



WSPC Quarterly Pickle News

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WSPC Updates

Still Growing!

Our club membership has grown to 261 members which includes 106 new members.

The new membership year begins June 1, and can be renewed earlier beginning April 8.

WSPC Outreach Events

Adopt a Street Program

Watch your email for details for the next Adopt A Street Program which will be in April. In addition to providing a service to our community, the members have had an enjoyable time and the 24 Road looks so much better for their efforts. It's another chance to meet other members you haven't seen on the courts too. The group is limited to the first 20 volunteers, so be sure to respond to Bruce Gregg at jgbheat@yahoo.com quickly when the announcement is made.

Upcoming Tournaments

April 7 - WSPC Championship Tournament - Sponsored by WSPC for Club Members only at Lincoln Park, 9:00 a.m. 84 members have registered. Entrants are eligible for a chance to win 1 of 2 new Selkirk paddles.

April 22 - WSPC First Singles Tournament - Sponsored by the WSPC. It is open to Club Members only and includes women's and men's divisions. To be held at Lincoln Park at 1:00 p.m. You must register by April 12. Email Goerge Gerson , at g20520@aol.com to register.

May 19/20 - 6th Annual Western Slope Regional Tournament - Sponsored by GJ Parks and Rec. and Rocky Mountain Health Plans at Lincoln Park and Pineridge- All players are welcome. The \$35 registration fee includes lunch, a stainless steel water bottle, cooling towel and entry into all divisions. Register online at gjparksandrec.org or call 970-254-3866. For more information, go to our website, Westernslopepickleballclub.com and click on Tournaments and Events. In addition to the tournament in Grand Junction, there are numerous other upcoming tournaments listed or visit our Facebook page.

Doubles Duel Pickleball & Golf Fundraiser for WSPC

June 16 - Join in the fun. This event is open to everyone, No experience in either sport is necessary. The event is capped at 36 players and you may enter without a partner. Email George Gerson at g20520@aol.com for the signup form or check our club website and click on Tournaments and Events. Scroll down to June 16.

\$60 registration fee includes 4 hours of pickleball (8 a.m. - 12 p.m.), lunch and 9 holes of golf in a 2 man scramble starting at 1:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park golf course. Prizes will be awarded to the first 2 players.

Registration closes June 19. Questions? Contact Aiaga Roffey at C: 970-640-4022 or Ed Roffey @ C: 970-216-9321, H: 970-241-2267.



Upcoming Clinics

Learn to Play! Beginner Pickleball Clinic April 14, 1-3 p.m., is FULL. The Intermediate Clinic April 14, 3-5 p.m., at PineRidge has openings. The next Beginner Clinic is May 26, 1-3 p.m. Clinics are capped at 20 players. Cost \$15. Register at Grand Junction Parks & Rec., 970-254-3866.

Referee Clinics

Two referee clinics were conducted by Eileen Egloff and Jane McKnight to refresh skills, focus on new rules and increase the number of qualified referees in our area for future tournaments. The first clinic had 15 attendees, the second had 5. The referees plan to follow up the clinic by practicing their skills during recreational play. Your assistance is appreciated in allowing them to referee your games. In addition, to being helpful to this program, it will also help you to learn the new rules, so you aren't blindsided in an upcoming tournament.



1st Clinic: Attendees include Joe Egloff who is not in this picture.



2nd Clinic

Ask the Ref

Since there are several new rules that have been enacted since Jan 2018, we will try to address some of them in upcoming newsletters. The entire rules can be viewed on the USAPA.org website. On the menu bar, click on "Rules and Referees", then click on USAPA/IFP official rules and scroll down to the 2018 Rulebook.

Some of the new changes that will result in a fault, thus loss of serve or side out are:

4.A.1. The entire score must be called before the server begins his or her service motion.

4.A.2. The service motion begins with the server's arm movement initiating the swing, backward or forward, to contact the ball.

