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President's Message



Members,

What a year this has been. New members, new friendships, clinics, parties, social gatherings, outstanding tournaments and finally, more pickleball.

Our Tri-Valley is really developing into a pickleball addicted fanatic area. San Ramon just added new courts, Danville approved new courts at Osage Park, Dublin added two courts at Don Biddle Park and will soon add eight more at Wallis Ranch in 2024, Muirwood Park in Pleasanton is consistently busy, May Nissen Park in Livermore has exploded in growth and Livermore Downs is always busy 7 days a week. Indoor facilities such as the Robert Livermore Community Center, Pleasanton Middle School and Ironhorse Middle School all show consistent growth with a good mix of players of different skill levels.

2024 looks promising and the TVPC will hold its inaugural league play starting next month. We look forward to fun and lively competition and wonder, who might be our first league champion?

Happy Holidays and have a safe and prosperous 2024. See you on the courts!

Kirby Wong



HELP WANTED

TVPC Newsletter
Editor

Effective immediately, our club is seeking a new editor for the future editions of this newsletter.

If you're interested in serving our club in this capacity or have questions regarding it, [please contact us via email with this link.](#)

It has been my pleasure to create these newsletters during the past nine months. An opportunity has arisen to educate disadvantaged youth in my field of STEM. and therefore, I will be unretiring and joining the full-time workforce again. - Ira

TVPC League set to begin in January

Thanks to the efforts of Corrinne Kahler and John Lubeck, and as was announced in an email to all members on December 1st, we are excited to create a new pickleball league that's set to begin in January 2024. **Sorry, currently the league registration is completely full.**

We are treating this first league as a pilot to both "shake-out" any changes desired by the members going forward and understand what works and doesn't work. For more information, please visit:

<https://trivalleypickleballclub.com/league-play/>

TVPC Membership Update

New Lifetime Level Members

- ◇ Cherub Halperin
- ◇ Daniel Tomczak
- ◇ Karen Tomczak



New Gold Level Members

- ◇ Greg Barker
- ◇ Cara Beston

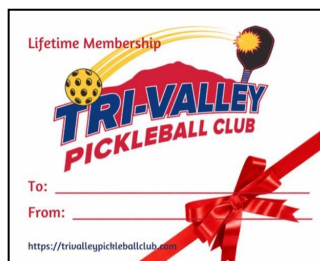
New Silver Level Member

- ◇ Blair Edsen

New Bronze Level Members

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| ◇ Brian Lee | ◇ Linda Ware |
| ◇ Curtis Steitz | ◇ Lois Leeds |
| ◇ Elizabeth Lyon | ◇ Mayank Vasa |
| ◇ Hannah Moreno | ◇ Morgan Dorsey |
| ◇ Jack Sui | ◇ Patt Lucas |
| ◇ James Dawkins | ◇ Prashant Gupta |
| ◇ Jana Frank-Nobrega | ◇ Praveen Hari |
| ◇ Jerrilynn Krebs | ◇ Ryan Hernbroth |
| ◇ Jon Lucas | ◇ Scott Theis |
| ◇ Karen Carnahan | ◇ Susan Beermann |
| ◇ Kristen Nostrand | ◇ Tom Santell |

Gift Certificates Available



**A Tri-Valley Pickleball Club Gift Certificate is the perfect gift
for someone who has everything!**

All you have to do is Venmo the members name to the TVPC'S account (@TriValleyPickleballClub - Code 8657) and put in the name of the person you'd like to gift it to, along with the membership level. When the payment is received by us, you'll be emailed the gift certificate within 48 hours. Once the certificate is issued, the person receiving it will have to go to our website (trivalleypickleballclub.com) and register as a member. In the notes, they'll have to add that's it's a gift certificate membership.

