

TVPC

NEWSLETTER • SUMMER 2026

If pickleball hasn't added a little joy to your life yet, it's time to get in the kitchen — and then get right back out again. This game nourishes our bodies, sharpens our minds, and keeps our spirits sizzling.

Check out the new dates for Harvest Crush Tournament and join us for some fall fun on the courts 🍁🍂



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In This Edition

Hello fellow picklers,

If you hadn't already, dust off your paddles, grab some new gear, and hit the courts. I have noticed lots of new faces recently and that proves the game is still growing and not going away. I have also observed more and more people wearing elbow braces, knee braces, wrist braces and shoulder tape. Our beloved sport puts quite a bit of strain on our joints and muscles due to repetitive movement. One way to help prevent those injuries is to warm up properly. Activate your body and get some dynamic movement going before you play. Wake up your quads and hamstrings with high knee kicks and butt kicks. Do some side shuffles to prepare your hips for lateral movement. Perform arm circles and shoulder rolls to loosen up your hitting arm. As always, play within your limitations and WEAR protective eyewear.

See you on the courts,
Kirby



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Spring Round Robin

Another fantastic year for our first tournament of the year. Mother Nature added a twist with rain on Sunday, but she is no match for our members and volunteers. They got their game on, gathering towels, squeegees, generators and blowers and getting courts dry in no time! Thanks to all our players and volunteers who made the tournament a success. Curious who took home the gold [view winners and photos here](#).

League Play Has Begun!

Leagues are up and running and teams are having a great time socializing and playing to win. Check out some great shots of our U42 & Tweeners League winners [here](#).

Beyond the Court

TVPC kicked off the Spring season with our Friday Night Potluck on May 29th. A beautiful evening on the courts and on the palate with an amazing variety of home made chili. Thank you to our volunteers, players, and MOST of all our Chili Chefs who offered culinary delights from chocolate to spicy to vegetarian and some traditional beef & bean varieties - **Deb Halford, Lauren Turner, Liz Paul, Wilfred Matthews, Gail Olney and Eric Berkenkotter**. All of our Chefs received a Hot Pad Award!



UPCOMING EVENTS

League Play

The Boomers+ are coming... The Boomers are coming (born 1964 or earlier) The last league play of the year starts September 17th, running for 4 weeks on Thursday evenings. Registration opens soon.

Eligibility: TVPC Members only

Clinics

We have more events this summer to get your friends into the game of pickleball. Introduce friends & family to pickleball & TVPC! Let them know **101 Clinic** fees offset the cost of a new membership if they sign up as a new member at the clinic!

Upcoming Sessions: [July 11](#), [August 8](#), & [September 26](#).

Skills & Drills - Last chance to work on a few new shots and court strategies? The last Skills & Drills session is July 19th - join up before the session fills up! [Register here](#)

Other Events

Our [Events Calendar](#) is heating up this Summer! Join us for [Dinkin' Donuts](#) on August 30th or an [Upcoming Friday Social!!](#)

Upcoming Friday Socials - Registration Required!

July 10 – [Friday Happy Hour Social @ Elevation LVK](#)

July 31 – [Friday Taco Bar Social @ MN Courts](#)

August 21 – [Friday Happy Hour Social @ TBD](#)

September 25 – [Friday Hot Dog Social @ MN Courts](#)



HARVEST CRUSH



Join us at the Fifth Annual
Tri-Valley Harvest Crush
Pickleball Tournament in
Livermore, California

Round Robin Format (with Playoffs):

- Four Skill Groups: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0+
- Two Age Groups: 18 - 54, 55 and Over
- Men's Doubles Sat, October 17th, 2026
- Women's Doubles Sat, October 17th, 2026
- Mixed Doubles Sun, October 18th, 2026



Great Raffle Prizes Available:

- Local Merchants, Wineries, Eateries & Establishments
- 50 / 50 Raffle

Want to donate items for our awesome raffle baskets? Reply to this email to let us know!

