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Note to readers: The Pickle Vine is best when viewed on a larger screen, e.g. a tablet, laptop, desktop, TV, projection screen, outdoor movie screen or even an IMAX screen.....

The Pickle Vine team expresses thanks to the Peace River Pickler community for their support during our tenure.

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Messages from the PRP Board

Deb Sarkisian, President

Dear Picklers,

Hope summer is going well for all of you. Our board is excited to bring you yet another fun and full session of Fall events. League leaders and teachers are in place, and content for advanced clinics has been determined. PRP will also be offering FREE scheduled Open Play on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays throughout this Fall session. The courts are reserved for our club members only. Please view the Court Availability Calendar on our website for specific times. All events will be open for sign up the morning of August 30.

I am sad to report that no one reached out to fill the position of Editor for the Pickle Vine, currently occupied by Jack Laflamme. I would like to personally thank Jack for all of the wonderful content he provided to us over the last sixteen months. I would also like to thank Maureen Blanton for her tournament reporting. These two have been extraordinary volunteers for our club and we certainly appreciate their efforts. The Board and our membership extends a huge "THANK YOU" to you both!!! If anyone is interested in filling their shoes, please reach out to myself or any other Board member to let them know you are interested. If we do not find any takers, this will be the last edition of the Pickle Vine.

On another note, a slight glitch has been discovered with our membership plans. Your active plan will expire 365 days from date of purchase. On day 365, you will get a system-generated email that lets you know your plan is expiring. At that point, you can then purchase a new plan which will have another 365 day activation period. We have found that some of you have purchased two plans. We are working to provide refunds to those of you this has happened to. We are also working with our Wix consultant to include a notification in your site profile which lets you know when your membership expires. As soon as this fix is in place, we will send out instructions on where to find it.

Happy Pickling!!

Deb Sarkisian



Messages from the PRP Board

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League News

Fall League registration opens August 30th. We are offering a 7 week program beginning September 27th thru November 13th. There will be 11 League offerings to choose from. They are:

Mixed 2.0/2.5 Shootout

Men's 3.5 Round Robin

Burnt Store Marina Mixed 3.5-4.0 Shootout

Ladies 3.0+ Shootout

Mixed 60+ 3.0/3.5 Shootout

Mixed 3.5/4.0 Ladder

Mixed 3.0+ Shootout

Mixed Team 3.5 Round Robin (Each Team must be Male/Female)

Ladies 3.5 Round Robin

Mixed 3.0/3.5 Shootout

Burnt Store Marina Ladies 3.5 Shootout

Also like to thank our League Leader volunteers for making these offerings possible. We appreciate the time and effort you contribute to make this club successful!!!!

If anyone is interested in leading a League in the future, please let us know.

Happy playing,

Julie Frainier and Ron Horton



Messages from the PRP Board

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Skills & Drills Classes

Skills and Drills classes for 2.0/2.5, 3.0 and 3.5 level players is just around the corner. We will have room for 20 players at each skill level. Registrations will fill up quickly.

The 2.0/2.5 class will meet Wednesday mornings from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, beginning September 29th. The 3.0 class will meet Thursday mornings from 8:00 am to 10:00 am beginning September 30th. The 3.5 class will meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to noon beginning September 29th. All of the classes will run for six weeks.

If you have any questions regarding Skills and Drills you may call or text me at 269 375-7895 or email me at rocknpickleball@gmail.com.

Tom Ward/PRP Skills and Drills Director/Board Member



What on Earth is Drills and Play?

Beginning this Fall PRP will be offering a new training program known as Drills and Play. In response to a membership survey, we will have a class that will teach and drill two skills for an hour followed by an hour of play time to incorporate those skills. Two new skills will be added each week. This inaugural class will be led by David Pike and will be open to 2.0/2.5 skill level players. It will be held for six weeks on Fridays, beginning October 1st, from 10:00 am until noon. Depending on the response to this initial offering, we will expand this program to higher skill levels in the future.

The initial class will be limited to the first 20 players that register.