Upcoming Events in 2024

Social Events (TVPC Members Only)

- **Friday Evening Potluck Socials** ([Register](#))
 - Dates: Apr 26, May 31, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 23, Sep 27
 - Time: 5:00 – 8:00 PM
 - Place: May Nissen Park in Livermore or Muirwood Park in Pleasanton
 - Limited to the First 60 at May Nissen and the First 25 at Muirwood
 - Registration closes on Wednesday (at midnight) prior to the event
- **2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** TBA [Save the Date]
- **3rd Annual Holiday Party:** December 11th, 2024 [Save the Date]

Player Development

Introduction to Pickleball - (Open to Members and non-Members) ([Register](#))

- Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 18, Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10, Oct 12, 2024
- 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 all the basics
- \$20 for Non-Members includes 30-day membership, Free to TVPC members
- Paddles provided for participants, if needed

Pickleball 101 - (Open to Members and non-Members) ([Register](#) – Click on Pickleball Classes)

- Jan 27 (May Nissen), Feb 24 (RLRC Gym), Mar 16 (RLRC Gym),
Apr 20th (May Nissen), May 25th (May Nissen)
- Time: 9 - 11 AM
- Cost: \$20 – \$22 (Based on residence and location)
- For new players where you learn the rules, scoring, basic strategy, etc.
- Paddles provided for participants, if needed

Skills and Drills - (Open to Members only) ([Register](#))

- April 21, June 14, August 16, October 6, 2024
- Times: Sundays 8:30 AM – 10:30, Fridays 5:30 PM – 7:30
- May Nissen Park, 685 Rincon Ave, Livermore
- Hone and improve your skills while learning new and fun ways to do that

Upcoming Tournaments (Save these dates!)

- 2024 Spring Round Robin Tournament: May 4 – 5, 2024
- 2024 Third Annual Harvest Crush: Sep 14 – 15, 2024
- 2024 Club Championship Tournament: Oct 26 – 27, 2024

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>

TVPC Volunteers of the Year

FRED QUARTERMAN **2023 Male** **Volunteer of the Year**



The board would like to recognize Fred Quarterman as our male volunteer of the year. Fred was one of our first Lifetime Members. He has been an instructor for almost all of our 101's and our Skills & Drills classes. Many people aren't aware that Fred has donated two pickleball nets, plus money and prizes toward our tournaments' basket raffles.

Fred is always willing to assist with any task needed or to be on the sidelines to provide us input when asked. His input is always honest and direct and his advice always has the club's best interest at heart.

You can still see Fred on the courts several times a week playing and promoting the game and our club. Fred is very encouraging to everyone he meets. You'll always know when Fred is on the courts or in a training class, because you can hear his voice loud and clear saying, "WATCH THE BALL!"

Thank you Fred for everything you do for the club and for being our biggest supporter.

KATHY ANDERSON **2023 Female** **Volunteer of the Year**



The board would like to recognize Kathy as our female volunteer of the year. Kathy stepped up and took over as our volunteer coordinator. This was so instrumental to our club, as it took away a huge time consuming task from the board.

Kathy has taken the time to reach out to our members via email or by phone to create a master volunteer list to meet all of our needs. Kathy has coordinated the volunteers for each and every event that we organized in 2023. Without her assistance, our events wouldn't have been as successful as they were.

Kathy was instrumental in organizing our storage unit by categorizing all of our items in storage containers and labeling them for easy access by board members, when we needed them for an event.

Thank you Kathy for going above and beyond for the club and making the lives of us board members manageable. Your dedication to our club gave the board the ability to work on other more critical tasks.

Questions from the TVPC Membership and answers from your Board of Directors

Why have membership dues increased?

Membership fees have increased due to inflation being one of the key factors resulting in higher costs for supplies, events, etc. The cost of court rentals has doubled since our inception, and the park's department now has a requirement for liability insurance. Membership fees have been instrumental in allowing the club to work with the various cities to increase court availability.

Why does it seem like TVPC is more of a Livermore Club?

Before the club came into existence the only outdoor pickleball courts in the entire Tri-Valley area were in Livermore and was the logical place to start. Two of the five original Board members were from Pleasanton and the club has grown to encompass members from the entire tri-valley area. The club has worked with Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon to add outdoor pickleball courts. While currently the only outdoor facility that we can rent is at May Nissen Park, we continue our efforts to secure more venues for our member events. The Board is looking for members to become our liaison with some of these cities to improve our representation and visibility - Let us know if you are interested.

Is there a balance sheet for the club?

