



February 18, 2020

Pueblo El Mirage, AZ

Featuring...

National Championship Pro Players **Gigi LeMaster** and team:

- Matt Staub
- Christine Barksdale
- Steve Wong
- Joy Leising
- Jim Hackenberg

Cost: \$75.00

All-day skills camp followed by pro exhibition play. Participants are welcome to stay and play after.

Players will be grouped by skill; instruction will be tailored to your level of play.

Those registered for the Kokopelli Klassic tournament have first option to sign-up. Registration for all others is December 1.



Kokopelli Klassic All-Day Skills Camp

Presented by Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club, El Mirage, AZ

To Register:

Register on-line at:
Pickleballtournaments.com
Under "Tournaments" select "2020 Pueblo El Mirage Kokopelli Klassic"

Questions?

Email Becky Gibbs
pem-tournament@hotmail.com

Location:

11201 N El Mirage
El Mirage, AZ 85335

Main emphasis will be on strategy, with key focus on:

- The Net Game. Dinking Strategies and moving the ball around.
- Coming to the Net, third shots, transition zone, and when to drop and when to drive.
- How to defend against hard hitters (slowing the ball down).
- How to attack when at the net (volleys and put-aways).
- How to use the serve and return as a weapon.
- When and how to lob, and how to defend against lobbers.
- Court positioning and how to use your positioning to your advantage.

Meet your trainers—check out attached bio sheet.

www.pempickleball.com/kokopelli-klassic-skills-camp.html

2020 Kokopelli Classic Skills Camp—Trainer Bios



Gigi LeMaster

Gigi began playing pickleball in 2010 and worked her way thru the skill levels to reach the Pro level. She is a four-time US Open Champion, twelve-time Nationals Medalist and five-time International Champion. Gigi is a founding member of the IPTPA as well as a co-director and PPR Certified Coach. She served on the USAPA board as Tournament Chair, is a USAPA Ambassador, and a certified Referee. Gigi served on the board of the Surprise Pickleball Association (SPA) and was a Tournament Director for the 2012 Nationals as well as her own tournaments. She is a Pro Instructor and sponsored player for **Team Engage** and has been coaching for more than five years.



Matt Staub

Matt is a USAPA Nationals medalist, winning silver and bronze in men's open and silver in mixed open, as well as gold in the Tournament of Champions men's open. He first learned of pickleball in high school gym class in Virginia. As fun as it was, his career took a different path, playing college baseball at Winthrop University and University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. His day job as a pharmacist for Walmart supports his passion of traveling the world. He's visited Australia (twice), Japan (twice), South Africa, Denmark, England, Ireland, Germany, France, Switzerland, Mexico, and Canada! Matt is a sponsored player for **Team Engage**.



Christine Barksdale

Christine started playing pickleball 10 years ago when her dad taught her how to play at the Voyager RV Resort in Tucson, AZ. Having grown up playing tennis, daily drills, lessons and tournaments have been a tremendous influence in her pickleball game. Her first national title was in mixed doubles in 2011 with Enrique Ruiz. Recent titles include: bronze at 2019 US Open in senior women's doubles, silver at the 2019 Beer City Open in senior mixed doubles, and gold at the 2019 Las Vegas Open senior women's doubles. Christine was integral with the USAPA for two years as Co-Tournament Director and ESPN Commentator for the 2018 USAPA Margaritaville National Championships in Indian Wells, and Committee chair for the 2019 USAPA Tournament Rulebook. Christine currently resides in Surprise, Arizona and works as the National Pickleball Promotions Manager for **HEAD Penn Pickleball**.

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Joy Leising

Joy grew up traveling throughout the Midwest playing competitive USTA and college tennis at Lewis and Clark College for four years and coached for one year. Joy took up Pickleball in 2013. She made a big splash in her debut event, placing 2nd in the 2014 National Tournament in both open singles and doubles. Joy continues to compete in pro-pickleball tournaments around the country. She has recently become a certified teaching coach through the Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR). Joy is currently sponsored by **Team Head** and enjoys sharing her love of the sport through competition and teaching.



Jim Hackenberg

Jim, along with his wife, Yvonne, began playing pickleball in 2009. They have won a combined 37 gold medals at the USAPA Nationals, and 14 gold medals in the U.S. Open. Jim is a founding member of IPTPA, formally served on the USAPA Rules Review Committee, is a USAPA Ambassador-at-Large, a contributor of training articles for *Pickleball Magazine*, and serves as the tournament director for tournaments in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Jim is also President of Pickleball Outreach, a non-profit organization that helps support the growth of pickleball in Southwest Michigan. Jim is a member of **Team Onix** and embraces the opportunity of helping players improve their skills and enjoyment of pickleball.



Steve Wong

Steve Wong has been playing Pickleball for over 27 years and is a pioneer of the game. He is a six-time National Champion and Hall of Fame nominee. Steve was one of the founders of the USAPA and former USAPA Vice President. He is a professional pickleball pro and renowned pickleball coach and ambassador. He is also the founder of Armour Pickleball. Learn from the legend of game!

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