

MEET DON KLUDT by Kathy Dombrowski

If you are enjoying a game of pickleball and someone hits a shot into the net, you may hear “Blame Don,” affectionately accusing our Court Manager of raising the net. Don is often at the courts measuring, maintaining (yes, I’ve seen him pick up trash) and lobbying for ways to improve our beautiful space.

When the Court Manager position opened up, Don’s name came to the minds of many, as he is known for his work ethic and calm demeanor.

Don was born and raised in Gilroy. After he left high school, he joined the Army where he became a Green Beret. Next, at the age of 22, he was hired by the Gilroy Police Department. Eventually he got his degree in Business Administration. At the PD, he held several positions, including police officer, Detective, Sergeant, and SWAT Commander.

Don moved to the Villages with his wife Joyce in 2016 to be closer to their beloved son Bennie. He is on the Board of the Italian Club and is a member of the Tennis Club, Bocce Club and Veterans Club. When he is not serving our club, he enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing, church, pickleball, playing with their puppy Cubby, attending 49er games, traveling, and spending time with his many friends and his family.

THANK YOU, DON!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our first Social Drop-in play today from 4:30-7:30 PM. Also, please visit our website to sign up for our Spring Tournament on May 21 and 22

