

Court Report

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Chairman's Message

February has come and gone. Our season will be over before we know it. The weather is finally getting warmer.

We had a great day for the Tournament, on Saturday, February 19th. We had 32 members participate in two different sessions. In the morning session we had 16 and the afternoon 12. A special thanks to Mike and Janis for running the tournament and others who brought sandwiches and goodies.

The First Aid kit is mounted behind the bulletin board at the Pickleball courts. As a reminder when players on the adjoining court yell, "BALL" please stop playing, especially if you can't see the ball as it may be under your feet. Secondly, please do not walk behind players to retrieve a ball on the adjoining court.

Lessons on Wednesday morning are going extremely well. We have an average of 10 people per week.

The Pickleball committee is evaluating new pickleballs to be used in the future. Larry will be sending out a survey to all members.

Upcoming Events:

- Pickleball Tournament Sat March 12th
- Sportsmixer Fri March 18th
- Coffee Hour Sat March 19th

Volunteers are needed for the Sportsmixer, please contact Janis and for coffee hour Bill.

Our season is ending too soon so have fun and be safe.

Bill, Chairman



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St. Patrick's Coffee Serving



- March 19 - Volunteers are needed for the Coffee hour. Call Bill and let him know you can help!

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FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT



February Tournament - Morning



February Tournament - Afternoon



Winners - Morning

Richard Pare, Jackie Barto, & Carl Tiell all tie for First Place
Mike Henderson – Second



Winners - Afternoon

Kurt Barto – First
Gerry DeJong – Second
Bill Blake & Tom Van Tunien Tie for Third

We had a great time at our February tournament. The weather was great. If you haven't played in any of the monthly tournaments yet, please consider the March tournament.



Upcoming Events

- March 12 - Saturday – Tournament
- March 18 - Sports Mixer Friday
- March 19 - Pickleball serves at Coffee Hour, Saturday March 19
- Volunteers are needed for Sports Mixer and Coffee hour.

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Seven (7) New Rules for 2022

For the 2022 calendar year, there are some important additions, deletions, and other revisions to the rules of pickleball that you should be aware of. These include the following - most apply to tournament play:

- 1. Chainsaw Serve Outlawed** – The 2022 pickleball rule changes largely focus on the hottest topic around the courts in 2021 – *the serve*. The 2022 pickleball rule changes start with outlawing the chainsaw serve. In other words, a player may only use his or her non-paddle hand to toss the pickleball for the serve (unless a player does not have use of their non-paddle hand, at which point the player may use the paddle to flick up the pickleball and serve). No player may use the paddle or paddle hand to toss or otherwise impart spin on the pickleball. However, a player may use his or her non-paddle hand (as long as it is only the non-paddle hand) to impart spin on the pickleball. So, beware of the one-handed spin serve, which will surely make waves in 2022.
 - 2. Drop Serve Is Here to Stay** – The drop serve was made as a provisional rule in 2021. After a year of probation, the drop serve is here to stay and is a full rule. Learn more about the drop serve in pickleball with the video below.
 - 3. Visibility Is a Must** – On the serve, the referee (if there is one) and the receiving player must be able to see the pickleball on the toss or drop. If the pickleball was not visible, then there will be replay.
 - 4. Wrong Score Called? Play On** – If the wrong score is called, a player cannot stop play after the serve due to the wrong score. Play should continue until the end of the rally and the score correction should be made before the next serve. So, if a player stops play after the serve because of a wrong score
- being called, then that player—whoever stopped the rally—would have committed a fault. Also, if there are any comments on the pickleball court during a rally about the score, then those should be ignored.
- 5. Extra Balls Okay** – Sometimes, players like to carry extra pickleballs on court, whether in their hands, pockets, etc. The 2022 pickleball rule changes permit players to carry additional balls as long as the balls are not visible to opponents during play. However, if you are one of these players that likes to carry extra pickleballs, beware! If an additional ball falls out onto the pickleball court during a rally, then a fault will be declared against you.
 - 6. No Jamming on Court** – The 2022 pickleball rule changes specifically prohibit headphones or earbuds during competitive events. However, prescribed hearing aids are permitted. So, there will not be any jamming to any music during a competitive pickleball game in 2022. But, in recreational play, you may still be able to jam with your headphones on.
 - 7. Other Revisions to Remove Conflict Between Players and Referees** – The Official Rulebook is generally revised in order to preserve the integrity of the sport for years to come and in a manner that is best for the players. The Official Rulebook is also generally revised in an effort to reduce the potential for conflict between referees and players on the pickleball court. For instance, there are a handful of revisions to clarify when fouls may be called, what verbal warnings may be issued by referees for, what questions players may ask of a referee, and more.

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Seven More Tips for Better Play

1. Work on your footwork. Another key to playing pickleball well is having good footwork. Pickleball is a very frantic sport. Getting competent with the way your feet work is a huge key to success. Make sure you're wearing the right kinds of shoes and that you stretch properly before playing.

2. Use USAPA approved balls. If you're looking to play competitively or semi-competitively, it's important to only play with USAPA [approved balls](#). The reason is that when the time comes around to compete, you'll only be able to use those balls. Also, keep track of which balls are the most popular. For example, at the time of this writing (June 2018) the ball of choice for outdoors is the Dura Fast 40.

3. Hit against a brick wall. I figured out this tip after I was warming up before pickleball one day. I was outside doing some stretching when I randomly decided to hit the ball up against a wall. The wall was brick though and it would deflect in unpredictable directions. At first, it was annoying, but then I realized that there was more to it than that. It ended up being a decent drill at getting warm with reaction times. It helps you get in the zone. Try it out if you can!

4. Play in a tournament. If you want to truly test your skills in the pickleball arena, then participating in a tournament, especially if it's USAPA sanctioned, will do that for you. Just like any other sport,

playing in a tournament and playing in a recreational game is like night and day.

5. Play with a set partner. Pickleball is all about consistency. And if you want more consistency then you should try to play with a consistent partner. This is obviously next to impossible at open play. However, for invite-only games, playing with a set partner is a good idea. This is even truer if you're going to be playing with that partner in a tournament.

6. Watch the spinny stuff. Similar to what I said earlier about shot percentages, using fancy spin shots is one of the worst. Spin shots are low-percentage, unpredictable and inconsistent. I know they're fun, but if you're trying to get better then you have to remove most of them from your repertoire. If you're going to use spin shots, the best time to use it is on the return-serve. This way the shot becomes much more consistent considering that the return-serve is very simple.

7. Play outdoors. If you're an indoor only player, trying playing outdoors. Playing pickleball on tennis courts instead of indoor gymnasium will give you a completely different experience and how pickleball was originally designed. Also, there's something beautiful about playing outdoors when the sun is going down. Try it out sometime!

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A Part of his 101 Pickleball Tips
