



The Pickle Vine

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Calendar

PicklePlex® merchandise sale at Gilchrist Park	Apr 4
	Apr 19
	Apr 21
U.S. Open Pickleball Championships, Naples	Apr 27-May 4
Harold Ave Pickleball Tournament	Apr 28

In lieu of featuring a “Member of the Month” selection this month, we have chosen to dedicate this issue to our recently held in-house PRP Members Only Tournament. So much work and preparation went into holding this tournament, we would like to inform our readers as to some of the “behind-the-scene” action that took place as well as thank the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our tournament such a success. Our Club! Our Tournament! We couldn't be more proud!!!!

Whether playing with spouse or friend

Whether practicing for days or weeks

Whether a first-timer or seasoned tournament player

Whether medaling or not...

PRP players enjoyed a terrific members-only tournament last month! Have you ever wondered what goes on “behind the scenes” of running our tournament? We spoke to some key people involved in the planning and executing of it and were surprised by the incredible time and effort needed to pull off a successful pickleball tournament. Firstly, let us introduce the dynamic group of individuals who served on our Tournament Committee: Melissa and Joel Shaffer, Gloria and Pete Reilly, Lin Coe, Susan Tant and Colleen and Roger White. These committee members originally met to assign tasks and responsibilities. As time got closer to the actual tournament date, meetings were held frequently, spending over 40 hours working the week prior to the event date. Participants and spectators can readily note the food, water, raffle, and merchandise tents set up, but may not realize the legwork involved in soliciting donations and transporting equipment needed at the tournament. One of the most time consuming and “ever changing” tasks is the actual set-up of matches and organizing brackets, and the many revisions involved as players are added and deleted.



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PEACE RIVER PICKLERS Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Peace River Picklers, Inc. pickleball club is to promote pickleball through education, clinics, and competitive tournaments to residents of Charlotte County and surrounding areas as well as providing opportunities for competitive and social pickleball activities. Our overall theme is to encourage sportsmanship and camaraderie through fun and exercise.

We welcome newsletter submissions, suggestions, comments.

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TOURNAMENT NEWS



BEHIND THE SCENES OF PRP ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP-ONLY TOURNAMENT...

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For our PRP tournament, the brackets were drawn by hand, without computer software assistance in order to save members from paying a higher registration fee. Many email communications were made with players helping them choose their partner and skill level of play and of course informing them of final brackets and match times. We had a total of 139 members playing in the tournament– 109 playing outdoor and 30 indoor.

It really is an enormous task, preparing and planning a pickleball tournament. Fortunately for us, our club has the dedicated and hard-working people willing to step up to the plate to accomplish this task. As stated in our Mission Statement, we provide competitive play and encourage camaraderie. Our club also benefits from the money raised from tournament events. Thanks again to all club members who made this event possible! Also, many thanks to Melissa Shaffer and Gloria Reilly for the information they provided us as we researched this “behind the scenes” tournament article. Looking forward to next year’s tournament event!



2019 MINTO US OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMING SOON

For those of you competing in the Open this year, we wish you the best!!! Have fun and play hard!!! Be sure to let us know how you did. For those of you going as spectators (over 10,000 expected), enjoy cheering on your favorite players and just the excitement of attending such an entertaining event. Our Social Committee is planning on hosting a viewing again this year at Beef O’Brady’s of the final Zing Zang tent matches. We are currently waiting for CBS Sports Network to announce their broadcast date. Always a fun time watching amazing pickleball games with our community of pickleball friends!

Be sure to catch next month’s newsletter issue as we post results from the Charlotte County Senior Games!







Special thanks to Melissa Shaffer and Sara Yager for providing these fabulous action shots!



Medaling in our PRP Members Only Tournament...

OUTDOORS VENUE



Women's Doubles:

4.5

GOLD: Charlene Otteni/Sarah Saari
SILVER: Sue Nelson/Cathryn Noble
BRONZE: Bobbi Little/Kay Nealis

3.5

(under 60)

GOLD: Paula Rockwell/Donna Wilson
SILVER: Paula Byrnes/Gayle Davis
BRONZE: Hisoon Lee/Annie Sweeney

3.0

(under 60)

GOLD: Diane Bonnstetter/Faye Orrison
SILVER: Karen Chesterman/Qun Wang
BRONZE: Cora Baker/Judy Skibinski