Messages from the PRP Board

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SAVE THE DATE: 12/12/2021

PEACE RIVER PICKLERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We know it is very early to talk about Christmas, but we have to start planning early in order to get everything done. This year we are hoping to bring you the best party ever. It will be especially welcomed, considering this past year.

Time to let loose and have some fun! Don't forget to mark your calendar for **December 12th**, 5:30 pm at Twin Isles Country Club. Music by "Escape," dancing, door prizes, good food and lots of mingling with friends, picklers and non-picklers alike. Be on the alert for announcements for ticket sales coming in the next few months. For your convenience ticket sales will be online. No muss, no fuss! Make plans now.

Hope to see you there!

Mary Stewart

PRP Director



Twin Isles Country Club 310 Madrid Blvd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950



Charlotte County Community
Services Presents:



FALL BRAWL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday September 18
& Sunday September 19

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Start Times are 8AM

*This is an outdoor
tournament and there
are no rain out dates!

ROUND ROBIN INTO BRACKETS

Raffles, Food Truck & MORE!

\$25 per person for one event and additional \$10 for the second event

SATURDAY

3.0 Women's & Men's Doubles
3.5 Women's & Men's Doubles
4.0 Women's & Men's Doubles
4.5+ Women's & Men's Doubles

SUNDAY

3.0 Mixed Doubles
3.5 Mixed Doubles
4.0 Mixed Doubles
4.5+ Mixed Doubles

**South County Regional Park
670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.505.8686**

*All proceeds to go to Kids Camp Connection Scholarship Fund.

The Peace River Picklers Merchandise Store

Have you visited the PRP online Store yet?

Available through the Peace River Picklers website....



Pickleball Around the Web



Pickleball University is an interesting new site whose stated mission is “to inspire and equip you with custom content, information and education in the pickleball world”. Some topical current articles include the following subjects:

Calories Burned Playing Pickleball

<https://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/apple-watch-now-has-a-pickleball-setting-so-how-many-calories-do-picklers-burn>

The Serve as a Weapon

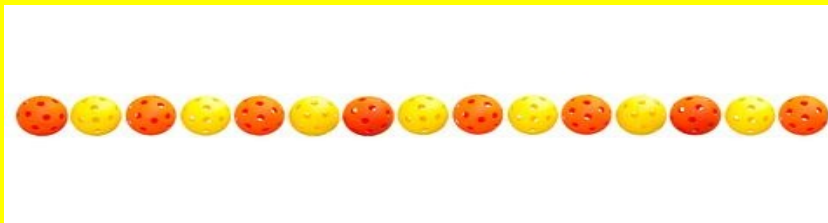
<https://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/the-secret-serve-any-pickleball-player-can-employ>

How to Make Your Pickleball Opponents Hit Tough Shots

<https://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/how-to-make-your-pickleball-opponents-hit-tough-shots-according-to-a-pro>

How to Beat a Banger

<https://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/what-is-a-pickleball-banger-and-how-do-you-beat-them>



Adding weight to Your Paddle

Sarah Ansboury produced an interesting article on using lead tape to change the weight and balance of your paddle.

<https://sarahansboury.com/should-you-add-lead-tape-to-your-pickleball-paddle/>

Pickleball News

“Major League Pickleball”

Major League Pickleball (“MLP”) is a proposed new team pickleball league. As reported on the blog “No Man’s Land Pickleball”, the scheme is not a league in the usual sense, like the NFL, MLB or NBA. However, it is an intriguing idea that could create some very interesting teams and matches.

In the below link (“5 Questions about Major League Pickleball (MLP)”), the blogger presents the league structure and format, and his thoughts. Teams will be established through a draft that is tentatively scheduled to be broadcast live on August 5th from Newport Beach, CA, with an inaugural tournament tentatively scheduled to take place in Texas on November 5-8th, 2021.

It is a very fascinating concept on what might be one possible aspect of pickleball’s future.

A sample clip from the blog:

“Rumors are that most, if not all of the top players in the game today, will be playing in the inaugural season of the MLP, and rumors of the team owners range from billionaires to celebrities. We’ll see who the owners end up being but it is setting up for the MLP to have plenty of star power.”