Proceeds go to supporting more permanent pickleball courts in the Tri-Valley area.

Register Here:



[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)



Thanks to our AMAZING Activities Committee for all they do to organize and deliver the FUN!

TVPC IN THE COMMUNITY

On May 16 and 17, TVPC proudly took part in the Livermore Street Fest with an informational booth celebrating the fastest-growing sport in America, pickleball! Over the two-day event, hundreds of visitors stopped by to learn more about the sport and the Tri-Valley Pickleball Club. Attendees spun our popular Wheel of Fortune for prizes, asked questions, signed up for Intro to Pickleball clinics, and several even became new TVPC members.

We would also like to extend a special shout-out to our incredible volunteers who staffed the booth throughout the weekend: Bonnie Pastrnak, Larry Bird, Cara Beston, Darlene Clendenen, Lynn Wong, Ranon Lanners, Rita Brown, Dave and Jasmin Van Lue, and Cathy Edwards. Thank you for generously donating your time and energy to promote TVPC, share your passion for pickleball, and introduce so many people to our growing community.

Because of volunteers like you, TVPC continues to expand the reach of pickleball throughout the Tri-Valley area. Thank you for helping make the event a tremendous success!



SHAKING HANDS & SHAPING UP @ THE LIVERMORE RODEO PARADE

What a spectacular day on Saturday June 13th we had! Our club took to the streets for the annual Livermore Rodeo Parade, and the energy was absolutely electric. It was incredible to look out into the crowd and see so much vibrant community spirit on display, reminding us why we love representing this town.

The highlight of the day? Meeting so many fantastic new faces and future players who stopped by to chat with us along the route! The enthusiasm for our sport is clearly growing, and we can't wait to welcome these new athletes to our upcoming sessions.

A massive thank you to everyone who came out to say hello, march, or cheer us on for these special events! We are so proud to be a part of this community!



TVPC PICKLEBALL RECYCLING PROGRAM SCORES BIG FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Did you know that TVPC members go through an estimated 2,500–3,000 pickleballs every year? Unfortunately, most worn-out balls end up in landfills, where they can take hundreds of years to decompose. To help address this growing environmental challenge, TVPC launched its Pickleball Recycling Program on April 15. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and members, TVPC has already collected and shipped more than **800 pickleballs** to our recycling partner **BounceBack Pickle**, giving them a second life instead of a place in the landfill. We are grateful that **LARPD** approved collection bins at **Downs**. With more balls collected for recycling, we hope LARPD will approve bins at **May Nissen, Muirwood**, and others throughout the Tri-Valley.

How You Can Help

- Drop unusable, cracked, or broken pickleballs into the blue recycling collection bin at the Downs courts (only at Downs).
- **All pickleballs** are accepted—indoor, outdoor, and any color.
- Bins are for **pickleballs only!** If you see folks putting trash in them, please kindly remind them to use the waste receptacles so our volunteers don't have to pick out trash to find the balls!

The next time you have a worn-out ball, don't throw it away—recycle it and help keep our courts, community, and environment clean. **Bins are for pickleballs, not trash.**



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

This program would not be possible without the dedication of two outstanding TVPC members!



Kyle Cairel, who first recognized the opportunity to recycle pickleballs and successfully managed a pilot program over a year ago. His vision and persistence helped inspire and launch this club-wide initiative.

Sharon Gutierrez, who has done an extraordinary job spreading awareness throughout the Tri-Valley pickleball community and collecting hundreds of worn-out pickleballs each month. Her enthusiasm and commitment have been instrumental to the program's early success.

