



President's Message



Members,

Happy end of summer and welcome to the fall!

The Harvest Crush II Tournament is behind us now and what a tournament it was. Thanks to everyone who participated, including the excellent volunteer group Kathy Anderson organized. Without you, we would not have had a fun and momentum event. Our registration and player numbers increased this year which made Saturday a bit more hectic but Sunday was easier to manage and facilitate.

Our highlights include adding a food vendor and thanks to Bonnie Pastrnak for the suggestion. Kudos to Lori Dorsey for putting the raffle baskets together and taking care of all those donations that came in and a special thanks to everyone who contributed or donated items for the raffle. Our paddle vendors had great-looking booths which allowed them to sell their wares such as paddles, clothing, and custom water bottles.

If you missed the Harvest Crush II and want to play in a fun, club member-only tournament, grab a partner and register on the club website for the Club Championships at May Nissen Park on October 28th and 29th.

Thank you, Roger, Michelle, Michaela, and Noelani Lee for sharing Jared with us. Your son, brother, and pickleball partner will be missed. The TVPC was honored to dedicate the Harvest Crush II to his memory.

Last but not least, congratulations to Larry Bird, Livermore's newest USA Pickleball Ambassador!

See you on the courts,

Kirby Wong



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Registration is Now Open!

Club Championships



October 28-29, 2023

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- Open to Club Members Only
- May Sign Up as a Team or as an Individual
- Skill Levels: 2.5 – 4.0
- Two Age Groups: Under 55 and Over 55
- Format: Round Robin Pool Play
Top 4 Teams of each bracket go to playoffs
- Held at May Nissen Park in Livermore, CA

**Deadline for Registration and Payment:
Monday October 23rd at Midnight**

View our Harvest Crush Recap & Photos



TVPC Membership Update

We are proud to announce
OUR CLUB NOW HAS 500+ MEMBERS!



New Silver Level Member

◇ Pat Patel



New TVPC members joining our club since our last newsletter published in August '23.

New Bronze Level Members

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| ◇ Nancy Allen | ◇ Zhisheng Liu |
| ◇ Sheree Birch | ◇ Fanny Ludwig |
| ◇ Susan Bray | ◇ Mark Ludwig |
| ◇ Tifenn Caudron de Coquereaumont | ◇ Beth Marotto |
| ◇ Sriram (Sam) Chandrasekaran | ◇ Holly Massey |
| ◇ Ryan Collins | ◇ Susan May |
| ◇ Benny Demonte | ◇ Carlye Mecozzi |
| ◇ Victoria Ferguson | ◇ Jeffrey Mecozzi |
| ◇ David Grobmeier | ◇ Kane Mecozzi |
| ◇ Nancy Iskander | ◇ Abhinav Mishra |
| ◇ Mindy Kane | ◇ Geri Navarro |
| ◇ Lina Khouri | ◇ Tom Ngo |
| ◇ Nayana Kuruppu | ◇ Mary Phan |
| ◇ Kelly La | ◇ Brian Powell |
| ◇ Danny Lai | ◇ Karen Powell |
| ◇ Christine Lake | ◇ Shafik Samaha |
| ◇ Jenny Langford | ◇ Chad Snook |
| ◇ Leslie Littlefield | ◇ Fiona Solis |
| | ◇ Denise Vanderpool |
| | ◇ Lisa Ward |

Not a member yet?

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

Tri-Valley Pickleball Club Newsletter

September 2023



Results - 2nd Annual Harvest Crush Tournament

(click any item below to view the full results)

Women's Doubles Skill: (3.0 And Under) Age: (All)

Round-Robin

Paige Kolze	Pemmy You	Susan Moeckli
Corrie Prindle	Naoko Nojiri	Annamarie Murphy

Women's Doubles Skill: (3.5 and under) Age: (19+)

Round-Robin

beth mcMahon	Chris Otani	Michelle Choi
Valerie DiLuggo	Victoria Ferguson	Lisa Boghosian

Women's Doubles Skill: (3.5) Age: (50+,60+)

Round-Robin

Tifenn Caudron de Coquereau	Shari Gonzalez	Stephanie Hom
Joy Iwata	Jane Ladrech	Mary Ledezma

Mens Doubles Skill: (2.5 And Under) Age: (Any)

Round-Robin

Shafik Samaha	Roger Lamb	Brian McCollum
Jerry Hunt	Chad Snook	David Turnbull

Men's Doubles Skill: (3.0) Age: (19+)

Round-Robin

Kazuki Notsu	Wyatt Austin	Darryl Gill
Toma Notsu	Emmett Larkin	David Salazar

Men's Doubles Skill: (3.0) Age: (50+, 60+)

Round-Robin

George Lodato	Paul Kline	Karl Smith
John Jatoft	Hector Vega	Rod Bayless

Men's Doubles Skill: (3.5) Age: (19+)

Round-Robin

Peter Lee	Rabi Bala	Christopher Florentino
Colin Schoen	Phil Davis	Corey Eisenberger