<https://nmlpickleball.wordpress.com/2021/07/06/5-questions-about-major-league-pickleball-mlp/>

Major League Pickleball Update

The scheduled date for the draft has been changed, again tentatively, to September 30th and will be held at the Dallas Professional Pickleball Association.

For those interested in the subject, the following is a rather lengthy blog post with Ben Johns and Rob Nunnery discussing a simulated draft and what the team selections might look like.

<https://anchor.fm/the-freestyle-boys/episodes/BONUS---August-1--2021-Major-League-Pickleball-Mock-Draft-e15ant0>

USA Pickleball Area Ambassadors

The Role of Ambassadors

Ambassadors are volunteers who have pledged to promote the sport of pickleball and the USA Pickleball in the local area that they represent. They are individuals or couples who work with the communities, clubs, and other various recreational facilities to guide and help build pickleball programs for all to enjoy. These Ambassadors work together as a teams within their Districts and across their Region to enhance the development of the USA Pickleball and pickleball. The main prerequisite is a love of the sport and the desire to share our game with others of all ages.

Below is a listing of current ambassadors within a 25 mile radius of Punta Gorda.

Jorge Aguilar	Venice, FL	Ambassador: Venice; FL
Colleen Blakley	N. Ft. Myers, FL	Ambassador: Key West; FL
Sue Carman	Venice, FL	Ambassador: Sarasota County; FL
Linda Coe	Port Charlotte, FL	Ambassador: Port Charlotte; FL
Dick Crossland	Englewood, FL	Ambassador: Englewood; FL
Gloria Reilly	Punta Gorda, FL	Ambassador: Punta Gorda; FL
Robert White	Arcadia, FL	Ambassador: North Port; FL

A complete and searchable list of USA Pickleball ambassadors and email addresses, can be found at:
https://www.memberleap.com/members/directory/search_USAPA.php?ambassadors

Further information on USA Pickleball Ambassadors can be found at:



Professional Pickleball Player Rankings

Note: Numerous groups rank the pros and all do not agree.

See the basis for rankings in the following two organizations.

**Top pro rankings as listed by the Professional Pickleball Association as of 08/26/2021,
now known as the Franklin PPA Player Rankings.**

Ranking based on player results in tournaments on the PPA Grand Slam Tour.

Player	Points		Player	Points
Men's Singles			Women's Doubles	
Ben Johns	5500		Lucy Kovalova	5750
Jay Devilliers	2550		Simone Jardim	5750
Tyson McGuffin	2390		Callie Smith	3300
Women's Singles				
Catherine Parenteau	3085		Mixed Doubles	
Simone Jardim	2950		Simone Jardim	5550
Irina Tereschenko	2485		Ben Johns	5550
Men's Doubles			Lucy Kovalova	4050
Ben Johns	5000		Matt wright	4050
Matt Wright	4200		Lindsey Newman	2586
Tyson McGuffin	3725		Riley Newman	2586

Top Pro Rankings as listed by Pickleball Global as of 08/26/2021

Ranking based on the best 12 tournament results during the last 52 weeks.

Player	Points		Player	Points
Men's Singles			Women's Doubles	
Ben Johns	18400		Simone Jardim	14000
Tyson McGuffin	15500		Lucy Kovalova	12600
Zane Navratil	13400		Catherine Parenteau	9200
Women's Singles				
Simone Jardim	10200		Mixed Doubles	
Catherine Parenteau	9750		Simone Jardim	19200
Lea Jansen	9400		Ben Johns	18400
Men's Doubles			Lucy Kovalova	14600
Ben Johns	17700		Matt Wright	14600
Tyson McGuffin	15400		Catherine Parenteau	12800
Collin Johns	13900		Tyson McGuffin	12000

Pickler Playgrounds

Englewood, FL

Englewood Sports Complex	1300 S. River Rd, Englewood, FL 34223	941-681-3742
Tringali Park recreation Center	3460 N. Access Rd, Englewood, FL 34224	941-861-5000

