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WSPC Miscellaneous

Fundraising efforts will be coming up to assist with the court expansion effort. Be watching for updates.

The new tennis courts at Canyon View Park are set to be completed first then the ones at Lincoln Park will be replaced with pickleball courts. We are excited about this project!

One of our players, Bob Anderson had a paddle that went missing at our club tournament. Please contact me at bcfurn@msn.com if you found a Margaritaville paddle in your bag or lying around after the tournament. No questions asked.

The ball stoppers at LP were removed due to destruction. One was thrown over the fence onto the walkway. I am working on getting them replaced but in the future please notify me or Jim Craig if one is damaged or in need of repair. We all need to take a part in maintaining these. Jim can be reached at 970 250-6883. Shoot him a text if you need to report damage. New ones will be there as the temps. get warmer.

Doubles Ladders and Skinny Singles Ladders will pick back up possibly around March. We are working to modify them.

Pickleball Strategies One hour Video: (A good watch!)

You tube: Jeff Stark 100 Pickleball Strategies



Items to add to your to do list:

Take your paddles and balls out of your car and take them with you indoors. Extreme temperatures can take a toll on equipment.

Even playing in cold temperatures can lead to breakage and damage to your inner core of your paddles, and more incidence of ball breakage.

If you find your paddle no longer has the performance it once did, the temperatures could be the contributing factor that caused the damage.

Just be aware of the potential and take care of your equipment to maintain peak performance.

Sign up for the GJ 10th Annual Regional Pickleball

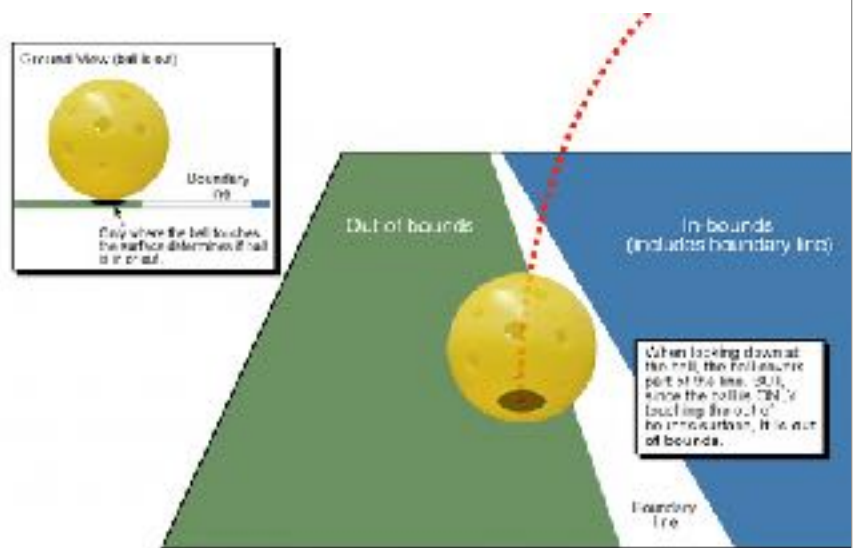
Tournament! Men’s, women’s, and mixed. All levels 3.0 to 4.5+

Registration has already started so find a partner and sign up now!

Date is Saturday, April 30 - Sunday May 1st, 2022

Call: 970 254-3866 or register online

Line Calls



From the above diagram, you can see there is a fine line for determining if a ball is actually ‘in’ or ‘out’. The rule of thumb is that if you can see the ball ‘out’ (a gap between the ball and the line) its ‘out’. If you do not see a gap and can’t determine if the ball is out, call it ‘in’.

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.

6.D.2. Players’ only line call is the centerline on the serve in matches that have line judges.

A serve that hits the middle line is in. Call accordingly. Remember that each player on the receiving end has a different line of sight when the ball hits. It may look like the wrong court to one and to the other it hit the line. If this is the case, the serve is in.

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Lost and Found

WSPC has provided Lost and found boxes for each play area. One on the East Courts and West Courts at Lincoln Park. Pineridge has one as well. The combination for the LP Boxes are 0123 and the Pineridge Box is BILL.