MORE CLUB NEWS

We continued our Scholarship Award Program, recognizing scholar athletes who demonstrate excellence in academic achievement and service to the community. Scholarship applications were offered to high school seniors from Tri-Valley high schools who plan to attend a 4-year or 2-year college. We received 18 applications across 4 local high schools and interviewed 7 students. Three students, one from each Tri-Valley town represented by applications, were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to be used toward tuition, fees or books. All of the students demonstrated outstanding accomplishments, a testament to the quality of the Tri-Valley school system! As a TVPC community, we are proud to support the future of these three students. Meet our Scholarship Awardees:

MEDHA NEDATHUR



Medha Nedathur, a graduate of Foothill High School Pleasanton, was a water polo athlete and nominated as co-captain of the varsity and JV teams. Medha is an active volunteer in the community as a radio operator, assisting injured cyclists by providing medical aid and overseeing route management, collaborating with the Livermore Area Radio Klub and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to support public safety. She also served as a coach for Foothill High School's MathCounts chapter, organizing the Pleasanton Math Tournament. Medha will be attending UCLA in the fall.

CYNTHIA LIN



Cynthia Lin, a graduate of Dublin High School, was a Track and Field athlete in pole vault. Cynthia served her community throughout high school as a therapy volunteer for Stanford Children's Healthcare, high school athletic training volunteer, and student mentor for Dublin's Freshman Mentorship program. Cynthia will be attending Cal State Long Beach in the fall.

AMELIA VO



Amelia Vo, a graduate of Granada High School Livermore, was a Track and Field athlete in pole vault. Amelia volunteered for the California Scholarship Federation Club leading service projects and fundraisers including a crayon drive for hospitalized children and a book initiative that collected 120 books for low-income students. She also volunteered her time for LARPD summer camps for kids aged 4 to 12 and as a Youth Reading Advocate for a local public library. Amelia will be attending UCLA in the fall.

LOOKING FOR MERCH?

Looking to show your TVPC pride both on and off the court? We are excited to announce the launch of the Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's new online merchandise store! The new TVPC store delivers an extensive selection TVPC-branded apparel and accessories for men, women, and youth, including: Performance T-shirts, Casual T-shirts, Polos, Hoodies, Pullovers, Pants, Shorts, Outerwear, Backpacks, Hats, Beanies and Accessories.

Our new partnership with SquadLocker provides convenience and selection through a simple and secure shopping experience. Now you can purchase the style, color, and size you want from popular sportswear brands, including Under Armour, Nike, Port Authority, Gildan, Badger, Champion, Sport-Tek, Carhartt, Russell, and others.

Each item is custom-produced when ordered and delivered right to your door within 2 weeks.



Whether you're competing in a tournament, playing recreationally with friends, or simply supporting the club around town, TVPC merchandise is a great way to represent our growing pickleball community. Check out the store today and gear up with your favorite TVPC apparel and accessories!

Note: Merchandise sales are not a fundraising source for the club. TVPC does not add any markup or fundraising fee to merchandise purchases. We pass the retail cost directly to members and customers, allowing everyone to purchase TVPC gear at the best available price.

A white pickleball paddle with a black handle, tilted diagonally. The text is written on the paddle's face.

Because of this pricing structure, we can no longer offer additional merchandise discounts based on membership levels (Silver, Gold, or Platinum).

A yellow rounded rectangular button with a white cursor icon pointing at it from the bottom left. The text "VISIT THE TVPC ONLINE STORE" is written in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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SPRING ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

SATURDAY: WOMENS & MENS



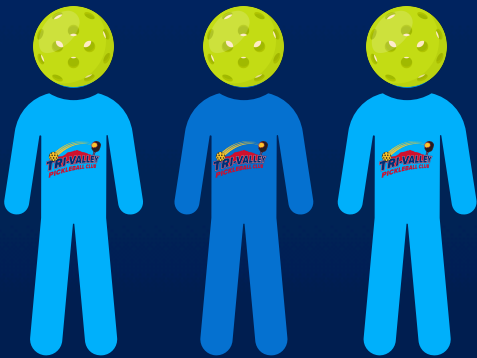
WOMENS 3.0

Gold: Daniella Lyng & Gianna Lyng
Silver: Stephanie Oertel & Noline Bhatt
Bronze: Shelli Shaw & Stephanie England