4.0

GOLD: Debra Pawlowski/Susan Tant
SILVER: Rebecca Hodges/Melissa Shaffer
BRONZE: Patty Pink/Toni Roby

3.5

(over 60)

GOLD: Cynthia Morrell/Gloria Reilly
SILVER: Kathy Seward/Bonnie Stade
BRONZE: Rena Abair/Pamela Vokey

3.0

(over 60)

GOLD: Sue Croft/Nancy Thompson
SILVER: Margie Izzo/Deb Rothermel
BRONZE: Ginny MacDonald/Sue Meyer

Men's Doubles:

4.5/5.0

GOLD: Kris Johanessen/Tony Schubert
SILVER: Ricky Deller/Jeff Houhoulis
BRONZE: Mike McKeough/Paul Richards

4.0 (under 60)

GOLD: Chris Smith/Blake Wilson
SILVER: Darrell Becker/Jeff Gately
BRONZE: Hector Alvarado/Pedro Maldonado

4.0 (over 60)

GOLD: Bruce McPhee/Gary Wilson
SILVER: Daniel Cormier/Pete Reilly
BRONZE: Michael Carpino/Henry Halat

3.5

GOLD: Richard Chambers/Dennis Frank
SILVER: Bill Terhune/Paul Vokey
BRONZE: Jay Knupp/ Nick Zacharuk

3.0

GOLD: Dale Kirby/Mark McCall
SILVER: Cy Chesterman/Steve Hocker
BRONZE: Tim Crutchfield/David Mier



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Mixed Doubles:

4.5+

GOLD: Cathryn Noble/Darryl Noble
SILVER: Deb Sarkisian/Kris Johanessen
BRONZE: Sue Nelson/Jeff Houhoulis

4.0 (Group A)

GOLD: Sheila Moffatt/Rick Sarkisian
SILVER: Hisoon Lee/Steve Roforth
BRONZE: Annie Sweeney/Tom Sweeney

4.0 (Group B)

GOLD: Donna Wilson/Gary Wilson
SILVER: Melody Woodsum/Greg Woodsum

3.5 (Group A)

GOLD: Paula Rockwell/Jonathan Ralph
SILVER: Nancy Latimer/Rick Latimer
BRONZE: Cindy Schiffer/Mike Schiffer

3.5 (Group B)

GOLD: Cynthia Morrell/Richard Morrell
SILVER: Pamela Vokey/Paul Vokey
BRONZE: Kathy Seward/Gary Seward

3.0 (Group A)

GOLD: Janine McCall/Mark McCall
SILVER: Qun Wang/Steve Hocker
BRONZE: Amy Kirby/Dale Kirby

3.0 (Group B)

GOLD: Ginny MacDonald/Doug MacDonald
SILVER: Sue Meyer/Mac Meyer
BRONZE: Susie Brickell/Gene Mongiardini

Medaling in our PRP Members Only Tournament..

INDOORS VENUE



Women's Doubles:

GOLD: Debbie Jeffries/Barbara Mills

SILVER: Sharon Moldenhauer/Donna Peterson

BRONZE: Lori Kelke/Lorraine Mushacke

Men's Doubles:

GOLD: Mark Ainscoe/Frank Wong

SILVER: Alan Jorgenson/Jim Tomasulo

BRONZE: Paul Urbanick/James Warner



Mixed Doubles:

GOLD: Stephanie Long/Mark Ainscoe

SILVER: Susan McKittrick/Fred Graham

BRONZE: Connie Wong/Paul Urbanick



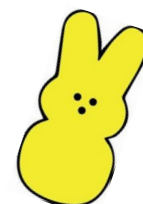
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PRP TOURNAMENT RAFFLE WINNER

Marie King was our lucky raffle prize winner! All monies collected from the sale of raffle tickets went to support the Back Pack Kidz of Charlotte County.



Happy Easter



Wishing all our readers a very Happy Easter



MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN PRP



PRP SPREADS THE LOVE OF PICKLEBALL



On Saturday, January 26, our PRP Club participated in Port Charlotte's first annual "How-To Festival" held at Mid-County Regional Library. Under the leadership and direction of Frances Gammie and Mark Ainscoe, two pickleball nets were set up outside the library for volunteer members to teach festival participants the "how-to" of pickleball. Frances was able to recruit (her specialty) PRP volunteers to come help teach our favorite sport. Mark did a fabulous job setting up the courts, along with an information table on South County Park and pickleball. Snacks were also served! It was a joy playing outside and jiving to the great music Mark provided. Youngsters, teens, millennials and seniors all gave our great sport of pickleball a try. It was a fun event enjoyed by all. Thanks again to Frances and Mark, along with the PRP volunteers, for spreading the love of pickleball, a game enjoyed by all ages. Looking forward to the 2nd annual "How-to Festival" next year!



