

# PRESCOTT LAKES PICKLEBALL CLUB Fall General Meeting Originally scheduled for October 3, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.—Falls Room

Cancelled due to COVID-19

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic and the guidelines from Governor Ducey, our Fall General meeting has been cancelled. This email is intended to recap what we would have been covered at that meeting. Following are the reports that have been submitted that would have been presented at the General Meeting. Should you have questions regarding information here, please contact President Jim Slack, (jimslack@gmail.com).

#### PLPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Jim Slack Vice President: Paul Quinn Secretary: Genanne Davis Assistant Secretary: Cacey Tangney Treasurer: Ron Scott Members-at-Large: Lynne Chamberlin Kathy Munshi Rob Rudman

# PLPC COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Committee Name	Committee Chair(s)
Elections	Wanda Hughs
Instruction	Frank Klejmont
Ratings	Joe Nelson
Round Robins	Cheryl Benson-West
Senior Games	Jim Robak, Joe Nelson
<b>Tournaments Committee</b>	ee Jim Robak, Joe Nelson,
	Jay Davis
Social Activities	Laura Hanish

# Welcome

2020 pickleball season has been very challenging. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the guidelines from Governor Ducey, our Spring and Fall General meetings have been cancelled. We were only able to have one social event and one social tournament before the shutdown. We had to cancel the Club's Senior tournament and our two in-house tournaments. Starting in June, we did start having our skill level round robins again. Our courts were finally resurfaced this year and look great. I would like to recognize the volunteers who serve on the PLPC Board of Directors, the chairs of the various committees and all the other members who volunteer their time in helping with the various activities throughout the year. Without their help, we would not be the club we are. I would also like to thank all our members for their cooperation and willingness to follow the guidelines for keeping everyone healthy as we deal with this pandemic. My hope is that sometime soon, we will get back to some kind of normalcy. THANKS!

# **Membership Report**

Membership sheets/Code of Conduct are in mailbox by Court 1. PLPC membership is currently at **200**.

Congratulations! Many of you are diligent about checking in. We have had 6,717 check-ins January through August. **We moved up to third position in the rankings.** 

- Reminder: Sign in at Front Desk every time to "cast a vote for pickleball."
- Major Decisions use statistics help drive Athletic Center improvement priorities.



# Name Tags

Orders are sent as warranted. Each tag is \$6.00 which includes tax and shipping. What is required is your name exactly as you want it on your name tag plus \$6.00 cash or check payable to Prescott Lakes Pickleball Club. Magnets only are \$2.00 each



# Treasurer's Report



<u>2020 Budget Notes:</u> The 2020 Budget was approved by the Board before COVID19. Both income and expenses were down due to restrictions on large group gatherings. As of October 1, the current checking account balance is a healthy \$6,262. We are currently on budget for income and expense for 2020.

# PLPC Shirts – Sue Westbury

We hand another successful shirt sale with 32 shirts ordered. Huge thanks to Stuart Birch who went above and beyond with the ordering and was very prompt in replying to questions. A couple of members had to make alternative color choices, one shirt had to be back ordered, and one member had to select last year's style to get the color he wanted, but otherwise everyone received their first choice. Turnaround between placing the order and receiving the shirts was very quick and I think members were happy that there was a wider color selection this time. Feedback regarding the sizing and comfort has so far been positive.

# Ratings Committee – Joe Nelson

This Fall we will be entering the fourth year of our Club Ratings program. The guidelines of our program are simple:

- Members are asked to submit a "Club (or Self) Rating" based on the Skill Level Descriptions Tool posted on our website (plpickleball.weebly.com) as well as in the information center at the courts
- Your Self-Ratings should be sent to Joe Nelson at papajoes2@yahoo.com
- Self-ratings are optional but we encourage members to have one as they are necessary to play in some club activities such as Round Robin and Skill Level Tournaments
- If you are not comfortable playing at the Self-Rating you selected, just ask any member of your Ratings Committee and you will be moved down
- Moving up a skill level requires members to play in Round Robin tournaments at their Self-Rated level. These are fun events and a great way to build your skills. We encourage everyone to participate.
- To advance in rating you need to "Challenge Up" to the next higher skill level by playing and winning in our Round Robin tournaments. Those guidelines are as follows:
  - If you place among the top four winners in two tournaments in a one-year period, you qualify. It is not mandatory to "Challenge Up" and you have one year to decide if you want to do so.
  - If you place among the top four winners in three tournaments in a one-year period, it is mandatory to Challenge Up" within 30 days or sit out of Round Robin play for the next two tournaments.
  - Challenge matches are a six-game format where challengers rotate play with and against three players rated at the higher level. Challengers must win 48 points in the six games to advance.
  - Three time top four winners have the option of playing in a normal challenge match as described above or play in the next Round Robin tournament held for the next higher level. Players need to earn 42 points to move up

Despite the issues we have experienced with Covid-19 this year, we have been able to coordinate many challenges. Congratulations to the following players who have moved up in level by successfully winning their challenges: Lynne Chamberlain, Steve Dawson, Scott Addison, Tom Pace, Bob



Scharlach, David Jerde, Mark Schnaith, Shelly Miali, Frank Kjelmont, Mike Robbins, Randy Oaks, and Thom Tschetter. Special congrats go to Bob Determan and Larry Parham who have moved up two levels in 2020.