As indicated in the Annual Report the club has no debt. Our assets are minimal and include items such as nets, popup tents, event supplies, tables, a cooler and sundry items for our socials, potlucks, and tournaments.

What are the current terms of the board members?

The Board of Director terms will expire in 2025.

When can members attend board meetings?

Board meetings are closed, with occasional invitations made to individuals to propose ideas and make presentations. With a membership of almost 600 the logistics and venue for a club wide open meeting would be difficult and expensive. The Board is happy, however, to address any member's questions, concerns or input: send to Info@trivalleypickleballclub.com. Additionally, each Board member is available on an individual basis if a member wishes to contact.

Why is there a move from a 501(c)(7) to a 501(c)(3)?

The Board decided to migrate to a 501(c)(3) because we discovered that large donors in the private sector wanted to donate to TVPC but they required that we be a 501(c)(3) organization and the club lost that fundraising opportunity. Fundraising will also be easier for the club, and we have and will continue to make donations to other non-profit organizations.

Is the board considering a survey for its members?

Yes! The board has discussed this several times and plans to do one in 2024.

Editor's Note: Thank you TVPC Board members, past and present, for your tireless commitment to developing our club with all the successes and milestones it has attained in just two amazing years!

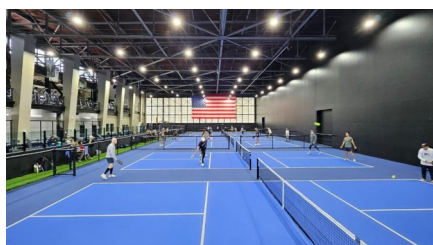
December Photographs



TVPC members playing
at The Hub in Alameda



Medal winners at the Bay Club
Tournament in Burlingame
(Charlene, Rabi, Keri, and Nick)



The Hub in Alameda



Christmas Day Pickleball
at Livermore Downs



Chris wins bronze medal
in a DUPR Tournament in Concord



Cherie Leines and partner
Gold Medal, 3.5, 65+, Diamond
Amateur Championships in Florida

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)

Pickleball in the Winter

by Rich Hume

The big problem with winter play is the cold. We will get to the wet in a minute. And the big problem with cold is that the balls don't last very long. The Franklin X-40 is ball of choice at the Downs and May Nissen parks. It has a nice bounce and its speed suits most of the players. As the temperature drops, the speed increases, but alas, so does the brittleness of the little fellows.



So the main advice here is to make sure that you use someone else's ball when you play. If you can't do that or want to be the good guy, then expect to run through some balls. Finding people who like to dink is also a good idea. Bangers are going to break them quickly.

The TVPC sells the "11 to Win" balls and they don't seem to break as often as the Franklin. I like the bounce/speed of this ball and find it very close in performance to the Franklin.

Selkirk has come out with a ball that is supposed to be break resistant. I don't have any experience with it. But if hype matches reality, they might be a good winter ball.

Also with cold, you've got to dress a bit more warmly for a few minutes. I'm quick to warm up, but it does take more time. Standing around waiting to play will not be a comfortable, so jacket up while waiting?

In the wet ... I've play a couple of hours on wet courts and I can pass along some experience.

- Firstly, the paddles are made of plastic and glued together with epoxy and it is my belief that getting them wet will not damage them and might help clean the faces.
- Secondly, the ball behaves as if it was dry in re bounce and coming off the paddle. As long as the courts are just wet and not puddled, the ball will behave nicely.
- Thirdly, slippage. The big problem with the wet is that it can be slippery for the feet. Falling can a fun part of the game and if you like it, playing on wet courts is a treat. The same goes if you like to slide a bit. Okay, a bit of tongue in cheek there, but as long as you are careful, hitting on wet courts while being careful, is fine. The times I've done it for a workout or just some hitting were comfortable and happy times. Find like-minded friends and get out there. Note that there will be a lot of open courts.

As an alternative, there is indoor play. I've never done it, though I've taught indoors. I found it noisy and a lot of glare on the court surface. But people like it and weather is not a problem. Both Livermore and Pleasanton have indoor hours, check the "[Let's Play](#)" tab on the main screen for times and locations.

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