

Quarterly WSPC Club NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2023



Lincoln Park Pickleball Expansion Project

The official "groundbreaking" for the court expansion was March 16, 2023, attended by about 50 people. More courts are definitely needed here in GJ!



WSPC Board Updates

From Brenda Furnace

WSPC Board Elections will be coming up soon.

We will be needing a Secretary. If you have any secretarial experience or would like to learn, please nominate yourself or have a friend nominate you for the board when requests for nominations for board members go out prior to elections.

We need good people who are detail oriented, accurate and energetic and would like to be a part of the continued growth of Pickleball within our community!

Heck, even reach out to me and I will nominate you!

Details about the Election Process are on the following page.

Membership Updates from George Gerson

WSPC membership now stands at 636.

The membership year ends on May 31.

We will begin our membership drive for the 2023-2024 year on April 8, the day after the Club tournament registration closes.

WSPC Website News

New to our WSPC website is our Club Member Corner.

Messages and communications can be exchanged here by members.

The Club Member Corner is found on the top navigation bar on the website. Please visit our website to check it out.

www.westernslopepickleballclub.com

Miscellaneous

Contact information for Court Liaisons are on the inside lids of the Lost and Found Boxes at each play area.

Please reach out to them and let them know if any replacement items are needed for the First Aid kits.

WSPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Who can be nominated?

Any Club member in good standing, 18 years old

What is the process for Club elections? (per Club bylaws)

- *All Board Directors serve 3-year staggered terms and may seek re-election
- * via Club member emails:
 - **By May 1st** - A list of Board Members seeking re-election and a request for Board Member nominations from the membership
 - May 15th** – nominations close
 - after May 15th** - 2nd email to membership with full slate of candidates for members to vote for electronically
until June 1st.

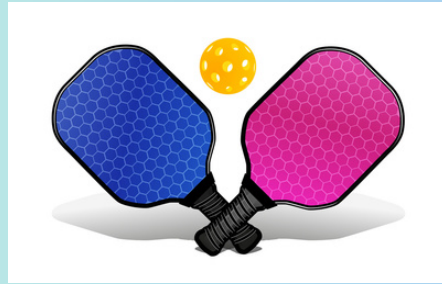
*Results of the vote are tallied and presented at the annual meeting

*At the July Board meeting, Officers are elected and other board positions are filled. Nominees and directors running for re-election are NOT running for a specific board position.

At least 4 Board of Director positions will be available for the upcoming 2023 election. ***Please watch for emails and VOTE.*** All nominees are welcome. This is your Club and you have a voice.

You are welcome to ask any WSPC Board Director questions regarding duties and responsibilities. Board meetings are held monthly (except December).

WSPC Makeup Tournament for our 6th Annual Club Tournament



**Mens and Womens Same Sex Doubles
Saturday April 15, 2023
Mixed Doubles Sunday April 16, 2023**

***Come watch this fun WSPC Club Tournament
and cheer for your friends!***

**We will have club member shirts for sale at our
WSPC Tournament.**

Long sleeve and short sleeve. New design!

Upcoming Tournaments:

**July 3, 2023 *Pickleball Tournament* as part of the
4th of July Western Sky Balloon Festival.**

\$35.00 entry fee includes a t-shirt.

7:00am-10am. 3.0 through 4.0 divisions.

Registration form coming soon.



USA Pickleball Great Plains Diamond Regional Championship



**The event will be at the US Air Force Academy
(USAFA) July 7 - 13.**

**This is the first time a Regional has been held at a
Military Academy in the country.**

**Great Plains Diamond Regional Championship gold and
silver medalists will earn their Amateur Championship
at beautiful Pictona at Holly Hill in Florida - one of the nation's
finest facilities, featuring 48 courts.**

***ALL PLAYERS MUST BE A CURRENT
USA PICKLEBALL MEMBER***

(at time of registration through end of tournament).

REGISTRATION CLOSES: June 16

Find additional info for this in George Gerson's 4/1/2023 email



***Watch your emails as
new 2023 tournaments
are announced and
George Gerson will send
the details***



WSPC COMMUNICATION AND POSTING POLICY

Purpose To clarify guidelines for:

- *Member's Corner postings on Club website
- *Emails to membership by Communications Director
- *Facebook page postings

Member's Corner Postings

- Bulletin board style posting page on westernslopepickleballclub.com, website was developed for club members to share announcements, invitations and information for the purpose of sharing with other club members.
- Proposed items for posting must be in PDF format, dated with the full name, city and phone contact of the posting member.
Submit items to Tracy Dvorak,
Club Website Director at tracy.r.dvorak@gmail.com.
- Postings will be reviewed by a Member's Corner moderator for approval before posting on the website.
- Lost and found items (check the court lost and found storage boxes before posting).
 - Items for sale are limited to pickleball related items.
 - No business advertising or political postings.
 - Postings are limited to a maximum of 30 days.

