

**PEM Pickleball**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
November 2, 2017

**WELCOME**

Doug Gibbs and Judy Graves, Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone and introduced the Committee Chairs. The Committee Chairs introduced their committee members (see attached list).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Communications** (Doug Gibbs, Co-Chair)

- There are currently 100 players here at the resort with an estimated 350 or more to arrive throughout the season. We have never had this many people so early in the season.
- Dues envelopes and forms are ready to go at the bulletin board. Annual dues are \$10 per person and go towards all the equipment and supplies needed for training, organized play, round robins, etc. We have many volunteers who help to provide programs to the members, so \$10 is a good deal. Note: Please give dues envelope to Doug Gibbs or send through the intra park mail; do not leave in the wood cabinet at the bulletin board.

**Finance** (Anne Reynolds, Chair)

- There is currently about \$15,600 in the account.
- Recent expenditures include balls (our biggest expense at \$350 per box), water filter and various expenses to keep things looking good.
- There are several balls out there, with one that will no longer be approved by the end of January. We will be using the Dura Fast 40 until others come out. The Dura Fast is the thinner plastic ball. The Pure 2 is the rubbery yellow ball (no longer approved by the end of January). The Dura Fast lime-colored ball is easy to see but there's a high failure rate; the company is currently in contact with the manufacturer. Anne will follow-up to find out current status.

**Operations** (Rich Baumann, Chair)

- Operations takes care of the courts and equipment starting in October.
- Judy Graves and crew cleaned the courts prior to Rich's arrival – a BIG thank you to them.
- Projects completed to start the season include putting up windsocks, replacing the water filter in the fountain, putting up the flags and flag lights, tree trunk trimming, putting out the recycle containers, and general clean-up and maintenance.
- We will be ordering more recycle containers.
- Submitted work orders to the resort for: repair tree lights that are laying down, remove big pile of gravel in the open area (which has gotten larger), level out wind rows (little bumps in gravel from construction equipment), and repair water fountain at old courts which is no longer functioning.
- The tree by the old courts has been trimmed by the resort.
- Ordering new court signs to replace the sun damaged ones.
- Will be cleaning the old courts next Wednesday afternoon, November 8.
- Simon wasn't working but has been repaired. We will be ordering a second machine.
- Rich and Anne will be repairing court cracks before the Grand Canyon Games in February.
- Replacing nets at the old courts; they are falling apart and have been there since the courts were built.
- Reminder – resort management would like everyone to park on the west side of the pickleball courts rather than the east (golf course side).

## Organized Play (Judy Graves and Peggy Bradley, Co-Chairs)

- Judy and Peggy have had quite a few meetings to review the organized play format and schedule.
- The committee would like to provide more time in the morning for social play and the round robins are interfering with people who just want to play and have fun.
- Drop-in play will be from 7:00-10:00 AM. Round robins will start 10:30 AM.
- There is some type of round robin most every day. Some are scored (to help people on the cusp of skill levels to be evaluated without going before the Rating Committee). Other round robins are more social in nature and not scored.
- We are going to try a new system called Trackithub to make it easier for round robin captains and players.
  - It will require everyone to have their own email address, rather than a shared one.
  - Players will need to go on line and complete a user profile, including user name and password. Once this is set up, players can be added to any event.
  - Players will receive an email invite; just click the link that goes to Trackithub to RSVP.
  - Using Trackithub will help cut down on manual sign-up and allow players to sign-up or change their RSVP from home rather than going up to the bulletin board. It will also insure that when the event is full, the next players in line will automatically be contacted to take the spot.
  - Trackithub also provides players with their own calendar with their activities.
  - The Organized Play Committee will send out information outlining the process. Peter McClean is happy to help players get registered if they need help.
  - Two round robins that will not be done on Trackithub include the Wednesday 1.0-1.9 mentored round robin and the Saturday mixed doubles (same partner) round robin. Players for the Wednesday round robin just show up before 9:00 AM to sign-up. Players for the Saturday mixed doubles round robin sign-up in advance at the bulletin board.
  - We are asking players to be patient as there may a few kinks early on.
- For those who are interested, Peter McClean is starting a 2.5-3.5 ladder on Fridays. This will be a scored mixed round robin. Sign-up will be through Trackithub. (Note: a ladder system uses a round robin format and ranks players based on their scores. Players can move up and down the ladder based on their results. Like regular scored round robins, it can take a while for the results to sort out.)
- Players with outside guests are requested to play in the afternoon when there are open courts, rather in the morning when priority is given to residents here in the park. Outside guests were allowed in the mornings before the season started, but now the courts are full with our own players.
- Now that the season has started, players are being asked to adhere to the skill level signs posted for drop-in morning play. Players who want to mix it up with other skill levels are encouraged to play in the afternoon or at the old courts. If a higher level player (example 3.5) wants to play with friends that are 2.5, they should go to the lower level court.
- Players are being asked to line up paddles for drop-in play. The paddle closest to the quadrant gate is first in line. If a player wants to play with another person, they need to put their paddles together at the end of the line (no cuts). If the courts are full and players are waiting, the four people who are in at the end of their game needs to come out to let the next four in. If the courts aren't full, players still need to come out and put their paddles in line in order to give everyone a chance to rotate in.
- Open play is always available at the old courts any time of day and most afternoons at the new courts. Open play is when you play with anyone you want regardless of skill level, invite outside guests provided you have a guest pass for each person, or set up your own games however you want.
- Doug's 1.5-2.0 mentoring round robin has already started – on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM. All other round robins start Monday, November 13. The calendar is already posted on our website at [www.pempickleball.com](http://www.pempickleball.com) and the bulletin board.