WOMENS 3.5

Gold: Yuki T & Ranon Lanners
Silver: Kendra Strey & Darlene Clendenen
Bronze: Sarah Kramm & Whitney Kramm



MENS 3.0

Gold: Andrew Anderson & Joe Galkowski
Silver: Eric Harnish & Jim Winter
Bronze: Scott Wilcox & Jay Ponce



MENS 3.5

Gold: Ken Williams & Dennis Rosario
Silver: Wayne Harding & Benny Lew
Bronze: Aristotle Quizon & Eduardo Urias



MENS 4.0

Gold: Travis Knuppe & Kyle Boos
Silver: Manprit Singh & Ronald ZawMinway
Bronze: Dale Brewer & Andrew Brewer

Have you seen these winners? Send us a pic!

SPRING ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

SUNDAY: MIXED



MIXED 2.5 (UNDER)

Gold: Pugazhendhi Maharajan & Ambigadevi Ramadoss
Silver: Giselle De Sousa & Matt Britton
Bronze: Joshua Kurtz & Renee Jordan



MIXED 2.5 (OVER)

Gold: Lauren Turner & Christian Turner



MIXED 3.0 (OVER)

Gold: Sylvia Harvey & Michael Rodriguez
Silver: Stephanie Oertel & Benny Demonte
Bronze: Mike Serrano & Angela Serrano



MIXED 3.0 (UNDER)

Gold: Amy Rose & Bruno Silva
Silver: Priya Marimuthu & Anandhan Cisubalan
Bronze: Nick Nardolillo & Jessica Schreiber



MIXED 3.5 (UNDER)

Gold: Daniella Lyng & Eduardo Urias
Silver: Yuki T & Aristotle Quizon
Bronze: Kendra Strey & Joe Bleeker



MIXED 3.5 (OVER)

Gold: Robert Beanland & Lori Dorsey
Silver: David Schwantes & Rhonda Scher
Bronze: Judy Liao & Wayne Harding

LEAGUE PLAY HIGHLIGHTS & WINNERS

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TWEENERS

Our Tweeners League came in HOT 🔥. Thank you to all the players & subs who braved the hot weather and breezy winds and to Roger Lamb, Brent Halford and Henry Chin for helped make the League work.

Congratulations to the winners!

James Weber and Dale Brewer who tied for Gold medals.

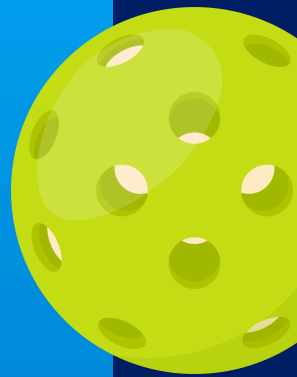
Wilfred Matthews took Silver and **Stephanie Oertel** grabbed Bronze!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Austin Andrews
Gregory Barker
Jonathan Bleecker
Adrian Buenrostro
Cindy Buenrostro
Kobi Cadena
Rafael Castillo
Chris Clark
Ronda Clark
Kelly Clonan
Kathleen Coleman
Dominic Costa
Catherine Cranston
Alex Duncan
Zuzana Foster
Thora Frihart
Beevan Gill
Farideh Goett
Daniel Golub
Rita Gruszkowski
Nikhil Gudla
Marco Harrison
Ryan Hildebrand
Susie Holland
Jennifer Iversen
Daniel Jones
Sharon Jones
Guru Kadarkaraisamy
Rajesh Kaja
Faraaz Khan
Sarah Kramm
Judy Liao

Erin Lynch
Michael Micheletti
Pugazhendhi Maharajan
Hildy McIntyre
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Desiree Morgan
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Lorena Osorio
Kaitlyn Pang
Karen Pellettieri
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