



# Pickleball Chatter

## Upcoming Events!

We have a lot going on this Spring and Summer – make sure to update your calendar now so you don't miss a thing!

Do you want to help out? Contact Sheryl Ruth! Please note all events are member only, contact [pickleballvgcc@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballvgcc@gmail.com) to update your status!

## Dink & Drink is back!

Courts 1-4 will be reserved from 4:30-7:30pm. Signups are available 10 days in advance. There will be nibbles along with informal play, BYOB. This is a great opportunity to meet new players and form new groups, as well as socialize with the friendliest people at the Villages!

There is a \$5.00 charge to cover expenses.

### Upcoming dates:

- April 8<sup>th</sup>
- May 13<sup>th</sup>
- June 17<sup>th</sup>
- July 15<sup>th</sup>
- August 19<sup>th</sup>
- September 16<sup>th</sup>
- October 14<sup>th</sup>

## New Open Group Play Trial!

Courts 1-4 will be reserved from 3:00 to 4:30 on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for Open Group Play.

There will be one court for each level, with one court reserved for instruction. More info to come

## Mixers and Tournaments!

There will be different types of events, with something for everyone! These events are open to Members only.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Interclub Mixer

Join us for The Villages vs. Silver Creek in a friendly mixer challenge Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm. Players will enjoy potluck goodies and drinks provided by the Villages players. The winning team will receive a plaque to be hung in their clubhouse until the next meeting. Spectators are welcome, but please bring something to share! Player slots are full, but signups for spectators are now open!

## Spring Doubles Tournament

Our first tournament of 2022 is April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, a mixed doubles event. We will have 4 levels of play: novice, intermediate, advanced intermediate and advanced. Find a partner or we will help find one for you! Check our website and watch your email for the opportunity to sign up.

## Spring Smash

Our spring club tournament is May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, with men's doubles & women's doubles. We will have 4 levels of play, novice, intermediate, advanced intermediate and advance. Find a partner or we will help find one for you! Check our website and watch your email for the opportunity to sign up

## Battle of the Paddle

The annual Battle of the Paddle Championship tournament will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have 4 levels of play, novice, intermediate, advanced intermediate and advance. Find a partner or we will help find one for you! Check our website or watch your email for the opportunity to sign up. Spectators are welcome.

## Instructional Group Play

We have 3 levels of groups: Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. Visit [villagespickleball.org](http://villagespickleball.org) and click on Group Play Signup for details on sign ups!

## 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

## Paddles and Balls

All paddles **MUST** be on the Villages approved list - <http://villagespickleball.org/approved-pickleball-paddles/> and the only balls allowed are yellow Onix 2 Pure. This was a condition of our approval from the City of San Jose. Pickleballs sell at a discounted price – Members pay \$7.50 for 3, non-members \$12.50. Contact Anahid to pick up balls. Please **do not use** pickleballs other than the yellow Onix 2 Pure, this was a condition of our approval from the City of San Jose.

## Registering Guests

All players must be listed on reservations. Visit [villagespickleball.org](http://villagespickleball.org) and click on Register a Guest for details on the simplified sign ups!

**Thank you to Joel Pollack for the drone shot used for our website banner!**