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REGISTER NOW! for our 2nd annual Harvest Crush Tournament



[View the Event Flyer](#)

- Early registration is \$50 + \$15 / Event (thru 8/31/23)
- Regular registration is \$60 + \$15 / Event
- Late Registration is \$70 + 15 / Event
- Mens and Womens Doubles: Saturday, Sept 16th
- Mixed Doubles: Sunday, Sept 17th
- Sign up with or without a partner
- To be held at May Nissen Park
- Local merchants & wineries
- Eateries & Establishments
- 50/50 Raffle
- Ages 18-54, 55+
- Skill Groups include: 2.5, 3.0 3.5, 4.0+

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

President's Message

Hello everyone and happy pickling. We are at the halfway mark of 2023 and this year has been very exciting for the club. Not only have our membership numbers increased, but we have also seen a huge growth in participant numbers at the Downs, May Nissen and Muirwood. Thanks to all of you for becoming a part of this exquisite club and we hope to see all of you on the courts as the year goes on.



This is tournament season, and I will say that the TVPC is well represented by our club players. Many bring home medals and some do not, the point is that tournaments are fun and a great and easy way to meet new people from all over the country. If you are tournament curious, enter our club championship later this year, sign up for our inter-club competitions and take a look at our Harvest Crush II Tournament coming on September 16th-17th in May Nissen Park.

Our latest line of club clothing will be available soon. The first orders have been received and the new threads will be rocking the courts in style. If you haven't picked up your order yet, please contact Larry Bird.

Many of you know that a club founding member and Treasurer Paula Orrell has decided to step away from her duties. Paula was an extremely important part of the formation of the club, and she helped organize many events down the smallest details. Our success can be directly attributed to Paula and without her, the club would not be where it is today. Thank you, Paula!

As a reminder, in fairness to everyone, please rotate off the courts when your game is finished. Naturally, this only applies when you observe people waiting on the sidelines, but our local courts are getting busy every day of the week, and everyone should be able to play.

Check the club website frequently for the latest club event updates.

Have a great mid-season!



Upcoming Events

Social Events (Members Only - [Register](#))

- Friday Evening Potluck Socials: Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 29
- **2nd Annual Holiday Party:** Dec 6th, 2023 (Save the Date)

Player Development

Introduction to Pickleball: ([Register](#))

- Aug 12, Sep 9, Oct 14
- Limit of 24 people per session, held at May Nissen Park, 9 - 11 AM
- Tell any friends, family or co-workers who are interested in learning the basics
- Open to Members and Non-Members - \$15 for Non-Members
- Held at May Nissen Park from 9:AM - 11:AM

Pickleball 101: Register through LARPD ([Register](#) - Click on Adult Pickleball)

- Jul 22, Aug 19, Sep 30
- Introduction to Pickleball through LARPD, held at May Nissen Park, 9:AM - 11:AM
- Same instruction and information as 'Introduction to Pickleball'

Skills and Drills: Members Only ([Register](#))

- July 15, Aug 26, Oct 7
- Time: 8:30 AM -10:30 at May Nissen Park in Livermore
- Hone and improve your skills while learning new and fun ways to do it

Tournaments ([Register](#))

- **2nd Annual Harvest Crush:** Sept 16 & 17 (Save the Date)
- **2nd Annual TVPC Doubles Championships:** Oct 28 & 29 (Save the Date)

PADDLE DRIVE PLEASE HELP!



- ⇒ We are short on paddles for our Intro to Pickleball Clinics and other activities.
- ⇒ We would like to collect them at our upcoming Friday Night Social on July 28th.
- ⇒ Please bring paddles you don't use anymore that you would like to donate (no wooden or broken paddles).
- ⇒ If this doesn't work, please give them to one of our board members (Kirby, Robert, Lori, or Larry)

Don't miss our latest announcements and photo postings with TVPC's three social media accounts:



Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/tvpc4pickleball>



Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/TVPC4pickleball>



Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/GreatPickleball>

New Gold Level Member

◇ Udham Singh

New Silver Level Member

◇ Chris Freitas

New Bronze Level Members

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| ◇ Rudy Adamek | ◇ Jenell Doyen | ◇ Praveen Muppidi |
| ◇ Andrew Anderson | ◇ Thierry Doyen | ◇ Annamarie Murphy |
| ◇ Biji Antony | ◇ LuAnn Elliott | ◇ Nick Nardolillo |
| ◇ Adrian Barnes | ◇ Kyle Erickson | ◇ Vraj Patel |
| ◇ Carlos Barras | ◇ William Fan | ◇ Karen Pellettieri |
| ◇ Margie Barras | ◇ Tony Fanelli | ◇ Roy Porfido |
| ◇ Sue Baxter | ◇ Cynthia Flaherty | ◇ Michael Price |
| ◇ Derek Baxter | ◇ John Ghinazzi | ◇ Diana Price |
| ◇ Cara Beston | ◇ Patrick Harvey | ◇ Susan Prokosch |
| ◇ Elizabeth Boltz | ◇ Sylvia Harvey | ◇ Jennifer Quan |
| ◇ Garry Boltz | ◇ John Hernandez | ◇ Sheila Roberts |
| ◇ Susanne Brown | ◇ Lani Hernandez | ◇ Sean Roberts |
| ◇ Pat Brown | ◇ Charisse Jacques | ◇ Ed Roudebush |
| ◇ Mark Chen | ◇ Catherine Jennings | ◇ Terry Roudebush |
| ◇ Henry Chin | ◇ Beth Jenö | ◇ Dionne Santoro |
| ◇ Winnie Chiu | ◇ Eric Johnson | ◇ Lisa Saporito |
| ◇ David Chopp | ◇ Cathy Kessler | ◇ Toni Sarrica |
| ◇ Laura Chopp | ◇ Mark Kramer | ◇ Kaushal Sawhney |
| ◇ Anurag Choudhary | ◇ Christine Kramer | ◇ Suzanne Schillaci |
| ◇ Valerie Christenson | ◇ Angela Li | ◇ Suzi Shultis |
| ◇ Joe Clark | ◇ Anissa Liu | ◇ Steven Sinesio |
| ◇ Esther Clark | ◇ Richard Madan | ◇ Kendra Strey |
| ◇ Maggie Crabill | ◇ Timothy Marchi | ◇ Raj Thevar |
| ◇ Lorely Davila | ◇ Debbie Melrose | ◇ Jason Twedt |
| ◇ Leslie Desimini | ◇ Jeff Melrose | ◇ Rhonda Whitaker |
| | | ◇ Diane Williams |



New TVPC members joining our club since the April '23 newsletter and as of 7/9/23.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

- Annual Memberships: January – December (Not Prorated)
- Membership Fees are Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable
- Members must be at least 18 years of age or older at the time of registration
- Discounts* apply to TVPC merchandise, TVPC tournament registration fees, and club activity fees
- Payment Options: **Cash, Check** – Made out to *Tri-Valley Pickleball Club*, 1531 Klondike Place, Livermore, CA 94550, or Venmo – @TriValleyPickleballClub (Code: 8657) – Please DO NOT specify Purchase Protection

BRONZE MEMBERSHIP

Annual: \$30

Includes:

- Access to Club Activities

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

Annual: \$65

Includes:

- Access to Club Activities
- 5% Discount*

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

Annual: \$125

Includes:

- Access to Club Activities
- 10% Discount*

PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP

Lifetime: \$750 (Limited to First 15)

Includes:

- Access to Club Activities
- Dry-Fit, Collared, Logo Shirt
- 20% Discount*

[Click here to join the Tri-Valley Pickleball Club](#)

Member Spotlight

Rich Hume

Q. I understand you are now retired, what kind of work did you do?

A. I was a language major, sort of in college. Dropped out, made some fractional horsepower shaded pole motors for a while. Befriended a guy who worked as a programmer. Got hired as a technical writer, I had written a bunch of papers in college, so I was acceptable in skill level compared to programmers and engineers. Though I was really lacking at that too as I think back on it. But that led to software and I was soon a programmer. Started with Macro language and never looked back. I stayed technical through out my career. I developed some expertise in a couple of nuclear applications and eventually ended up at Lawrence Livermore Lab.

Q. How did you get into pickleball and did you play other sports too?

A. This one is lost in time. I think I saw it played down at Venice Beach on a vacation and it looked interesting. Thinking back on it, it might have been platform tennis. I don't remember the sound of pickelballs being hit. I grabbed some golf buddies and former work buddies and we started to play. We taught ourselves to play and figured out the strategies.

Q. With so many celebrities now trying the sport of pickleball, Rich, if you could choose any celebrity to be your partner for a pickleball match, who would you choose and why?

A. Interesting question... While I've watched a lot of the game, that's dwindling in interest. The pro game is morphing into a faster version of tennis and I haven't watched that in decades. I'm not a fan of any of the pros. I find the women's doubles to be most interesting. The singles is impressive for court coverage, but not much else. I no desire to play at the highest levels of the game. I really enjoy playing at the Downs, bonus points for a lot of dinking!

Q. We enjoy reading your blog because you have a very creative and easy-to-read style. What authors or experiences have influenced your writing?

A. There are a couple of the blog posts in the style of P. G. Wodehouse, who writes in a humorous vein. I like the funny stuff and a good turn of phrase. He wrote a lot in the golf world and it was easy to see that would carry over to PB if he had known about it. Golf is shrouded in mystery and magic, I could see PB going that way too. I was pretty happy with my attempts to mimic him. I also found the stories set in the Monastery, with the Master and Po, fun to write and I hope I carried a bit of humor in with some instruction.

If you write software, you have initialization, work, cleanup, which is basically what writing is all about too. Software requires a lot of logic, stuff have to make sense and be right. So the jump to writing non-code was an easy one. I've written limericks and short plays before, so the blog posts were an easy switch. Besides, the PB blog is not the only one. There are several others about travel and golf and some political stuff there too. I've always been interested in language -- the writing is not much of a stretch as it incorporates many interests.