## Training (Shannon McClean and Charleen Hutton, Co-Chairs)

- Becky Gibbs has retired as Chair of the Training Committee. Charleen and Shannon graciously offered to take over as Co-chairs. Becky thanked everyone who has helped with training over the years.
- Beginner lessons on are Tuesday mornings at 9:15 AM. Lynn Retzak is the lead.

- 1.5 to 2.0 skills is on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM – sign-up will be on Whoozin when it is set up. Starts on November 14. Mike Golden is the lead.
- 2.5 skills is on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM – sign-up is on Whoozin. Starts on November 7. Charleen Hutton is the lead. Becky Gibbs will be filling in for the first two weeks until Charleen takes it over.
- 3.0 skills is on the first and third Wednesdays at noon (note time change). Starts on November 15. Sign-up will be through Whoozin. Bruce Kimmell is the lead.
- The Training Committee is looking at doing skill rating review through 2.5 skills like we are doing with 1.0-2.0. Charleen will be coordinating with the Rating Committee. Players must attend 2.5 skills training in order to be rated through this process.
- Becky is updating the mentor list. Players contact mentors directly to arrange for a time to meet. Mentored play should be scheduled during the afternoon when the courts are not in use.
- Players should have their own email address for Whoozin, rather than a shared one. If players use a shared email you need to make sure the right person in your family gets the Whoozin invite.

### **Rating Committee (John and Peggy Friesner, Co-Chairs)**

- Offering one rating day a month. Looking at first Monday of the month.
- Sign-up is on line: <http://www.pempickleball.com/skills-rating--committee.html>.
- If inundated with rating requests will consider adding more days.
- Players who cannot attend a rating day can make a request (on-line) to be rated another time.
- Those being rated will play in a round robin format with others from the skill level they want to be evaluated for. The first two games the players being rated will be partnered with a player from the higher skill level. The final game will be between the players being rated and the players from the higher skill level.
- There will be one rater evaluating one player.
- Other ways to move up in rating:
  - 2.0 scored round robin – if in the 90 percentile for 18 games, a player can automatically move up to 2.5.
  - 2.5 training – Charleen Hutton is coordinating.
- 3.0 and above must go before rating committee.
- Judy Graves will post new rating sheets on the bulletin board every Friday.

### **Tournaments (Rich Baumann and Don Williams, Co-Chairs)**

- First in-house tournament is on Wednesday, January 24. Format is men's doubles and women's doubles. Information will be posted on the bulletin board and Pickleballtournaments.com in January.
- Karl Kunz Memorial tournament is on Wednesday, March 7. Format is mixed doubles. Karl was the founder of pickleball here at PEM, who has since passed away.
- Sign-up will be through Pickleballtournaments.com like last year. If you have an existing profile set up on that system then you are ready to go when registration is open. Registration fees will be collected separately.
- Refs will only be used for medal matches.

