



WELCOME TO OUR JUNE NEWSLETTER

The first month as new Board Members has flown by. Actions have been executed, others have been put in motion and change is in the wind. In this edition, you will find a wide variety of topics ranging from fund raising results to the very first post covid, 4th of July Social. Please read on. We look forward to your feedback.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Things that impact all of us.

WEBSITE

On May 28th, the technology committee rolled out the new pcpickleball.org website. Felechia Justice spent many hours recreating the website. The site has a similar look to the old website, which was professionally designed. Be sure to check out the Player Development tab. Steven Schaefer has put significant content there showing how we can improve our game.

With the website revamp, players can now join the Club electronically with no need to drop off a check or the paperwork at the Ramada. This will encourage growth as our club continues to expand. Under programs, social events will help us keep track of all of the events on the horizon. Finally, you will find pictures from April's Club Championship Tournament. Check out www.pcpickleball.org and let us know what you think. Send your feedback to vp@pcpickleball.org.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

We are starting something new called the Video of the Month. For June, the video explains Skinny Singles also called Ghost Doubles.

CLICK: [Coach Simone | Skinny Singles](#) to watch this short video explaining how to play.

This is only one of a variety of pickleball videos that you can find in the new Club Video Library on our updated website pcpickleball.org. Videos are found under the Player Development tab.

NETS

The HOA has replaced nets on courts 2, 4, 5, 10 and 12. As time permits, they'll be replacing the rest. With fresh nets, the fix it team will be checking the net heights on a weekly basis. As the cords stretch, new nets can continue to sag. If you're convinced your opponent's shot benefitted from too low of a net, let us know and we'll bring out the ruler and wrench!

ICE MACHINE SAGA

A key goal for summer is to keep the ice machine functioning. The room in the ramada is not sufficiently vented and HOA staff is considering the time spent resolving our ice machine issues as compared to other ice machines in the community. For days over 90 degrees, we've added a schedule to empty a 5-gallon bucket from the machine. If you have a moment, help us out and check the box. May your days be as cool as you are!

NEW FENCING

Replacement of the exterior fencing around the courts is scheduled to begin on July 7th. This includes the extensions and gates for each court. All organized club play and reservable courts will be suspended during the work which is estimated to take several weeks. The fencing will be replaced in sections (i.e. 9-12, then 1-8, then 13-20). All courts not involved during that week(s) upgrade will be available for Open Play and Drop-In.

We may need to re-organize courts for Drop-In and Open Play, each time construction moves to a new section. We will try to communicate the changes as best as possible.

FANS

The club invested in fans along Courts 3-5 a few years ago. Scott Wood worked with the HOA staff to have them installed and all was right in the world. As members wanted air to blow in their direction, the fans were forced rather than using the brackets where they attach. Sadly, the oscillation gears in all of the fans are now stripped. Parts for the fan are no longer available, so our only option left is to move the brackets. Stay breezy for the Summer!

TRIAL RUN TOURNAMENT EVENT

This will be fun!

The 3.5 Mixed Round Robin on Thursday, June 24th is being changed for one week. On the evening of June 24, the 3.5 men and women will be doing a trial run of a new format for the Club's Annual Final Four Tournament.

The Final Four Tournament generally occurs sometime between November and January for men, women and mixed. This is our opportunity to work through the details of

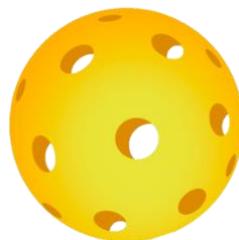
our new format, to be ready and to make sure it will run smoothly when it's tournament time.

Please line up a partner and consider playing. Sign up for the event starts June 8, at 7 p.m., on Court Reserve. Only one person needs to sign up and they should list their partner's name for the event. The event will be limited to 8 Men's teams and 8 Women's teams.

And for the rest of the pickleball community, this is your opportunity to come watch, cheer on your friends and neighbors while enjoying a fun evening of pickleball. There will be sodas and snacks for participants and spectators.

FORMAT FOR THE EVENT

- Men's and Women's Doubles with 8 teams in each bracket.
- The 8-Team Bracket will be broken into two groups of 4 teams each (Group A and Group B for men; Group C and Group D for women).
- Each group of 4 teams will play a Round Robin against the other three teams in their group, in a "Two Games to 11, Win by 1" format. This means each team will play 6 games total in the Round Robin portion of the event.
- Following the Round Robin portion, teams will be ordered 1 through 4 based on games won. Ties will be broken by head-to-head play and point differential if needed.
- Next, the groups within each bracket will play against each other in a "Best 2 out of 3 games to 11, Win by 2" format.
- Group A 1st Place plays Group B 1st Place
Group A 2nd Place plays Group B 2nd place etc. This will determine the overall winners for each bracket.
- This format guarantees every team will play a minimum of 8 games and a maximum of 9 games.



