015. Pledge fulfillment will be expected within 30 days after the Pickleball Courts project is approved by the VGCC Board. This means you do NOT write a check for this activity at this time.  We are simply seeking PLEDGES!  Please consider completing the form below and submit it to the “Pickleball box” in the Cribari Center.