Pickler's Playgrounds

In Punta Gorda:

Gilchrist Park, West Retta Esplanade

South County Rec Center, 670 Cooper Street

In Port Charlotte:

Harold Avenue Rec Center, 23400 Harold Avenue

In Englewood:

Tringali Sports Center, 3460 N. Access Rd



Answer to St Patrick's Day Logic Puzzle:

- Megan and Michael O'Keefe- attend church
- Mary and Thomas O'Hare- green beer
- Margaret and Brian O'Toole- wear green
- Sarah and Peter O'Malley- attend parade
- Shannon and Patrick O'Riley- kiss stone

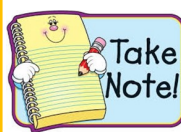


CATERER CHOSEN

The Board Of PicklePlex[®] is excited to announce that we have selected Chris Lansdale of Beef O'Bradys in Punta Gorda to be our preferred food caterer for all tournaments and events. Chris has been a tremendous supporter of local sports for many years. He will be offering healthier options, as well as some of the Beef O'Brady favorites. We are excited that Chris has agreed to become a part of the PicklePlex[®] team!



As the PicklePlex[®] courts near completion, the PicklePlex[®] Board would like to thank everyone who has helped in so many ways to get the first 16 courts completed. We appreciate **ALL** of you and look forward to seeing you play at the PicklePlex[®] opening in May!



On Thursday, April 4th, PicklePlex[®] merchandise will be sold at Gilchrist Park from 8-10 am. This will be the last sale date prior to PicklePlex[®] opening. Headwear is \$15 and shirts are \$20. Both are great souvenirs to bring North and terrific gear to wear to the U.S. Open!

PICKLEPLEX[®] TOURNAMENT NEWS...

Our tournament committee has been busy!!!

Watch for details on the following events:

JUNE– Pickleball Triathlon

Sept 27-29 Tournament

JULY– Guns and Hoses Charity Event

Oct 25-27 Grand Opening Tournament

AUGUST– SWF Sizzler Evening Tournament Event

COURT SPONSORS STILL NEEDED

PicklePlex[®] is still looking for court sponsors. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested, please con-tact one of our Board members. The first 16 courts will be completed in May. Over the summer, PicklePlex[®] will be experimenting with how best to rotate courts. We welcome your suggestions by emailing info@pickleplex.org



John Sperling offered a pickleball camp this last week of March at South County Rec Center for players seeking to sharpen their Doubles skills. We heard reports that it was an excellent camp and highly recommend John as an instructor.



PAVER PURCHASE CONTINUES FOR PLAYERS AND COMMUNITY!

Get in on this Unique Opportunity!

This fundraising effort is proving to be a huge success since its release a few months ago, but there is still time for you to participate. These pavers will help to beautify the paths that surround PicklePlex® and adds a personal touch as well. You can participate by following the link to their website and filling in the form to add your engraved message.

polarengraving.com/pickleplexofpuntagorda



- The PicklePlex® of Punta Gorda is now registered with Amazon Smile.
- When purchasing online, go through Amazon Smile, select PicklePlex® of Punta Gorda as your charity. They will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the PicklePlex®.



PicklePlex® Wish List

The following items are needed for the May 2019 opening of PicklePlex®. If you'd like to sponsor one of these items please contact info@pickleplex.org. A small plaque will be attached to each item indicating the donor or memorial information.

DESCRIPTION	COST	TOTAL NEEDED	Amount Collected
Picnic Tables with Umbrella	\$1500	7	3
Trash Receptacles	\$450	6	
Water Fountain / Bottle Filling	\$1500	1	1
Bleachers	\$5000	4-5	2
Storage Shed	\$10,000	1	
Utility Truck	TBA	1	
18 bike rack	\$275	1	
Mister	\$675	1	
Sidewalk Sign	\$250	1	1



PLEASE NOTE: If you are interested in donating a picnic table we ask that you do so immediately, as the turnaround time to order is very time-sensitive. Thanks!!