

# PEM Pickleball Club Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016

## WELCOME

Co-chairs Doug Gibbs and Judy Graves welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Committee Chairs.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Communications (Doug Gibbs, Chair)

- Committee member: Becky Gibbs
- We currently have 410 members, 85 are here now in the park.
- Website is updated with latest schedule information – go to [www.pempickleball.com](http://www.pempickleball.com).

### Grand Canyon Games (Anne Reynolds and Doug Gibbs)

- Tournament is scheduled for February 22-26, 2017.
- Registration opened November 1. Per Anne, 100 people signed up between midnight when registration opened and 6:00 that morning. There were 396 players signed up at last look. Some events are being closed already. To play, must be a USAPA member, pay upon registration and have a partner.
- We made about \$2,500 last year and expect \$5,000 for the 2017 GCSG.
- We have lots of great volunteers who step up to help in all different areas.

### Finance (Anne Reynolds, Chair)

- Committee member: Donna Baumann
- Last year we purchased training paddles, pop-up tents, metal art Kokopelli for courts, ball picker uppers, walkie-talkies, two speakers for PA, court repair material, medal podium, court signs, dri-rollers, practice wall for old courts, and balls, balls and more balls.
- Anne provided finance report.
- Potential expenditures for this season include lighting improvements at old courts, sandwich boards for Grand Canyon Games parking, umbrellas, balls (\$300 for 17 dozen), repair to center fence at old courts, gravel at new courts, male Kokopelli, computer and AV equipment for Grand Canyon Games (in lieu of renting from USAPA which was problematic) and internal tournaments, bike racks, benches, Sunbrella shade screen for center courts. Cost for some items is being negotiated with Roberts Resorts. Audience member asked about water misters at courts; would require water supply to do.
- We still have more dry fit shirts in both red and blue, male and female, sleeve and sleeveless. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. We will be ordering more. Seeking out a volunteer who can help keep shirts organized and do sales. If interested, contact Anne Reynolds (in person or through the on-line contact form on our website).

### Operations (Rich Baumann and Ken Fiske, Co-chairs)

- Committee members: Rita Weihe, Jay Hennies, Mary Lea Hennies, Joel Carbone, Gerd Carbone, and Roy Markwardt.
- Denny Craig stepped down as co-chair. Rich Baumann offered to take his position. Thanks to Denny for all the work he's done on behalf of the Pickleball Club.
- Will be developing a large committee for the Grand Canyon Games and a smaller core committee for day-to-day operations and maintenance.
- Thanks to everyone who helped to clean and pressure wash the courts in October in preparation for the Arizona Senior Games.
- The trees have been trimmed to help cut down on blowing the courts.
- Coordinating with Roberts Resorts to fix and replace broken umbrellas. Please remember to close umbrellas when you leave the court to prevent damage.
- If players see something that needs to be fixed, say something so we can write up a work order.

### Organized Play (Judy Graves, Chair)

- Judy recognized a great group of round robin helpers. Round robin captains/committee members include Peggy Bradley, Charleen Hutton, Rich Baumann, Jay Hennies, Karen Gleiss, Doug Gibbs, Don Williams, and Bert Sealing.
- Round robins started on Monday, a little slow right now.
- If you sign up to play in round robins but can't make it, please cross your name off list.
- Players need to play in the round robins for their skill group.
- If players want to play in a higher round robin, get rated.
- On the rating sheets from last year, lots of players self rated. Please look at the list at the end of the meeting to verify rating. (Rating sheets will also be available on bulletin board at courts).
- Our club rating is very close to USAPA so players can feel comfortable playing in tournaments at that level.
- Drop-in play signs are on the courts. Organized play takes precedence.
- Some of the round robins are scored and some are social. We will be doing some fun awards at the annual banquet.
- Players please wear name badge (with star denoting current in dues) to help round robin captains out.

