

## More Pickleball Terms

We have many new players in our Club. So, a few weeks ago, I gave you some definitions for certain PB terms. How would you like to see more? Most of these terms you've probably already heard on the courts, but perhaps you don't know all the meanings.

Here we go:

- Ladder- a play format designed to keep players of similar skill levels together. Based on your win percentage, you may move up or down the ladder.
- Level-Your PB skill rating. Levels vary from 1.0 to 6.0 with 6.0 being for the top pro PB players.
- Lob (the dreaded Lob 😊)- a shot where you put height on the trajectory of the ball.
- Non-Volley Zone (or Kitchen)- the 14-foot area in the middle of the court that extends 7 feet on either side of the net. You can't volley the ball while making contact with the Non-Volley zone. (Hence, the term 😊)
- Odd (Left) Side- the opposite side as where each game starts. The first serve of each side will always start on the even/right-hand side of the court.
- Pickled-to lose a game 11-0. Most of us have been pickled. Yours truly does **not** like to be pickled!
- Poach – a player crosses over the centerline of the court to hit a ball on his or her partner's side of the court. Be careful not to over-poach, as some partners might become offended.
- Pop-up- we try to avoid doing this as it results in an easy offensive shot for opponents. Try to keep the ball low above the net to minimize your opponent's ability to hit offensive shots.

There are a few more terms to share with you to complete our Pickleball Dictionary which I will share in an upcoming article.

How about this Fall weather? I certainly welcome the cooler weather, which allows us to play not only in the morning, but in the afternoon as well!!! This makes it so much easier to secure a court!! Yippee!  
Have a fabulous week, Village Pickleballers!