Men's Doubles Skill: (3.5) Age: (50+ 60+)

Round-Robin

Jesse Gonzalez	Robert Beanland	David Schwantes
Jackson Riker	Paul Villacarlos	Dave Van Lue

Men's Doubles Skill: (4.0+)

Round-Robin

Ramin Erfanian	mike callahan	Rajendra Vedaraju
Gokhan Gunan	Michael Aubel	Jyotheeswar Lakshmana

Mixed Doubles Skill: (3.0) Age: (19+)

Round-Robin

Allison Schmidt	Crystal Gu	Naoko Nojiri
Matthew Krispin	Ivan Lee	Kazuki Notsu

Mixed Doubles Skill: (3.0) Age: (50+)

Round-Robin

TJ Reynolds	Jeanette Petrilli	Mona Alvarez
Steve Dilbeck	Daryl Petrilli	Jeffrey Matabuena

Mixed Doubles Skill: (3.0) Age: (60+)

Round-Robin

Doreen Rosengarth	Kathryn Tournat	Dusty Roads
Karl Smith	Michael Cooke	Michael Lehmberg

Mixed Doubles Skill: (3.5) Age: (50+)

Round-Robin

Vern Rouse	Lori Dorsey	Mayumi Honda
Paul Hendrickson	Robert Beanland	Mario Pascua

Mixed Doubles Skill: (3.5-4.0 19+)

Round-Robin

Sonia Almeida	Bari Grossman	Judy Lai
Phil Davis	Rabi Bala	Colin Schoen

[Photos of our Harvest Crush are on the next page](#)

We would like to thank the following . . .

Sponsors

Volunteers

Thanks To Our Sponsors from the



Thank you to all the sponsors and members of our club that generously donated to our raffle baskets. It was a huge success because of your contributions!

A big thank you to all the directors and members (below) who volunteered their help during the weekend of our tournament.

Andrew Anderson
Greg Barker
Sue Baxter
PJ Balles
Rod Balles
Robert Beanland
Larry Bird
Tina DeLowe
Lori Dorsey
Taylor Dorsey
Ira Ehrlich
Jeno Elizabeth
Donna Ferreira
Nancy Glatt
Pia Holliday
Deb Halford
Beth Harnish
David Hickman
Moe Kline
Julia LaBlanc
Roger Lamb
Debbie Lander
Michele Lee
Cheri Leines

Pam Leong
Tony Lopes
Noel Madden
Clifford Miller
MJ Ng
Bonnie Pastrnak
Karen Pellettieri
Janet Penn
Fred Quarterman
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Tracie Rohm
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Jessica Schreiber
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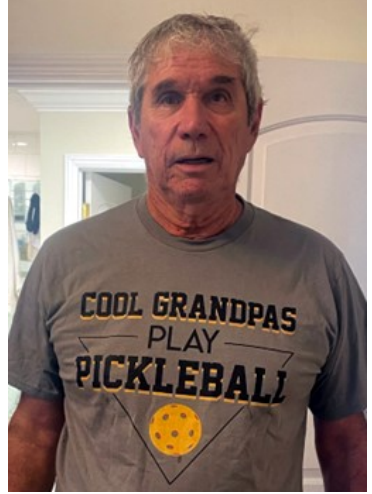
Photos - 2nd Annual Harvest Crush Tournament



Meet our new Club Treasurer, Roger Lamb!

The TVPC Board recently announced that club member Roger Lamb has been appointed to the position of Club Treasurer. He lives here in the Tri-Valley near his two daughters and six grandchildren.

Roger learned to play pickleball a few years ago when one of his granddaughters was working weekends at the Pleasanton School Gym. She suggested that Roger and his wife learn to play pickleball and taught them how to play. During the pandemic, he met some of our club's soon-to-be founders at Livermore Downs and joined the club shortly after it was established.



Roger grew up in Tucson, Arizona and enjoyed working as a sales director in the technology field for many years. When he retired seven years ago, he purchased a 46' sailboat in which he frequently sailed near La Paz, Mexico for two years. He and his wife now enjoy outings in their RV which they recently drove to the Gulf Coast.





Besides playing pickleball, Roger enjoys flying radio-controlled airplanes. He is currently the newsletter editor of the [East Bay Radio Controllers](#) which is located in Livermore. Rumor has it that Roger has a very nice collection of those hobby airplanes and accessories.





Thank you Roger, for assuming the duties of our TVPC Treasurer!

TVPC Merchandise is available to order!