THE FIRST MONTH OF OPEN PLAY

Drop-In and original format Round Robins is complete!

We appreciate and thank our members who helped make the first month of Open Play, Drop-In and Round Robins successful. While there have been a few hic-cups, all in all things are going quite well. Several situations have arisen, however, that our Court Rules didn't address. While there aren't any hard and fast rules associated with these situations, here are the guidelines for handling them.

DRILLING, SINGLES, & BALL MACHINE PLAY

When can these events happen?

Both Open Play and Drop-In start at 6 a.m. and continue until 9:45 p.m. In the case of partner drills, singles play and ball machine practice, there isn't a set time for these activities. They are based on court availability.

When there are empty courts and no paddles waiting in a box, players may utilize the open court for their needs. However, once courts start to fill up, those players should complete their play and exit the court.

When there are paddles in the POD boxes, the court must revert back to a 4-player Open Court. Please be courteous and give those on the courts a couple of minutes to finish up.

From 6:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. there are 2 PODs of Open Play available. Please look for an open court at POD 1 (courts 1, 8, 13, 14, 15, and 16) and POD 2, (courts 9-12, 2 and 3).

When Round Robins are in session (beginning at 7:45 a.m.), POD 2 is generally not available for Open Play and only POD 1 is available. We believe it is unreasonable to ask players practicing to vacate their court if other Open Play courts are available.

DROP-IN AND OPEN PLAY COURTS

And how they intermix.

This too shows the goodwill of our Club, as there are no exact answers for what ifs.

What if, there is an open drop-in court and a group of 4 want to use it? A group of 4 can go to the court and check to see whether there are paddles in the box waiting for play. If there are no paddles waiting, no problem, the 4-some can play. If there are paddles waiting the 4-some would not be able to play together as the rules of the box (the next 4 paddles in the box play together) takes precedence.

And, if there is an Open Play Court available, 4 players from drop-in can use the court for one game. However, after one game all players must come off the court to get a good view of the POD box of which court they are using.

The one absolute is that the gate signs should never be switched from Drop-In to Open or visa-versa. The courts always stay the same and as players come off the court they should check the box, as those rules will always apply to that court.

Again, all of this works because of the good community atmosphere we have here in PebbleCreek.

MORNING PICKLEBALL

When can you start play?

HOA rules prohibit play before 6 a.m. Warm-up at 6 a.m. and start play at 6:15 a.m.



GHOST DOUBLES

Not as scary as you think!

We want to introduce members to this concept, as we are looking to institute this as one of the means for rating advancement. We will be giving a demonstration on this type of play on a couple of dates TBD.

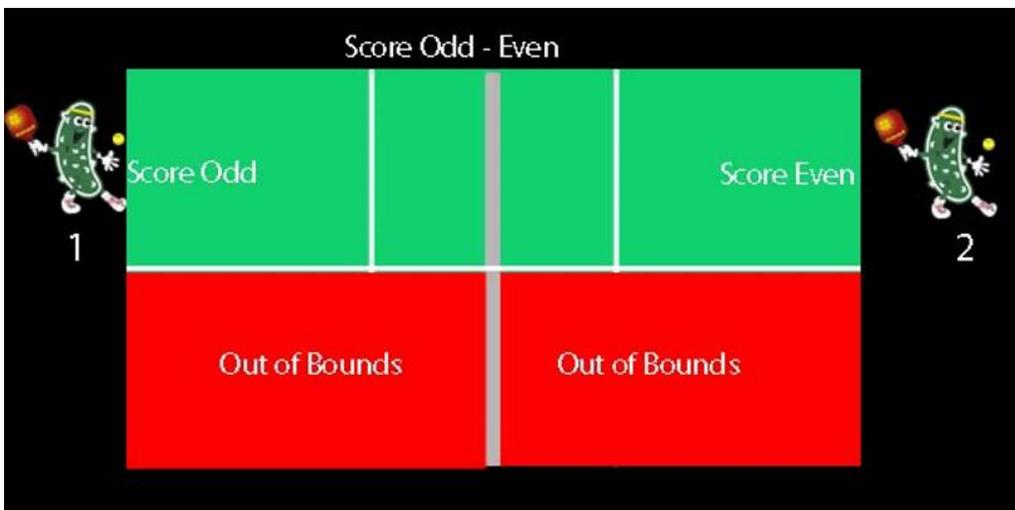
Ghost Doubles, aka Skinny Singles, is a great game played between 2 players. Basically, half the court is used—which half is determined by the score. If your score is even, you should be on the right side; if odd, on the left.

