

# Pickleball Chatter

## July 10<sup>th</sup> Opening Day Event

We can finally celebrate the Opening of our Courts! The festivities begin at 1:30 PM with the installation of our new officers.

We will be serving food & drinks and at 2:00 we will have play on the courts. If you want to play, you'll sign up as you check in and get an assigned play time & court.

This is a member only event. Want to help? Contact Sheryl Ruth!

#### **Pickleball Reservation Updates**

- To facilitate quicker signups, only one name is needed to reserve a court. If no additional players have added by 5 PM, that day, the reservation will be cancelled.
- Singles play is restricted to 12:00 6:00

## **Pickleball Ball Machine**

Coming soon!!! Keep an eye out for updates!

## **Pickleball Balls and Paddles**

We are updating member Paddle database. All paddles **MUST** be on the Villages approved list - <u>http://villagespickleball.org/approved-</u>

<u>pickleball-paddles/</u> or they cannot be used in The Villages. This was a condition of our approval from the City of San Jose.

Paddles which say USPBA approved are **NOT** necessarily on the list. USPBA only refers to weight and size regulations.

Non-compliant paddles and balls may be donated to San Jose schools, contact Anahid.

## **Pickleball Balls**

Now selling balls at a reduced cost – Members pay \$7.50 for 3, non-members \$12.50. Contact Anahid to pick up balls.

Please **do not use** pickleballs other than the ones the club purchases. The only pickleballs approved for use at The Villages are the Onix 2 Pure, this was a condition of our approval from the City of San Jose. They are quieter than other balls.

The club will no longer provide balls for use, as the shed will remain locked due to the Pickleball ball machine.

#### Save the Date!

July 16<sup>th</sup> Dink & Drink – Dink & Drink begins! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, we have reserved courts 1-4 from 5 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. There will be nibbles and drinks, along with informal play. This is a great opportunity to meet new players and form new groups, as well as socialize with the friendliest people at The Villages! This BYOB event is for members only.

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## Join Group Play ("Drop In")

We have four levels of groups: Novice, Advanced Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. With group play, you do not play with the people you sign up with, each group has a leader who will assist in forming groups and rotating play between courts. There are now multiple groups visit villagespickleball.org and click on Group Play Signup for details on signing up!

Novice: Sun – 10:30, Thurs – 4:30 Adv Novice: Sun - 10:30, Wed -10:30, Thurs -4:30 Intermediate: Wed – 4:30, Thurs – 10:30 Advanced: Mon - 6:00, Tues - 6:00, Thurs - 10:30

## Pickleball Etiquette

A quick comment on etiquette. Pickleball is fun. Please refrain from offering tips, making denigrating comments or giving dirty looks to your teammate or other players. If you feel that a group is not playing to your ability, use that time to **encourage** others - not take away their enjoyment. Use that time to practice your own skills or consider forming your own group during another timeslot.

## **Importance of the Proper Shoes**

Court shoes are required on the Pickleball court. This is for your own safety, as well as to prevent marking the pickleball courts. Remember to ask for non-marking court (or tennis) shoes when purchasing.

#### **Suggestion Box**

For us to better facilitate responses to your questions, comments or issues, an online suggestion box is being added to our website.