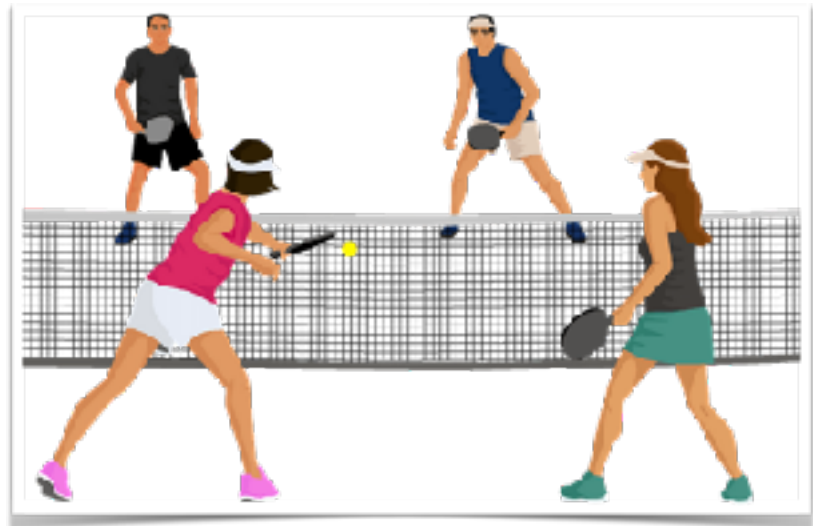
In the boxes there are also first aid kits and Rule books.

If you find an item that someone has forgotten please place it in one of the Boxes.

Joe Egloff, our LP At-Large person, empties the lost and found boxes monthly. Unclaimed items are donated to the Good Will or other charity.

Squeegees

There are Squeegees at both Lincoln Park and Pineridge Park. The combination for Pineridge is PLAY and the combinations for the LP squeegees can be found on the inside of the lid of the lost and found box on the East Courts. If you use them, make sure they are locked back up.



Up-Coming Tournaments

Delta Pickleball Tournament (formerly known as Oktoberfest)

September 24 and 25, 2022

Contact person (for now) Maxine Behrman
mxcbdi@gmail.com

970-275-1078

Western Slope Pickleball Club tournament
 Grand Junction, CO

October, 2022 Date to be determined

Contact: Brenda Furnace 970-589-0488
bcfurn@msn.com



Updates to follow in the next Quarterly Newsletter

If you have a suggestion or anything you find of interest you would like to share about pickleball or something else please let me know. I would love to add small tid-bits that are fun and informational! my contact information is: bcfurn@msn.com

A fun fact I bet you didn't know....

Our web site is known to most by:

westernslopepickleballclub.com

the Board pondered the length of the site and debated to shorten it to make it more user friendly.

It was officially changed to:

www.wspcgj.com.

You can access our website using either.

A quick question: Can you name the initial Officers of our WSPC Board that are still actively serving on the Board?

If you can, send me the answer. The first person to correctly answer the question will receive one brand spankin new Franklin XR pickleball!

bcfurn@msn.com

Please send feedback about the newsletter. Any and all input is welcome and appreciated!

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Grand Junction Parks and Recreation tournament
(Registration is underway)

April 30, May 1, 2022

Contact: Shon Birch

shonb@gjcity.org

www.gjparksandrec.org

Grand Junction Senior Games

August, 2022 Date TBD

Contact: Shon Birch

shonb@gjcity.org

www.gjparksandrec.org

Montrose Tournament

September, 2022 Date TBD

Contact: Cindy Marino

cmarino@montroserec.com

970-252-4884

Below is the Latest from Cindy:

My tournament has historically been on the first weekend in June. We have an RFP out to get the Field House courts refinished. I don't know if we will have that done by June. My usual dates would be: Sat and Sun, June 4 & 5.

My back up dates are: Sat and Sun, September 17 & 18.

I will know more once we select a company to resurface the courts. It is likely that the Montrose Tournament will be on September 17 & 18 this year.



USA PICKLEBALL SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDE

Pickleball was created to be a fun, competitive, and highly social sport. Since its inception, it has embodied an ethic of good sportsmanship that includes respect, fair play, and graciousness in winning and losing. The purpose of this guide is to encourage behaviors that reflect these foundational values. The Official Rules of Pickleball take precedence over this guide in any and all situations.