Port Charlotte, FL

Centennial Park Rec. Center	1120 Centennial Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33953	941-613-3230
Harold Ave Reg. Park Rec. Center	23400 Harold Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33980	941-627-1074
McGuire Park	21125 McGuire Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33952	941-681-3742
Midway Park	23023 Midway Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33952	941-625-7529

Punta Gorda

Bissett Park	12455 Path Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-681-3742
Gilchrist Park	400 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	
Pickleplex®@ FSW Campus	26300 Airport Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-451-9923
South County Regional Park Rec Center	670 Cooper St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-505-8686

Rotonda, FL

Rotonda Community Park	100 Rotonda Blvd, E Rotonda, FL 33947	941-681-3742
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For a full calendar of PRP events & details:

<https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/>

For Pickleplex® events & details:

<https://www.pickleplex.org/calendar>

Snowbirds up north.

Check for a tournament near you:

https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/pbt_main.pl

PEACE RIVER PICKLERS Mission Statement

Peace River Picklers Pickleball club is a nonprofit organization established to cultivate the game of Pickleball through social play, competitive leagues and standardized, consistent educational programs for our members. These activities provide opportunities for players to realize their own potential in an environment that promotes socialization, fun & exercise.

Upcoming Southwest Florida Pickleball Tournaments

St. Pete Road To The Cup....St. Petersburg, FL 08/28/2021

Fall Brawl....Punta Gorda, FL 09/18-19/2021

Singles Galore....Naples, FL 09/25-26/2021

Lucy Kitcher Gamma Sundial Championship....Sanibel, FL 09/24-26/2021

Collier County Turn Up—The PINK....Naples, FL 10/15-17/2021

Englewood PicklePalooza....Englewood, FL 10/16/21

Hopen its Open....Bonita, FL 10/21-24/2021

The Halloween Havoc....Fort Myers, FL 10/29-31/2021

Pickleplex Halloween Haunt....Punta Gorda, FL 10-29-31/2021

Veteran's Day Tribute....Naples, FL 11/11-12/2021

American Pickleball Endless Summer Series....Punta Gorda, FL 11/12-11/14/2021

The Fall Brawl....Fort Myers 11/19-21/2021

American Pickleball Sundial Resort....Sanibel, FL 12/03-05/2021

Florida Challenger....Bonita Springs, FL 12/09-12/2021

The Holiday Paddle Battle....Fort Myers, FL 12/17-19/2021

More info on these and other tournaments can be found at:

https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/pbt_main.pl

PRP Leagues, Skills/Drills, & Advanced Clinics Refund Process Update

We would like our membership to know that the PRP Board has updated our Refund Policy to include:

- Any/all refunds will ONLY be given to those who make a request no later than two weeks prior to the start of the event. After that, no refunds will be issued.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

All of our events require a certain amount of players for the programs to function both physically and financially, thus the reason for this policy change!!

Setting up these events requires a great deal of work including:

- **Court Rentals:**
 - o Determine and pay for the number of courts required by event
 - o Work with South County Regional Park team to contract/rent the courts
- **Leagues:**
 - o Recruit enough volunteers to be League Leaders
 - o Define which Leagues to offer:
 - § Shootout
 - § Round Robin
 - § Ladder
- **Skills/Drills, Advanced Clinics, & PB101:**
 - o Recruit enough teachers to adhere to teacher/student ratios
 - o Recruit Skills/Drills Coordinators

Due to these events being driven by the number of members who sign up, it's a constant work in progress up until a few days before the events launch. Again, all of our events require a certain amount of players for the programs to function.

This doesn't get done easily. This process requires numerous volunteers working with PRP board to ensure all events are organized and ready to go when players arrive. Late/last minute requests are not acceptable.

I'm sure you can all understand the need for this change!

Thank you

Peace River Picklers Board



PEACE RIVER PICKLERS

South County Regional Park

Pickleball Court Etiquette Guidelines

South County Pickleball Courts are considered “Open Play” when Leagues & Skills & Drills are not in session. Please adhere to the following Pickleball court etiquette guidelines so that we make open play fun for everyone:

During open play, players’ play 4 to a court, play to a score of 11, team must win by 2 points.

