



The Pickleball Club has experienced unprecedented growth in the past few years, growing to over 500 people! With so much growth, our Tournament/Social director role has grown so much that we decided we need two great people to replace the incredible Sheryl Ruth. Luckily, we found two amazing people; Sherry Benz and Michelle McQuay!

Sherry, a former Physical Therapist and Commercial Property Manager, decided to rent in The Villages 17 years ago from the San Jose area. She fell in love with The Villages, as well as Dennis! They got married and purchased a beautiful home (if you were lucky, you saw it on the VMA Home Tour a few years ago). She immediately became active in our community. She served as President of the Tennis Club and is proud of initiating the Jump Start Program which offers coaching on tennis skills and helps assimilate new players into the club, allowing them to form new and lasting friendships. Her impressive Villages resume includes golf, serving on the ABOD, Olivas DAC Chair, VMA Home Tour, and Stephen Ministry through the Chapel. Hard to believe she has time for everything with nine grandchildren!

Michelle and Tim moved here 2 years ago after living in Santa Teresa for 33 years. She and Tim are entrepreneurs, who live a very busy life. After meeting a few friends who got her to play Pickleball, she jumped into it with both feet, becoming an avid player. Pickleball is the first sport she and Tim have played together, and love playing with different people, laughing and having fun. Whenever the board needed a hand, she was the first to volunteer. One thing that she is VERY passionate about is the safety of not only Pickleballers, but all Villagers. It is her hope that eventually everyone; not just pickleballers but active walkers, bikers, golfers, hikers, tennis players, Bocci players etc... carry a Vile of Life on their person at all times! Her passion for safety is also why she and Tim are EPC Communication volunteers.

Both ladies not only bring passion to the board, but an incredible teamwork ethic. Sherry says that Michelle has talents in areas she does not, and amazing

organizational skills. Michelle says that Sherry has a breadth of knowledge with tournaments that she is delighted to learn from. The two of them feed off each other, reaching out to different people, bringing in a bigger audience.

The upshot is the Club benefits from this unique duo, we're looking forward to more innovative and unique events such as the Double Double Switch and Sadie Hawkins tournaments. Lucky us!

