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## President's Message

Welcome to Pickleball 2023. Great to see so many players at the courts. We initiated a rotation process at the courts which seem to be very effective. It is suggested if the courts are crowded come later or choose a different time.

Lessons are going extremely well. Thanks to Kevin and Janis. We have approximately a dozen people each week. We do drills and coach the players. As a result the women are encouraged to play on Wednesday night 5:30-8pm in the Women's league, managed by Bonnie. For the men we have created a beginner/intermediate league on Tuesdays 2-4, managed by Kevin and Bill. The goal is to improve their skills so they feel more comfortable coming to open play.

Janis has set up a Pickleball Scramble for advanced and intermediate players. She will send out an email and players need to sign up for one of the groups. The first 8 people to sign up for each group will get in. If you don't get in this month you will be on the list for next month. She was only able to get enough players for the advanced scramble for Wednesday night January 18<sup>th</sup>. She is hoping next month she will get enough players for both groups.

Larry has setup Monday night partner play from 5:30-7:30. Mike has setup Ladder play on Tuesday and Thursday as well as the upcoming Tournament's.

Please read Larry's article on Code of Ethics for Line Calling.

Just a reminder that the Emergency Kit is attached to the bulletin board. Inside the Emergency Kit is a Fob to get into the Fitness Center for the AED defibrillator. It is located on the side wall of the Fitness Center. Please make sure you know where it is located in case of emergency.

I wish to thank all my committee members for all their support and hard work. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or any of the committee members.

Bill Blake  
President



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## Women Wednesday Night Group



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**January – Wednesday Night Scramble**  
**Steve - 1<sup>st</sup> place winner**



## Monday Night Partner Play

We kicked off the season on January 23 with a different method of play. Since we only had 14 people sign up this year, we divided into 7 teams in a double elimination format. Each week we will have a new partner for the night tournament.



## Line Calls - “Code of Ethics”



**Ball – IN**



**Ball - OUT**

Sometimes it is very difficult to make a quick line judgment. However, the advantage should go to your opponent when making these close calls.

## Next Months Events

We have a February Pickleball Tournament scheduled for Saturday, February 18.

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The following rule for line calls is taken from the [2023 USA Pickleball Official Rule Book](#).

I have copied the entire rule below.

## **6.D. Code of Ethics for Line Calling.**

Pickleball is played according to specific rules. It also requires a code of ethics for line-calling responsibilities when performed by players. The line-calling responsibilities of players are different from those assigned to referees or line judges. The officials make impartial judgment calls with all players' interests in mind. The player, when assigned line-calling duties, must strive for accuracy and operate under the principle that all questionable calls must be resolved in favor of the opponent. The basic elements are:

**6.D.1.** Players are responsible for calling the lines on their end of the court (excluding short serves, service foot faults and all non-volley-zone faults, if being called by a referee). If a player makes an initial line call, and then asks for either the opponent(s) or the referee's opinion, if the opponent or referee can make a clear "in" or "out" call, the clear call will stand. If no clear call can be made, the initial line call by the player will stand. A call made by the opponent can be appealed to the referee for a final "in" or "out" decision.

**6.D.2.** Players' only line call is the centerline on the serve in matches that have line judges. 31 USA PICKLEBALL Official Rulebook (2023)

**6.D.3.** The opponent gets the benefit of the doubt on line calls made. Any ball that cannot be called "out" will be considered "in." A player cannot claim a replay because the ball was not seen or there is uncertainty. A player who does not make a call may appeal to the referee to make the call if they did not clearly see the ball land. If the referee is unable to make the call, the ball is "in." The moment the receiving player/team appeals to the referee, they lose their right to make any subsequent "in" or "out" call for that rally.

