



# Pickleball Chatter

## Pickleball Court Update

We are getting ready for the Villages-wide Pickleball Court vote. In preparation, we need YOUR help! What can you do?

- A flier will be distributed to all Villagers and sent to members shortly. Talk to your friends and neighbors. Highlights:
- HOA fees will not be increased to pay for courts!
- The projected cost per month is 40¢ per household
- Invite David Cook to speak at your next DAC meeting!

## Pickleball Paddles

All paddles MUST be on the Villages approved list - <http://villagespickleball.org/approved-pickleball-paddles/> or they can no longer be used in The Villages! This was a condition of our approval from the City of San Jose. Paddles which say USPBA approved are **NOT** necessarily on the list. That only refers to weight and size. They must be on the list! The Pickleball Club purchased eight paddles from the list for members to try. During the sound test, the Monarch Dragon Slayer and the Monarch Mercenary were the quietest paddles – try them out!

## Pickleball Balls

Please **do not use** pickleballs other than the ones the club purchases. The only pickleballs approved for use at The Villages are the Onix 2 Pure, this was a condition of our approval from the City of San Jose. They are quieter than other balls.

## Looking for People to Play With?

Use the Pickleball Scheduler to see existing groups and schedule your own group. When we have our own courts, we'll move to all online reservations. Currently, you can put in your group, but must still sign up in the Tennis Shack.

Groups on the Scheduler get a ten-minute grace period to sign up for courts. After that, anyone can sign up at the Tennis Shack.

Instructions are here -

<http://villagespickleball.org/pickleball-scheduler-2/>

## Save the Dates!

**NOTE: Due to the Corona Virus, our annual meeting and Potluck schedule for April 5<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled, as well as the April 8<sup>th</sup> Dink & Drink. We will keep you updated on any additional cancellations.**

We have some special events you should mark on your calendar today!

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** – The Spring Smash Tournament!

There will be multiple experience levels, ensuring that all players have an enjoyable time in this Round Robin Tournament.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Dink & Drink begins!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, we have reserved courts 1-4 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. There will be nibbles and drinks, along with informal play. This is a great opportunity to meet new players and form new groups, as well as socialize with the friendliest people at The Villages!

**Want to help? Contact Sheryl Ruth!**

## Pickleball Etiquette

A quick comment on etiquette. Pickleball is fun. Please refrain from offering tips, making denigrating comments or giving dirty looks to your teammate or other players. If you feel that an open group is not playing to your ability, use that time to **encourage** others - not take away their enjoyment. Use that time to practice your own skills or consider forming your own group during another timeslot.

Please pick up Pickleballs while playing and ensure you do not take them home by accident.

## Importance of the Proper Shoes

Court shoes are required on the Pickleball court. This is for your own safety, as well as to prevent marking the tennis courts. Remember to ask for non-marking court (or tennis) shoes when purchasing.

## Pickleball Board Meetings

The Pickleball Board meetings are held the last Thursday of the month in the Redwood room. They start at 7:00 PM, and all members are welcome to attend.