And you can no longer ask if you are in the correct position:

4.B.8. Prior to the start of the service motion, to determine the correct server and correct service court, the serving team may ask the referee the score and "Am I the correct server?" **Players may not ask if they are in the correct position.**

4.B.9. Prior to the start of the service motion, to determine the correct receiver and his or her position, the receiving team may ask the referee to confirm the score. **Players may not ask if they are in the correct position.**

Hint: If your team score is even, your starting server is in the right/even court. If your score is odd, the starting server is in the left/odd court.

IF you would like to submit questions for future newsletters, please send them to us at this link:

<https://westernslopepickleballclub.com/contact-us/>

Tips From Tao



We are so fortunate to have an excellent player of Tao's level living in the Grand Junction area. Tao is very generous with sharing his knowledge to help us improve our skills. His tip for this issue focuses on "The Grip".

"One of the most important aspects of pickleball, or any other racquet sports, is the grip. As you go higher up in the ratings, you will notice that almost all advanced players have a similar grip and same ball-striking techniques. It is because they are using a grip that maximizes the effectiveness of all shots. The "ideal grip" is to be able to hit all shots (serves, drives, slices, backhands, forehands, dinks, volleys and overhands) with the same grip, and that's a huge advantage over players who constantly change their grip between rallies. The most popular grip that allows you to do all that is *the continental grip*. I would strongly recommend going continental. For starters or beginners, it's the perfect time to get off to a good start. Find me on the court, and I'll be glad to help. For players with over 2 years of experience, it seems extremely hard to change, but not really, 3 to 6 months is enough if you're patient. Poor shot executions are mainly due to poor techniques caused by inadequate grip. Think about it, if you have hit a ceiling or plateaued for a long time, maybe it's time for a change. Sometimes, it only takes a few tweaks to excel. "

Tao plans to offer private, semi-private or group pickleball lessons. Members will receive a lower rate and have priority over non-members. Details will be announced soon.

Member Spotlight

Peggy Byers



How long have you been playing pickleball and what got you started?

I used to be a runner but as I got older, my knees began to give me trouble. So I was trying to come up with a different exercise. Around this time, my youngest son, a soccer player, was at Lincoln Park and curiously observing the people playing pickleball. He noticed some of the players were older and having a lot of fun. Susan Goebel invited him to play and lent him her paddle to use. He tried it and liked it and thought it would be something I would enjoy. So, 2 years ago, for Mother's Day, he gave me a pickleball paddle. I tried the game and loved. I then signed up for George's class and have been playing ever since.

What do you like best about the sport?

I love everything! The physical activity and the people are amazing. They are fun and kind-hearted, even in competition. I grew up with 8 brothers so was used to lots of competition all the time. So I needed something to fulfill that need in me. Pickleball does that, but in a very fun way.

Are you originally from Grand Junction? If not, what brought you here?

I was born in a very small farm town in central Washington called Soap Lake. I moved to Grand Junction in 1980 to be near family for moral support. I was raising three little boys alone and I went

to Nursing School at Mesa University which was Mesa State then. I remarried to a wonderful man, Mike Byers, in 1984 and we had 2 more boys. Grand Junction is a great place to raise your kids.

Would you like to tell us about your family?

My husband, Mike, does not play pickleball but is very supportive of me. We have 5 sons, ranging in age from 30 to 43. They all attended Fruita High School.

We also have 5 grandkids: 2 boys and 3 girls. They do not live in this area, but we enjoy our visits with them so much. I've played pickleball with all of them!

What do you enjoy doing besides pickleball?

Mike and I enjoy hiking and biking in, mostly in Moab and locally, but anywhere where there are good trails. We also enjoy RVing in out of the way secluded places where we can enjoy the stars and the peace and quiet.

What is your career?

I am a Registered Nurse and have worked in Pediatrics and Hospice. I now am a Gastroenterology nurse. I work 3-10 hour shifts, so am able to schedule lots of other activities.



