

# PebbleCreek Pickleball Club

## October *EXTRA*

October 5, 2021

Round Robins: The winter schedule is set to begin the week of October 24. In preparation, all Club Round Robins will end their morning play on October 15 and will restart October 25. The weekday and times will change with the new schedule so please be sure to review the new schedule when it's posted.

Round Robins Plus: The ghost-doubles shoot-outs will be held in November. The rating that started this past Saturday, and will continue Saturday October 9, has no effect on the Plus system.

Warm-Ups for Events: In preparation for a weekly Club Event (Round Robins, Ladders, Skills) players are welcome to warm-up on open courts, HOWEVER, players do not get to move onto an occupied court prior to the start time. If a Round Robin starts at 1:00 p.m. and if the courts are being used, players have until 1:00 p.m. to finish their game. Additionally, event players must leave their court at the end time if other paddles are waiting; they do not get to finish their game.

Ladder: Although the winter schedule hasn't been completed, many members have been asking about the date and time of ladder play. The tentative plan is to have ladders continue as in years past, women's Thursday morning, and men's Friday mornings.

Drop-In Play: Starting October 15 Drop-In courts will move for the winter. We are increasing the number of courts and increasing different level guidelines. We ask that all players respect these new levels. We all enjoy good close games and most all of us have said "I like playing up." Please realize that while that may be good for the one weaker player, it also says to the other player, it's okay that I make you play down to my level. We hope the additional courts and levels will allow for everyone to give the other players good close games.

Guests: If you are having a guest (family or friends) come to play on our courts, HOA rules require that each non-resident have a guest pass.

## New Courts

### *Update*

As previously reported, the new pickleball courts cost basis has increased to over 3 million dollars. We met with the HOA Board members and RCI employees, Jack Sarsam and Bill Barnard, concerning next steps. Everyone acknowledges this increase along with labor shortages brings significant challenges.

The pickleball club now will wait as RCI and the HOA board discuss how to fund the increased cost growth of the project. As for a timeline, it is expected that the HOA will be reporting out at their next board meeting in November. No one wants to wait until November, however, if the HOA Board is to take any action, it must occur at the Board Meeting.



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Open Play: As we start the winter schedule, Open Play will be available all day/every day on courts 13-20. Courts 1-12 will host Drop-In, Open Play and events. We always want to utilize all courts, which means sometimes if a Drop-In court is available, we want that court utilized. This means that if a drop-in court is open, then a group of 4 can play on that court UNTIL there are 4 drop-in players waiting to play. Once there are 4 paddles waiting for drop-in, and after the open play group finishes their game, they must either play in the drop-in rotation or leave for another Open Play court.

Drilling and Singles: Singles and drilling can take place anytime the courts are not busy, meaning paddles are not waiting in the box. Once paddles are in the box, either of these practices must end. Groups of 4, please be sure there are no other courts open before requesting the singles/drillers to leave.

Members Needed as Referees: We are always in need of referees for our internal tournaments. Any level of player can and are encouraged to become a pickleball official. For anyone interested, please come to the Ramada on October 27 at 1:00 p.m., no sign-up needed. The basics for officiating will be reviewed and a practice session will be arranged.

Tournament Preparation: We will be having two tournament preparation sessions, one for men and one for women. The session is geared to players who have never played or have minimal experience with tournament play. We're starting with rating levels 2.5 and 3.0 and will expand as available. The session will get you ready for the Final Four events, club tournaments and even our outside tournament. Register on Court Reserve, Men 10/31 at 2:45 p.m. and Women 11/7 at 2:45 p.m.

## Reminders

Pancho: A bench (purchased with private donations) in honor of our friend and mentor Pancho Epstein will be dedicated this Sunday, 10/10, at 9:00 a.m. We encourage all players to come have cookies or cupcakes to honor Pancho, and meet his wife and children.

Fall Kick-Off: Time is running out to purchase your ticket for the Club Fall Kick-Off dinner and music. Members and guest tickets are \$30.00 per person. We hope you can join us on October 17, 5:00 p.m. on the Eagles Nest patio. Register and pay on Court Reserve or put a check in the lockbox with the names of those attending and Fall Kick-off on the envelope. Deadline is October 11.

A Clean Car is a Happy Car: Don't forget to visit the 3 Minute Express Car Wash at either the PebbleCreek Parkway or Estrella Parkway locations. Select Fundraiser Code at check in and enter 3323. This fundraiser is good October 1-22.