We are currently taking orders for the following items at:

<https://trivalleypickleballclub.com/merchandise-order-form/>

Description:	Colors:	Example:	Price:
Embroidered Caps - One size fits all	White, Light Blue, Navy Blue, Dark Grey, Black		\$25
Embroidered Visors - One size fits all	White, Navy, Black		\$20
Dry-Fit Short Sleeve Tee - Women's & Men's - Silk Screen Logo	White, Dark Blue, Dark Grey, Black		\$25
Dry-Fit Long Sleeve Tee - Women's V-Neck - Men's Round Neck	White, Dark Blue, Purple, Dark Grey, Black		\$30

Dry-Fit Racer Top - Women's Only - Center Logo	White, Dark Blue, Purple, Dark Grey, Black		\$25
Dry-Fit Polo Shirts - Women's & Men's - Embroidered Logo	White, Dark Blue, Dark Grey, Black		\$40
Hoodie Sweatshirt - No Zip or Full Zipper - Embroidered Logo	White, Dark Blue, Dark Grey, Black		\$50
Fleece Jacket - Quarter or Full Zipper - Sizes are Unisex - Embroidered Logo	Dark Blue, Dark Grey, Black		\$60

(Note: Pictures are not available for all available colors of all apparel!)

Click the link above for more information!

Upcoming Events

Social Events *(Members Only)*

- **2nd Annual Holiday Party:** Dec 6th, 2023 (Save the Date)

Player Development

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

- October 14th
- 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

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

- October 7th
- 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

Upcoming Tournament ([Register](#))

Club Championships



October 28-29, 2023

- **2nd Annual TVPC Doubles Championships:** October 28 & 29

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 Club Championship.
- ⇒ Please bring paddles you don't use anymore that you would like to donate (no wooden or broken paddles).
- ⇒ If not attending the Club Championship, please give your paddle donations to one of our board members (Kirby, Robert, Lori, Larry, or Roger)

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



Instagram:

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

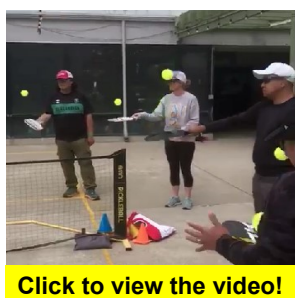


Facebook:

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

Photos of our recent pickleball events!

“PickleFest” at the Sports Basement San Ramon on Sept 30th



TVPC Potluck Social at May Nissen Park on September 29th



Pickleball classes held in September at May Nissen Park





Tournament Playing Tips

by Rich Hume, contributing author

(Editor's note: Be sure to check out Rich's pickleball blog:
<https://pickleballthoughts.blogspot.com/>)

The essence of a tournament, particularly one with a lot of matches as part of the contest, is to win as quickly and effortlessly as you can. Here are some ways you can do that...

- ✓ The early points in the match are crucial. You want to figure out what the opponents do well and what they don't. Then you exploit the weakness and avoid the strength. Like the mom and daughter team, to whom do you want to hit the ball? Test them both, then concentrate on one.
- ✓ Service returns are important. You want to get them back for sure, hitting them well is secondary. Start by being at least three feet behind the baseline. Give your opponent credit for a deep serve, they will be harder to return. Be prepared to receive a short serve, too. If you start deep behind the baseline you'll only have to move forward, which is what you were intending to do in all cases, right?
- ✓ If your opponents don't serve deeply, then adjust your starting position accordingly. Also if there is a wind at your back, serves will not be as deep!
- ✓ Your serves! OK, if you don't get them in, you can't score points and that's what the game is all about. I watched Ben Johns and Anna Leigh play a match and how deeply did Ben serve? The answer was not very deeply at all. A lot of his shots were in the first third of the service court, the rest scattered around the middle of the court. He hit very few deep serves. Be like Ben, and get them in!
- ✓ Let's talk dink versus bang points. If your opponents like to bang, then you probably want to dink them. If they dink, then maybe a power game is a better strategy. If you can outplay them at their game, then just play and let them worry about strategy. But if they adjust, you might have to as well. If they call a time out, you and partner should discuss the play as well. Expect changes in play.
- ✓ In a rec game you usually just play and not worry about how to do better. A bad game will be over quickly and then you can get the partner you deserve for the next game. :-)
But in a tournament, you are in it together for the day and winning is everything. So you have to pay attention to "how to win." If the score is quickly 0-4, then use a time out. Confer with partner and do something. Maybe it's just a drink of water, but it might be to play softly or beat up on the old guy. If you are losing, change your strategy!
- ✓ I mentioned being well behind the baseline for serves, generalized, this is a way to give yourself time to react and it happens in other situations. When you are coming up the kitchen line after the service return, it's much better to sprint and stop then to run while hitting. Watch the pros, they are always moving except when actually hitting the ball. It's better to stop early and be ready, then continuing to run.
- ✓ You should be stopped and balanced when the opponent starts to hit any ball. If you find yourself in the transition area on service returns, then you want to run up faster and or hit a softer service return that gives you more time to move. (However, I would prefer to be stopped in the transition area and ready, then to be running through it.) The second shot bounce is the essence of pickleball and you have to use it to your advantage to dominate the net.
- ✓ In summary, be aware of how the play is going, be flexible and open to changing your style of play, try to isolate one opponent. Beat them quickly if you can, save your strength for your next match!