### **Grand Canyon Games (Anne Reynolds)**

- Registration was supposed to open on November 1 at 6:00 AM, but there was a glitch and it opened at midnight instead. About 130 players signed up and all had to be unregistered in fairness to the people who were waiting until 6:00 AM.
- Registration opened again on Nov 2 at 6:00 AM. Within 30 minutes 630 players registered. By the general membership meeting about 735 players were registered; not all are getting in, but many are on waitlists. Anne is currently going through the registrations to clean it up and move players to the waitlist who don't have a partner, opening it up for other teams who are already formed and paid. Players will receive a confirmation email when they are in. There is no charge to be on the waitlist. Anne is currently going through all the individual emails to respond to player questions and concerns.
- Grand Canyon Games is a five day event from February 22-25.

- We have about 150 volunteers that run the tournament.
- We are also doing the SSIPA tournament again this year in March. Tournament is for players 60 years of age and older. Will be on March 22-25. Registration opens January 1. Our club will be running the tournament this year.

## OTHER

### Capital Improvement Projects

- **Lighting New Courts** - Doug Gibbs reported that an electrical contractor gave us light poles. We still need light fixtures and the electrical is in place. We have three bids to put up the lights ranging in \$5,000 to \$15,000. Doug will be working with Roberts resorts to see if can share expenses and work together on this project.
- **Sun Shades** – Doug Gibbs reported that we are currently gathering information on sun shades, maybe in the central corridor and at the side of some courts. This is another project we will try to work with Roberts on. In the mean time we will be putting up temporary pop-up tents to provide shading for players.
- **Permanent Bleachers** – Roberts resorts has talked about purchasing permanent bleachers rather than renting every year for the Grand Canyon Games (which is more cost effective in the long run).
- **Nets at Old Courts** – replacing nets at old courts that are worn out.

Note: Roberts Resorts allows us to put on tournaments and keep the money to do our own improvements. We are always required to work with the resort to coordinate some of these proposed major projects and share expenses.

### Audience Comments/Questions/Suggestions

- Ron Craig suggested that we needed more chairs, and that benches would be ideal. There are 25 chairs still stacked in the women’s restroom that need to be moved out into the courts. We previously looked into bench prices and possibilities. Ron suggested the idea of a paver fundraiser (donate to have your name put on a paver), like St. George does.
- Jim Nelles suggested the \$10 annual dues were ridiculously low and that it’s not very much money to ask for. The Committee Chairs felt we needed to allocate the money we have before thinking about increasing dues.
- Lee Mayer asked about the status of new courts. New courts have been in the budget the last two years. Eight more courts were bid, in the budget, and then cut. Doug suggested it would help if players were using the courts in the afternoon to help demonstrate the need. To date, the courts do not yet have final approval.

### Miscellaneous

- **Name Badges** – Please remember to wear name badges at the courts. It’s a park rule that also applies at the pickleball courts. Wearing your badge also helps other new players know who you are and helps us to know if someone belongs on our courts or not. (Note: Last year we had some problems with the general public using our courts.)
- **Guest Passes** – To purchase guest passes use the dues envelope available at the bulletin board. Guest passes are \$10 each. The resident keeps the guest pass which they can use throughout the season for their different guests. All guests must be with their resident host when at the courts. Guest policy is as follows:

- Guests staying with you at the resort – if you have a guest staying with you in your residence (home, park model, RV, etc.), they can participate in morning drop-in play, organized play and training provided they have a guest pass. Short-term resident guests are welcome to play during open play times (typically afternoon when the courts are not in use) or at the old courts without a guest pass. (Short term is generally considered a couple days to a week.)
- Outside guests – If you want to have a guest who is from outside the resort, they must have a guest pass from us. During the regular season (November-March), residents need to schedule play with outside guests during open play time in the afternoon when the courts are not in use. Resident play always takes priority. (Note: pre and post season when the courts aren't busy, residents may host guests any time of day.)
- **Intercommunity** – We have women's intercommunity here at PEM on Wednesday afternoons. Skill levels are 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5. We charge players to play here and our club makes about \$1,000 or more each year, and also shows our courts are in use in the afternoons. Players at PEM who meet the intercommunity guidelines are also welcome to participate.
- **Annual Banquet** – Our annual banquet is on March 14.
- **Social Events** – Ron Craig is interested in finding others who would like to help plan and organize social activities at the courts. We used to do this in the past.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Thursday, December 7, 4:00 PM, Recreation Hall