

Did you know that Pickleball is America's fastest-growing sport? Yes, in 2020 Pickleball grew to 4.2 million players in the US, an incredible growth rate of 21.3% from 2019. In our Villages, it grew in membership by 33% in the past year!

You might be wondering why it is such a popular sport? Here are a few reasons:

1. It is ideal for all skill levels. Whether you're a beginner who just wants to learn a new sport for fun, or you're a seasoned player who craves the thrill of more competitive play, pickleball offers something for everyone. By the way, the Villages is very lucky to have our wonderful and talented Michael Walias, who demonstrates for beginners how to play the game. [mjw0275@yahoo.com](mailto:mjw0275@yahoo.com)
2. Pickleball is a social activity. Its smaller court allows players to be close enough to one another to hold conversations. It is a good bonding activity for family and friends of all ages.
3. Playing Pickleball is healthy! If you're looking for some good exercise for your mind and body, pickleball can't be beat. This game allows you to work on your balance, agility, reflexes, and hand-eye coordination.

NO WONDER PICKLEBALL IS SO POPULAR! Hopefully you'll soon come out and give it a try on our beautiful new courts!