

Villager Pickleball Club article for October 21, 2021 By Joyce Kludt

I would like to introduce you to our Villages Pickleball Club Vice President, Brooks Fuller. Brooks grew up in Ohio and met Cindy, his lovely wife of 47 years, at Ohio University. They have 2 adult daughters who, by the way, both married men named Josh.

Brooks was a Financial Services Risk Manager in Mideastern states and spent the last 23 years of his career at GE Capital. During this time, they worked with youth groups on Appalachian homes, making them warmer, safer and drier.

Brooks retired 9 years ago and they moved way out to California because of "grandchildren and weather." They chose the Villages because "it's a gated community and it has golf, Pickleball, and other activities."

Brooks enjoys serving the community he lives in, which is evident in his service so far: Association Board VP and President for 3 years, and is now on the Homeowners and Pickleball Club Boards. His hobbies here include, golf, gardening, pickleball and making VMA equipment deliveries.

**Why do you like Pickleball?** "I like the competitiveness and the health benefits. I compare playing it to the memories of watching my young daughters play sports. They didn't care if they won or lost; they just wanted to have fun and to get their treat at the end of the game. To me, the score in pickleball is secondary to the enjoyment of play."

**What does your job of VP entail?** "My job is supporting President Terry's agenda and working to balance the growing members' (420) desires and wants."

*THANK YOU, BROOKS, FOR YOUR PART IN MAKING OUR PICKLEBALL CLUB SO GREAT!*

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