**6.D.4.** Spectators should not be consulted on any line call.

**6.D.5.** A player/team may ask the opponent's opinion to make the line call on the player's end of the court. If requested and the opponent makes a clear "in" or "out" call, it must be accepted. If the opponents cannot make a clear "in" or "out" call, then the ball is ruled as being "in" on the receiving team. The moment the receiving player/team asks for the opponent's opinion, they lose their right to make any subsequent "in" or "out" call for that rally. The receiving team/player may also appeal to the referee to make a clear call. If the referee cannot make a clear call, the outcome of the opponent's ruling will stand.

**6.D.6.** Players shall not call a ball "out" unless they can clearly see a space between the line and the ball as it hits the ground.

**6.D.7.** All "out" calls must be made prior to the ball being hit by the opponent or before the ball becomes dead.

**6.D.8.** In doubles play, if one player calls the ball "out" and the partner calls it "in," then doubt exists and the team's call will be "in." Any player may appeal a call to the referee. If the referee did not see the ball, the ball is considered in. 32 USA PICKLEBALL Official Rulebook (2023)

**6.D.9.** "Out" line calls should be promptly signaled by voice and/or hand signal (as described in Rule 13.E.2).

**6.D.10.** While the ball is in the air, if a player yells "out," "no," "bounce it," or any other words to communicate to their partner that the ball may be out, it shall be considered player communication only and not considered a line call.

**6.D.11.** An "out" call made after the ball bounces is a line call. The ball is dead and play shall stop. If, upon appeal, the referee overrules any type of "out" call, it is a fault against the player or team that made the "out" call. Exception: If the match has line judges, the baseline and sideline judges are responsible for the call. (See Rule 13.E.2)

**6.D.12.** After the completion of a rally, players may overrule a partner's line call, an officiating team's line call, or an opponent's "in" call to their own disadvantage.

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## Saturday Pickleball Tournament

## January 28 – First Tournament



## Morning Group

## Afternoon Group



## Morning Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Glenn



## Afternoon Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Leon 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Mike B



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## Seven More Tips for Better Play

### 1. Don't just lob the ball

**randomly.** Speaking of lobbing, let's talk about the panic lob. Sometimes when players don't know what to do, they lob the ball. It's just instinct. Not only that but lobbing the ball all the time doesn't do much for your pickleball game. Lobbing isn't used that much in high-level play and is considered a niche tool and not a regular shot.

**2. Master the third shot drop.** The third shot drop is the [most important shot to learn](#) in pickleball. The reason is that the third shot drop allows the serving team to get to the net. As I've said before, getting to the net is what equalizes the chances of winning the point and the third shot drop is your ticket.

**3. But don't be afraid to pull out the big guns.** My co-host Jana and I talk about this quite often on our [podcast](#). Pickleball is known for being a gentle sport about control and finesse. But that doesn't mean power isn't a factor. It absolutely is, and you shouldn't be afraid of using it if it's the right time to do so.

**4. Hit your third shot drop to the player running.** Remember that whole "hit to the feet thing"? Well, what better way to put it into action than with a drop shot? When you use the third shot drop, there will be one opponent at the net and the other will be running up. Try hitting your third shot drop to the one running up. You could hit it to their feet and possibly score a point.

**5. Return serve to the middle.** Have you ever seen two players watch the ball casually bounce past them on a return serve? Hilarious, isn't it? A breakdown in communication in pickleball often leads to mistakes. Might as well take advantage of it and hit it down the middle. Also, this keeps your opponent from getting passing shots on you.

**6. Think about your game in the shower.** I know, it sounds weird. But have you ever heard of a "shower thought"? There are online communities of people built around just shower thoughts. For some reason, people come up with brilliant thoughts while in the shower. Try it sometime, you may be surprised what your brain comes up with.

**7. Take a break.** Back when I was a graphic designer, I would work on a project all day, then the next day I wouldn't work on it at all. I did this on purpose because on the third day I would have fresh and refocused eyes to see the work in a new light. Pickleball can be the same way. If you're playing every day, try taking a few days off to reflect on your game.

By: BARRETT KINCHELOE  
**A Part of his 101 Pickleball Tips**  
(And that only takes us to his 66th)