WSPC Facebook Page

- Assigned "administrators" will monitor all postings and reply to questions. They may delete any posting deemed inappropriate.
- Postings, including photos, area tournament and clinic dates are open to all Facebook users.

WSPC Email Policy

- The WSPC Communications Director maintains two email lists of pickleball players; one of Club members and a second one of non-Club members.

Both lists are used to provide players with information regarding local pickleball.

- Members are also sent information related to the Club's functions, pickleball related information (such as tournament announcements)

from across the state of Colorado, and information related to illness or death of a member or, when requested, that of an immediate family member.

- The policy seeks to avoid overwhelming recipients with emails.

In this regard, it is our policy, with few exceptions, to not send emails related to lost and found items.

We also attempt to combine emails in order to reduce the number that are sent.

- The Communications Director will determine what notifications meet the above requirements on a case-by-case basis.



A Quick Pickleball Tip from Brenda Furnace:

This is an easy way to keep track of the score. The first player always starts serving from the right corner of their side. So the player who begins the game will always have an even score when they are on the right side.

Referee Info

Congratulations to Eileen Egloff!

Eileen passed her evaluations to become a Level 3 Referee. Level 3 Refs can go and teach independently and also get paid more for refereeing matches.

Eileen holds referee training clinics here in GJ to train interested people how to be a pickleball referee. If you'd like to know more about these Referee Training Clinics, read on...

In the last week of March, two referee training clinics were conducted by our registered USA Pickleball referee training instructor, Eileen Egloff, in the Lincoln Park Barn with a total of 18 enthusiastic attendees. Included in the attendees were experienced Level 2 refs, Level 1 refs who will be working on their Level 2, and new students interested in becoming pickleball referees. WSPC provided pizza on both days as they continued with class instruction through lunchtime.

Referees are a very important part of tournaments. They keep the games running smoothly, on time, and keep much of the controversy, stress and line call arguments from occurring. They also make sure the correct rules are applied in the game. Most players are very appreciative of officiating. Learning the process can be very confusing and there is a lot of effort and time involved to learn to officiate pickleball correctly.

The attendees spent from 9a-3p in classroom instruction and hands-on practice. You may see many of them in the days ahead prior to and during the club tournament.

Please welcome these new referees when they ask if they can practice officiating your recreational match and know they have donated a lot of time to get to where they are in the officiating process.



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Eli Gerson in this quarter's
Business Highlight:*

Please tell us what your company is about and what do you do there?

I am co-owner and head brewer at Ramblebine Brewing Company. My brother-in-law and I opened the business in 2020 with the goal of creating excellent craft beer experiences for the Grand Valley community and it's visitors. We are excited to be a part of the booming craft beer scene on the Western Slope.

What got you started with this and what do you find exciting about it?

I started home brewing in 2008 and became infatuated with the entire process of making beer. It requires creativity, precision and willingness to experiment and fail. It's thrilling to have the opportunity to share our passion with our community. We enjoy collaborating with local nonprofits to help build awareness and funds and we are excited to have music come back to the patio every week with the nicer weather.

Do you or your family play pickleball yourself?

Yes! I try to play 3-4 times per week. My wife and daughter play from time to time and I'm sure you have seen my father and mother playing a few times over the years.

Can your business help or benefit players, and if so, how?

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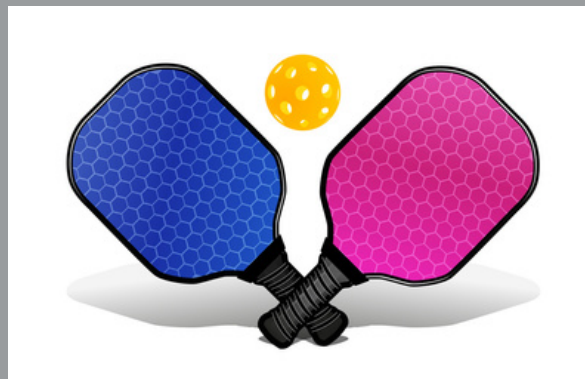
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For further club events and news, check the calendar on the website

www.wspcgj.com
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