

Villages Pickleball Club

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If you are new to pickleball you have probably heard you need to learn to dink. Dink? A dink is a softer, slower shot that is intended to drop in the opponent's non-volley zone (the kitchen).

A good dink shot is dropping as it crosses the net and lands close to the net. This shot forces your opponent to have to wait for the ball to bounce before they can return it. A ball landing near the net is also difficult to return because of the angle required to get the ball back over the net. A dink shot hit lightly over the net will also reduce the height the ball bounces, thereby reducing the chance your opponent can smack the ball back hard.

A dink is best used when both of your opponents are at the kitchen line or if you or your partner need the extra (bounce) time to get to the kitchen line. To be good at the dink shot takes patience and practice, so get out and play!

Beginning lessons are available every Wednesday and Friday from 1-1:30 to introduce and instruct new players on the basics of the game. We currently play on tennis courts 5 and 6, the smaller pickleball courts are marked with yellow tape. No need to sign up for a lesson, just show up! Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking court shoes. More info at: villagespickleball.org