

The SJ Planning Commission use permit requires we use “quiet” paddles and balls. This resulted in some members having non-compliant paddles and balls. We wanted to find a way to put the unsuitable equipment to good use, instead of just throwing them away.

While eating at Aqui one night, I met a wonderful teacher, Greg Brown. Greg is a very dedicated Phys Ed teacher at Herbert Hoover Middle School in San Jose. He noticed my Pickleball Club shirt and we started talking. Teachers spend a significant amount of money on supplies, and Greg was no exception. But paddles and balls can be quite expensive.

After Greg mentioned how the struggle to get equipment for his students, the Pickleball Club donation program was started! We accept any old (or non-compliant) paddles. Since we can only allow Onix 2 Pure balls on our courts, we accept all other balls as well.

Last week, we took over 18 paddles and 89 balls to the school. Greg, along with Millie Crosby and Mario Galacia, were stunned at the donation, and wanted to express their extreme gratitude to the Pickleball Club for our assistance. Do you have non-compliant paddles or balls to donate? Contact Anahid Gregg – we’ve already started collecting again!



Mario Galacia, Millie Crosby, and Greg Brown