### Training (Becky Gibbs and Bruce Kimmell, Co-Chairs)

- A big thank you to an awesome group of trainers who dedicate a lot of their personal time every week to the training program. Committee members/trainers include: Robin Bromley (lead for beginner lessons) with Doug Gibbs, Gerry Gleiss, Polly Beam, Kim Beam and Doug Moore; Charleen Hutton (lead for 1.5 and 2.0 skills) with Phyllis Foreman, Craig Hutton and Carrie Beechler; Becky Gibbs (lead for 2.5 skills) with Jane McKesson; Bruce Kimmell (lead for 3.0 skills) with Peggy Bradley; Judy Graves (lead for 3.0+ Tournament Mentoring) with Rita Weihe; and Anne Reynolds (lead for referee training).
- Bruce's 3.0+ skills class is limited to eight people per session, with two back-to-back sessions (16 max players per day). Format is a mini round robin where trainers will watch play and provide feedback.
- Judy's 3.0+ tournament mentoring class is new. Class format focuses on a specific skill for the first half and then mentored play for the second half. Players will have a chance to work on court positioning, working with a partner, etc. You must be "PEM club" or "USAPA" tournament rated 3.0 or higher and play (or registered to play) in outside tournaments.
- Last season we trained 126 brand new players.

- All training is skill based and designed to help players improve skills at their current skill level and prepare them to move to the next level. Due to high demand, all classes are limited to number of participants and players must sign up in advance at the bulletin board. Players need to sign up for the class for their current skill level.
- Trainers will automatically adjust skill ratings for players participating in skills classes from 1.0 to 2.5. Once players reach 2.5 and want to move to 3.0 or higher, they need to go before the Rating Committee.
- We are in the process of updating our mentoring list.
- Anne Reynolds will be scheduling a referee class in the near future.

#### Rating Committee (John Freisner and Peggy Conrad, co-chairs)

- Raters/Committee members include: Bruce Kimmell, Judy Graves, Rita Weihe, Doug Moore, and Becky Gibbs.
- We are in the process of recruiting more raters.
- Rating Days are on the first Tuesday of the month, taking the place of 2.5 skills class for that day. Advance sign-up is required at the bulletin board.
- Players who are unable to attend rating day may request a separate day and time by going through the on-line form on our website ([www.pempickleball.com](http://www.pempickleball.com) under the “Training” tab).
- It’s best to have three other players, preferably also wanting to be rated, who play at similar skill level.
- There is one rater per player. At the end of the session raters will sit down with each player and discuss one-one-one what they did well, what to work on, and what their rating is.
- A rater will always be a higher skill level than the skill level a player is being evaluated for (i.e. a 4.0 or higher player would rate a player wanting to move from 3.0 to 3.5).
- Players not wanting to be rated can help to fill in your foursome.
- Our PEM “club” rating is similar to a USAPA rating.
- If you are already playing in tournaments, you can ask tournament director to evaluate you for a USAPA rating in lieu of a “club” rating.

#### Tournaments (Chair, Rich Bauman)

- Committee members: Don Williams, Phyllis Foreman, Larry Hyatt, John and Kay Morgan, Denny Craig and Bob Hayes. **Check with rich for sure...**
- Tentative dates have been set for our in-house tournaments: Wednesday, January 25 for men’s and women’s doubles, and Wednesday, March 8 for Karl Kunz Memorial Tournament (mixed doubles). Information forthcoming.

#### Communications (Doug Gibbs, Chair)

- Dues – \$10.00 for 2016-17 season; envelopes available at meeting and at bulletin board at pickleball courts.
- Annual banquet will be on March 15, 2017.

#### OTHER

- Please remember to wear name tags while on the courts. It’s a requirement of the resort, but also helps players (especially those new to the resort) to get to know one another. It also helps us to know if people belong on our courts; we’ve had some problems during the last year with outside players that have no association with PEM using the courts.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS

- Donna Baumann – During the weekend on the Grand Canyon Games the workers who have to clean the bathrooms have to adjust their schedule to be there and receive no extra compensation. Donna suggested we give them each a \$50.00 gift card as a thank you. Group concurred.
- Don Williams – Working on the male Kokopelli for the men’s side of the restroom. Miniature Kokopelli replicas will also be available for sale. Don will get a price. Our design is proprietary, meaning we own it. For those who purchase their own Kokopelli, Don will show you how to do the rust finish.
- Peggy Bradley – advised that some tournaments are closing out quickly as events become full. If you register but don’t have a partner, it’s the tournament directors discretion whether to hold a place or not for you. Anne Reynolds said that to hold a spot kicks everyone else out who is ready to sign up. Because tournaments are becoming so popular, the trend is to require both members of a team to sign-up at the same time in order to get in.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 4:00 PM - Recreation Hall