Terry and Barb Douchant



How long have you been playing pickleball and what got you started?

We started playing in May, 2015.

Terry: We learned about pickleball when I was at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George Utah. I was playing in a racquetball tournament and other players were talking about pickleball. They told me about it and I thought it sounded pretty silly. But when we returned to our home in Green River, Wyoming, we looked it up on YouTube and decided it looked like a lot of fun. At the time, we were still working and we were both playing in a racquetball league.

Barb: I had fallen and broken my wrist. So I was interested in trying a different sport that didn't bother it so much. We were planning to retire soon and relocate to a warmer area, so had purchased a home in Texas. However, after learning about pickleball, we decided we wanted to retire where we would be able to play pickleball. So when we were passing through Grand Junction, we specifically drove by the pickleball courts at Pine Ridge and Lincoln Park and then decided to move here. So we rented out our Texas home and in May, 2015, we moved to Grand Junction.

We purchased wooden paddles and played at Lincoln Park. It was fun, and we caught on pretty well, but had a lot

of trouble serving so "a lot of people didn't want to play with us at first." So we would go early before others showed up and kept at it and have been having fun ever since.

What do you like best about the sport?

The people! They are so great! We have made so many new friends and have enjoyed all the camaraderie, laughter and fun. We had just retired when we moved here, so we were concerned how we would meet new friends. But with pickleball, we have met so many fun, friendly people and we have enjoyed them in a number of different kinds of activities.

Would you like to tell us about your family?

We have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Barb's daughter lives here with 3 grandchildren and one other daughter will be moving here this summer with 2 more grandchildren. We enjoy visiting our other kids and grandkids who do not live in this area.

What was your career prior to retirement?

Terry: I was an electrician and worked above ground at Trona Mines in Green River, Wyoming.

Barb: I was a Manager for the Shipping Department at Trona Mines (but a different mine than where Terry worked). We meant each other when we played in the same racquetball league.

Joel Bechtel



How long have you been playing pickleball and what got you started?

I have been playing for about 2 years. I used to play tennis, but I don't play tennis much anymore. Two years ago, I was in Las Vegas and saw a friend of mine there from Phoenix who was playing pickleball. He invited me to play. I did and was hooked right away! I've been enjoying it ever since then.

What do you like best about the sport?

I like being outdoors. I like the camaraderie with the other players. It's an easy sport to pick up, but is very challenging too. I can use my tennis skills too. And it's easier on your joints.

Are you originally from Grand Junction? If not, what brought you here?

We moved here in 1980. We had driven through Grand Junction before, but never lived here. Our careers brought us here. I was a physician and had heard very good things about the medical facility here--St. Mary's, which was run by Sister Mary Louise. My wife was an attorney. So we both came to Grand Junction to accept positions here. I retired about 3 years ago and am enjoying retirement.

Would you like to tell us about your family?

My wife's name is Betty. We have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

One of my sons is a veterinarian in Fruita and has 2 sons.

Our other won works for Apple in Cupertino, California area and has 2 daughters.

My grandkids are 12, 13, 14 and 16. I have played pickleball with all of them. My granddaughters also play tennis but enjoy pickleball too.

What other activities do you like to do?

My wife and I enjoy bicycling and have done some very challenging bike rides, such as the Quadruple Bypass in Colorado. We also like to take one grandchild on a special trip each year. This year was the 13 years old boy's turn. He chose Italy because he loves to eat pizza. So he ate 8 different pizzas in 8 days and we all had a great time, enjoyed new adventures and an unforgettable experience together!



The WSPC Would Love To Hear From You

Do you have suggestions for our website, Facebook or future newsletters? Do you have questions for Tao, or about the USAPA/IFP Rules? Is there a future social outing or sports event you would like to enjoy with other club members? Send your questions, comments and suggestions to us at:

<https://westernslopepickleballclub.com/contact-us/>

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