

## Pickleball News in the Villager – August 23, 2018



Pickleball is not only the fastest growing sport in the 55 and older age group, it is taking the golf world by storm according to Golf Digest. Hank Haney, Tiger Woods former instructor has been playing for two years. He believes golfers like it because it is a lifetime sport (like golf) and you can partner with a player better than you to win matches. They also like the exercise and competition. First time players can do pretty well because pickleball has a short learning curve unlike golf which is a steep learning curve.

One of The Villages golf pro's, Hannah Summerhays cousin Daniel is on the professional golf tour. When he is not playing golf he plays pickleball with family, friends and other golfers. Pickleball has become his non-golf sport of choice. Daniel says "it is competitive, fast and stimulates your brain". He feels the risk of getting hurt playing pickleball is very low and therefore is comfortable playing it while pursuing his PGA career in golf. Golfers on the tour who take their paddles along with their clubs include Matt Kuchar, Phil Mickelson, Ricky Barnes and Patton Kizzire.

Why not try pickleball??? Hannah, Scott, Vivian and Garry did...they loved it because it is so much FUN too! "When is Open Play?" Scott asked. Open play and instruction are Wednesday and Friday's , 1pm for instruction with open play beginning at 1:30-3pm.

Check out our website: [villagespickleball.org](http://villagespickleball.org)



Vivian Brown, Garry Gray, Hannah Summerhays, Scott Steele