Q. Anything else you would like to add or think our members might be interested to know about you?

A. I would like to thank all the PB folks that I've gotten to know. It's a wonderful game, but the community is even more wonderful. It's been a wonderful part of my life for the last few years and I'm really grateful to have found a place to play and hang out with such great people. Thank you, thank you very much! :-)



**Don't forget to register for our
2nd annual Harvest Crush
Tournament today!**

[Register Here](#)

Your Board Members:

President: Kirby Wong

VP: Robert Beanland

Treasurer: Paula Orrell

Secretary: Lori Dorsey

Merch & PR: Larry Bird

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Our May '23 Tri-Valley Pickleball Round Robin

[* View the results on this spreadsheet *](#)

Congratulations to all everyone who participated!

Thank you to Kathy Anderson and all the volunteers!

Special thanks to Kirby, Lori, Robert, Larry, and Paula for organizing and running another fun event to perfection!

... and now for the winners!

Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Women's Doubles 2.5 - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Women's Doubles 3.0 - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Women's Doubles 3.5/4.0 - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Men's Doubles 3.0 - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Men's Doubles 3.5 - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Men's Doubles 4.0 - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Mixed Doubles 2.5 - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Mixed Doubles 3.0 (18-54) - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Mixed Doubles 3.0 (55+) - May 2023

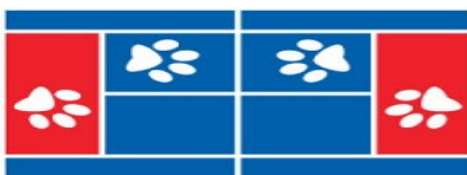


Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Round Robin Tournament
Mixed Doubles 4.0 - May 2023



Tri-Valley Pickleball Club Members participated in this year's

SERVICE CHAMPIONS DOUBLES CLASSIC



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Our club was proud to be part of this important annual event in the East Bay that supports animal shelters by running their first-ever pickleball tournament during the Memorial Day weekend. Learn more about this cause at <https://tennis4dogs.com/tvdc.php>

... and now for the photos!



The Master on How to Play (by Rich Hume)

Editor's Note: This article was been edited for space. You can read Rich's full posting at: <https://pickleballthoughts.blogspot.com/>



"Master, I am not winning many games," said Po, a monk in the order of the Shaolin temple, pickleball branch.

"Er? What is your problem Po?" asked the Master.

"I and my team seem to be better than the opponents, yet we lose more games than we should."

"Do you lose when in the lead, Po?"

After some thought, "Yes that does happen often."

"And does you play style change as you accumulate a lead?"

"I think so. It seems normal to play carefully in the early game. And if we get a lead, then it's common to become complacent in the middle or late game."

"What is careful play, Po?"

Po stands tall with shoulders back and recalls some of the lessons from over the years.

"As stated in volume 4, chapter 3, of the sacred text, *Early Game Play*, careful play is based on ball speed control and shot selection."

"Very good, Po. And why do you do that?"

"If they are bangers, sorry for the loose phrase, Master, then my team would dink more and slow down the game with an emphasis on hitting low soft shots. If they played a soft game we would play that way too and judge if we can out-dink them. If we can, then we dink. Otherwise we would try to speed up more and drive more."

Good Po. What is the middle game all about?"

"If we have won the early game, we should be on a lead. Then we wish to continue what is working. If we are losing, then we must change something, either speed of shots, or placement, or which opponent we attack. If the game is even, then we would wish to refine our play to do better."

"As the Masters have written, always hit shots that can't be attacked. Thus allowing our team to always gain the net, and to avoid having to defend smashes."

"What are the characteristics of the unattackable shot?"

"Low, soft, and usually to the back-hand Master."

"Very good Po. When do you hit the ball hard?"

"When I have no better shot, Master. As I have been taught, a smash is low percentage shot, unbeloved of the Gods and worthy of little respect."

"As your journey to understanding of what pickleball is, Po, you may come to realize that the essence of the game is the rally and the goal is to make the rally end in your favor, but more importantly, to craft it so that it is interesting, dynamic, and lengthy."

"To this philosophy, we at the monastery, emphasis the need for control and stability of paddle and mind. We are happy to block hard shots with no need to panic or need to speed up the ball. If the opponents are back and expecting speed, we give them soft and short. If the middle is fertile ground to plow, we use it, if it's covered, then we hit to split the opponents. Always making them move and hit a different shot every time."

"Strive to be a Master Po. Always seek to extend a rally and not to end it. The end will come soon enough and then careful making of the next rally will begin again. Enjoy and respect that creation. If you do it correctly, you will create memorable rallies, and not just another point as you see so often down in the village. Yes, they can hit the ball hard, but sadly, they think that's the key to a good game."

"Go Po, and do your best. Seek simple perfection. Frills are for the future that should not come. Be so solid that none can stand before you. Be the player that everyone wants to play with, and against, and yet, cannot beat."