There are three gates to enter & exit from the courts. Please be respectful and use the gate that is closest to the court you are going onto or leaving. This will alleviate disrupting another group’s game.

Make sure you enter & exit the courts when you have all 4 players together. **Move on/off the court quickly** so that you are not holding up another group’s game. **Close the gate after last person enters or exits!**

If you have to cross an active court to get onto a vacant court or to leave a court, wait until their current point is over. Ask the players for permission to cross their court.

If your ball goes into another court during play, please call out “ball” to notify the team so they can stop play. We do not want anyone to get hurt.

If you are standing around waiting to play, please be assertive and ask any player if you can join next game. Open play means everyone has an opportunity to play, but you own making that happen!

Following these simple Pickleball “court etiquette” guidelines will create a fun & enjoyable open play experience for all!!





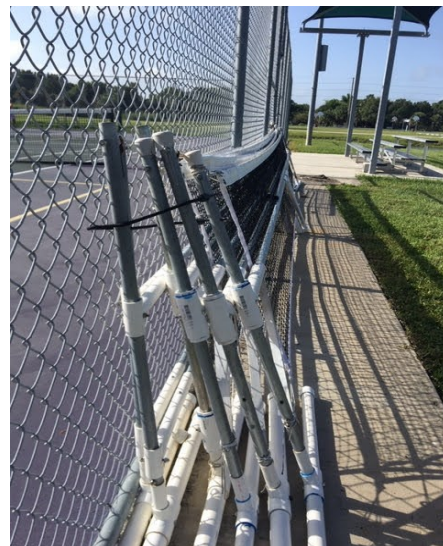
Pickleball Nets



The pickleball nets at South County Regional Park are owned by Peace River Picklers, with repair and maintenance work coordinated by Doug Gammie of PRP.

It is in our collective best interest to properly maintain these nets to insure quality of play and keep replacement costs and repairs to a minimum. Members of PRP are asked to review the following suggestions from Deb Sarkisian and Bruce McPhee that will help to prolong the “life and health” of our nets.

1. Nets should be stored at the two opposite ends of the courts—the parking lot end and the Cooper Street end. Nets brought onto the court from one side should be returned to the same side.
2. Nets should be stacked together with the center bars facing out.
3. Nets stored on the parking lot end of the courts should be secured against the wooden barrier structure on that end. Nets stored at the opposite end of the courts should be secured against the chain link fence.
4. Bungee cords should be wrapped around the nets as tightly as possible to keep the nets upright.



Combination for the net locks can be found at: <https://www.peaceriverpicklers.com/net-code>

Should nets be found to be in need of repair, please contact Doug Gammie at gammie72@msn.com or 941-505-0893.

From the Peace River Picklers Board of Directors

The purpose of the Peace River Picklers (PRP) is to promote the game of pickleball. This implies that sportsmanship, etiquette and generosity will be foremost in all PRP efforts. Pickleball can be competitive or it can be recreational. PRP will respect the wants and goals of all players, endeavoring to provide events, activities, and play to meet all members' needs.

Peace River Picklers (PRP) Code of Conduct

- * I will not act in a way that threatens my safety or the safety of others.**
- * I will refrain from verbal outbursts which are profane, threatening or abusive.**
- * I will refrain from acts or language which harasses or belittles a teammate or opponent, or which creates turmoil and/or dissension among players.**
- *I will respect the pickleball courts and property and perform no action which may cause damage.**
- * I will comply with posted court schedules.**
- *I will make fair line calls and respect calls made by others. I will consider the ball to be "in" if uncertain of the line call.**
- *I will behave in a manner consistent with this code and, as such, will be an ambassador for the sport of pickleball.**

The Board of Directors appreciates your adherence to this Code of Conduct. Please feel free to contact any one of us with any concerns.

Deb Sarkisian, Jean McGee, Laurie Price, Heather Washik, Bruce McPhee, Mary Stewart and Tom Ward