

Villages Pickleball Club

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When I was asked to write an article about our Pickleball Club, I got a little frantic because I didn't have any new ideas to write about. But I remembered that Anahid wrote about why she plays the game and figured I could cover that too.

I moved to The Villages just over 4 years ago. When I attended the New Resident Orientation, Anahid was set up at a table with her laptop, giving out information about pickleball – how it's played and how to get involved... (how ironic: now it's me who was and will be doing that at New Resident Orientations – until Covid 19 restrictions stopped the meetings). Pickleball looked like fun and although I'm kind of a reluctant "joiner", I showed up for the drop-in lessons that Mike Walias gave on Wednesdays and Fridays.

It turns out I've been really glad that I "made" myself do that. I recognize that it's a great way to get some exercise, but for me, I play pickleball because I have fun! I can't claim to be a great player. I played a little tennis many years ago but often found it frustrating and a little too difficult for me. I haven't had that problem with pickleball and we all seem to be able to laugh at ourselves and enjoy the camaraderie. I've made some great friends on the courts. Now it is really exciting that we will have our own courts and more of us will be able to play at the same time. I know that I will be eternally grateful not to have to be momentarily confused about which baseline is for pickleball and which is for tennis! Either way though, I'll probably continue to hit the occasional "home run" way out of the playing field anyway!