If anyone has any questions, don't hesitate to ask your Ratings Committee (Joe Nelson/Chair, Jim Slack and Russ Johnson)

#### **Round Robins**

Our Chair, Cheryl Benson-West, has several volunteers who have helped run our round robin tournaments. In addition, we have had several people step up to cover vacancies in RR manager spots. Once we started back up with round robins in June, we have not had to cancel any round robins. Remember, for each round robin, we need at least 8 players or that tournament will get cancelled. We have had a number of instances where we thought we would have to cancel our 2.0/2.5 RR's. Remember, round robins are a great place to hone your skills and have fun. If you are interested in helping with the round robins, please contact Cheryl at cherylabenson@msn.com.

#### **2020 Social Tournaments**

Rob Rudman reports the only social pickleball tournament held before the COVID19 was the Shamrock Top Hat Tournament. On a cold morning March 14, the first and only social pickleball tournaments for 2020 was a held. In the Shamrock Top Hat Tournament, participants played regular pickleball rules while earning extra points for hitting "Shamrock targets" on the court. After the tournament, players and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by Chef Matt and staff. Prizes were awarded as follows:

1st place—Bob Bock - Kat Jerde 2nd place—Bonnie Bridger - Melissa Fryrear 3rd place—Mitzi Dawson - Bob Scharlach Best Leprechaun—Melissa Fryrear

## **Junior Pickleball**

Janet Corrigan reported four youngsters participated in the Club's pickleball lessons for kids: two girls and two boys between the age of 8 and 14. Dan Bergan provided one-on-one intensive skills training, while Rob Rudman and Janet Corrigan organized drills and games. All of the kids made great progress, and everyone had fun (especially the teachers).

#### **Club Tournaments**

Due to COVID 19 restrictions both of the member-only tournaments—the Skill Level Tournament and the Club Championship—were cancelled.

#### **Senior Games**

Due to COVID 19 restrictions the Prescott Lakes Senior Pickleball Tournament was cancelled.

# **PLPC Referee Training**

Due to COVID 19 restrictions there was no PLPC Referee Training in 2020.

# Lessons and Training - Frank Klejmont

As everyone knows, Covid has taken all the fun out of almost everything, so I won't belabor the issue. We haven't had many people inquiring about pickleball lessons because of Covid. Most people were hunkering down and not joining social activities. Beginner, novice and intermediate lessons for pickleball had been cancelled for the spring/summer of 2020 regarding safety concerns. However, after consulting with the board, we started doing limited lessons towards the end of July. The lessons were "for beginners only." We would only allow 4 students per session, to keep the social distancing et cetera, for everyone's safety. We have had a few lessons so far, approximately 15 students. We can still have a few more beginner lessons, that we will put on this summer/fall, if we have interested people. Dates to be determined, after coordination with instructors and students. If you know of any beginners who would like to learn pickleball, please let me know. The new players need to know these are one-hour lessons, three days in a row, and they need to attend all three lessons. They can contact me directly at <u>fklejmo@gmail.com</u>



# Play Schedule

The play schedule reflects protected skill level play times on various days. During open play time, players should utilize the paddle box system to allow fair play for all players on all five courts. Select specialty group activity is available starting at the 12 noon time slot. Courts 1, 2 and 5 have skill level priority time. Players may place their paddles on the fence according to their skill level of play to join in with those players.

This is just a recap for all members to understand and comply with the rules. This chart is posted in the glass case for all to view. As a club, we need to make sure that these guidelines are being followed to ensure fairness for all our Pickleball members.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Schedule						
TIME	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	COURT 4	COURT 5	
8:00 AM –	Advanced	Intermediate	Open	Open	Developing	
10:00 AM	(3.5+ and Above)	(3.0 - 3.5)	Play	Play	(2.0 - 2.5)	
10:00 AM –	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	
12:00 NOON	Play	Play	Play	Play	Play	
12:00 NOON	Social	Social	Social	Social	Social	
to Close	Play	Play	Play	Play	Play	
Tuesday and Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday Schedule						
TIME	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	COURT 4	COURT 5	
8:00 AM –	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	
10:00 AM	Play	Play	Play	Play	Play	
10:00 AM –	Advanced	Intermediate	Open	Open	Developing	
12:00 NOON	(3.5+ and Above)	(3.0 - 3.5)	Play	Play	(2.0 - 2.5)	
12:00 NOON	Social	Social	Social	Social	Social	
to Close	Play	Play	Play	Play	Play	

## Social Committee and Events – Kathy Munshi

Our only social event was on February 8, when 32 people gathered in a reserved room at Augie's to enjoy a special menu of steak, chicken or fish. The service, food, and company were fantastic. Fun had by all. Hopefully, there will be more social events later this year.

# **Court Etiquette**

There are three types of "play" scheduled on the courts.

**Open Play**: For "next up" players – next 2 waiting or 4 on / 4 off. Winners may stay and split, but only for a maximum of 3 games. Please don't take advantage of players with lesser skills.

**Level-Based Play (courts 1, 2, and 5):** Winners may stay together, but only for a maximum of 3 games. You may put your paddle on the "fence" for next 2 up. You may invite other skill levels to play if nobody is waiting.

Social Play: Open and level-based play rules do not apply.

ADDITIONAL: Always have a couple of balls in your bag. Don't count on others to supply the balls.

Have hand sanitizer available to use between games (especially during these crazy times).

Be aware of the paddle box during times when all 5 courts are being used. Look at the daily schedule as to when there are challenge courts.

#### **Election Results**

The result of the elections held at the Athletic Center Saturday, October 3, 2020, are as follows:

Vice President—Rob Rudman

Secretary—Cacey Tangney

Treasurer—Mardy Fulgham

Member at Large—Bob Determan

The new officers will begin their terms January 1, 2021, and serve for two years.