1. **Treat all players, officials, volunteers, staff, and spectators with courtesy and respect.**
 - Introduce yourself to any players you do not know.
 - Never use foul language or obscene gestures. Never denigrate another person.
 - At the end of each game, meet the other players at the net to acknowledge them in a positive manner. In officiated matches, thank the referee.
 - Accommodate players with adaptive needs when possible.
2. **Know the Official Rules of Pickleball, apply them fairly and cooperate in any situation that is not expressly covered by the rules.**
3. **Practice good sportsmanship when making line calls.**
 - Respect your opponents' right to make all calls on their end of the court.
 - Call your own shot "out" if you see that it is out.
 - If you question an opponent's call, do so respectfully and do not argue.
 - If you defer a line call to your opponents, accept their call graciously.
 - Do not call a ball "out" unless you see it clearly and are certain it is out.
 - Promptly correct any wrong call your partner may make.
 - Resolve any uncertainty in favor of your opponents.
4. **Call a fault on yourself or your partner as soon as the fault occurs, regardless of whether your opponents are aware of the fault.**
 - Watch your own and your partner's feet for service or NVZ foot faults
 - Accept your opponent's and partner's fault calls graciously.
 - Admit if the ball hits you or your paddle on the way out of bounds.
5. **Claim a replay only if a hinder affects your team's ability to play the ball.**
6. **In social play, rotate on and off courts fairly, courteously, and in accordance with local practice.**
 - Don't jump ahead of others who are waiting to play.
 - Don't invite someone else forward in line or rearrange paddles so they can move up to play with you; move yourself back instead.
 - Don't call a lower score or start a second game to avoid leaving the court.
 - Be prepared to play when it is your turn.
 - If you must cross over or behind an active court, wait until play is stopped and cross quickly in a single group to minimize disruption of that game.
7. **Make safety a priority, while using common sense.**
 - If a ball strays onto your court, make eye contact with the correct person and roll or toss it back to them without disrupting play on other courts.
 - If your ball enters another court, immediately warn any players whose safety may be in jeopardy by loudly calling "ball" or some other warning. If the ball is rolling behind their court and does not present a danger to players, do not interrupt play but wait until play stops to retrieve it or ask for its return.
 - Never throw your paddle or strike the ball in anger or frustration.
8. **As a stronger player in social play, be kind to other players.**
 - Avoid hitting excessively to a weaker player.
 - Do not slam the ball directly at other players.

9. **Be considerate about playing up and playing down.**

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- Be willing to play sometimes with less-skilled players.
- Do not demand to play with more skilled players; ask them nicely if you wish to play with them.

10. **Be a respectful and supportive partner.**

- Avoid criticism and negative non-verbal communications
- Provide coaching and advice only when requested.

Unspoken Rules of Pickleball

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Here are my top 10 etiquette rules for pickleball – rules that you won't find in any official pickleball tournament handbook or rulebook:

1. When somebody inadvertently hits a ball onto your court from an adjacent court, retrieve it and toss them that same ball that they hit onto your court. **Don't switch balls. I repeat, don't switch balls.** 😊
2. When retrieving a ball from an adjacent court, make eye contact with someone from that court and then directly toss or hit them the ball. Don't just hit the ball back into their court without looking. That's very annoying!
3. **Don't play keep away from the best player on the other team during rec play just so you can win** – they want to play too!
4. Don't cross the court behind a match until play has stopped. It's not only rude, but it can be very dangerous as well.
5. Don't chest-bump or be excessive in the celebration when your opponent makes an error. If, on the other hand, you or your partner made a great play.. 😊 Same goes for the "spectators." Please don't clap or cheer when the opposing player misses an easy shot.
6. If you are obviously the weakest player on the court, thank the other players for playing with you after the game. However, don't take advantage of their graciousness by staying on the court for an indefinite period of time. More than a game or two will undoubtedly wear out your welcome.
7. If you are asked to play with a group that is obviously of a lower skill level than you, graciously accept and play a game or two with them. They will likely appreciate your graciousness and understand that you want to get back to similarly-skilled players after the game.
8. If you are obviously the strongest person in your foursome, tone down the competitiveness and hit your opponent's balls that they can return. Work on a new skill – perhaps it's a great time for work on that third shot drop shot.
9. If you and your partner can't determine if the ball was in or out – or if you disagree with your partner on a line call – the benefit of the doubt goes to your opponent. Wait! **That's actually an "official" rule!**
10. In rec play, don't exploit someone's physical limitations just so you can "win." Not cool!

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