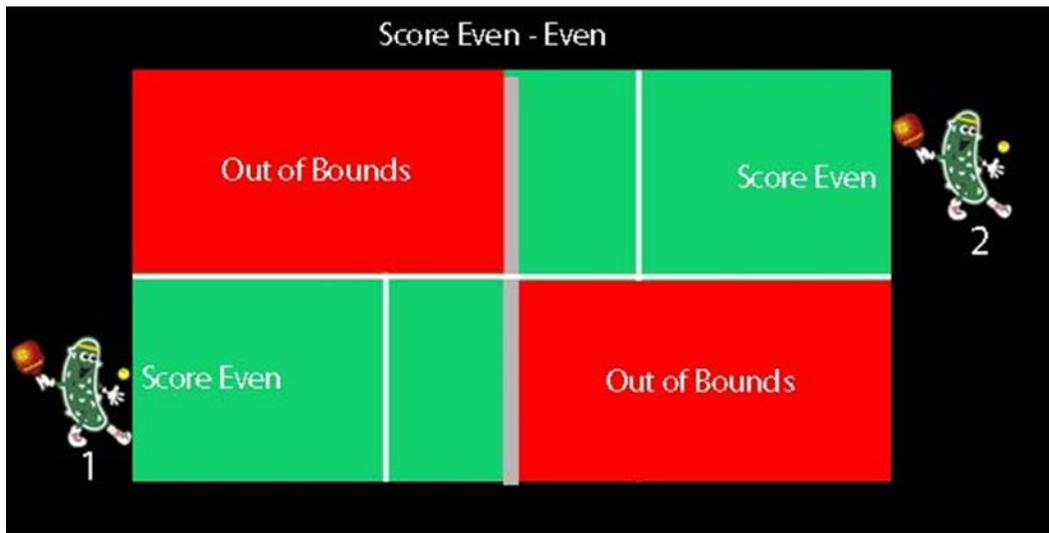
Whether playing rally point or regular scoring, you only move when you score a point. This

means sometimes you are straight ahead of your opponent, and sometimes diagonal. Sometimes you will serve diagonally, sometimes straight ahead.

Because there are only two of you, you get double the number of contacts while working on all the skills you would use in a doubles game.

Game begins with a 'normal' crosscourt serve, score is 0-0, so both players are in even or right side of the court. All balls must land in the green or they are called out.





JUST REMEMBER THE RULES

1. If you score a point, you move.
2. If you do not score a point, you do not move.
3. If your score is even, you should be in the right side of your court.
4. If your score is odd, you should be in the left side of your court.

Don't forget to watch the Video of the Month to learn more about Ghost Doubles.

VARIATION

With three you can play Cutthroat. 2 against 1, with the one playing on half court. Only the single player serves and can score points. Rotate clockwise after every side out. The server starts on the right when their score is even, and on the left when their score is odd.



SUMMER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

BALL MACHINE TRAINING #1

FRIDAY June 4, June 18, and July 2
11:30 a.m. on Court 4.

This is for anyone wanting to learn how to use the Club's ball machine. No reservation needed.

BALL MACHINE TRAINING #2

FRIDAY June 11, 10:30 a.m. on Court 12

This is for anyone wanting to learn practice drills using the club ball machine. Sign up is on Court Reserve under Events. Sign up begins at 7:00 p.m. June 5.

2.0 FRIDAY NIGHT TRAINING

7:30 - 9:15 p.m.

The Friday night coaching spends the majority of time on teaching basic pickleball skills. Players will do drills for each skill. The last half hour will be spent playing games where the players can then apply what they have learned to a real game situation.

SATURDAY NOVICE CLASS

9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

This is a session designed for residents new to pickleball. You don't need to be a member of the Club to attend and upon completion individuals automatically receive a 2.0 rating if a Club Member or once they become a Club Member.

2.0 TUESDAY TRAINING WITH COACHING

6:30-7:45 a.m.

The Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. time is for game playing with coaching help. Please sign up on Court Reserve for either of these sessions.

2.5 & 3.0; 3.5 AND ABOVE SKILLS & DRILLS

SUNDAYS 7:45 - 9:30 AM

SKILLS AND DRILLS

We will be doing a "Deep Dive" into various aspects of the game. We will alternate weeks between 2.5 & 3.0 and 3.5 and above. Players must sign up with a partner. Drilling with a partner of similar skill will make the drills more enjoyable and productive.

JUNE CURRICULUM

- June 7 - Ground Strokes:
Forehand and Backhand
2.5 & 3.0
- June 13 - Ground strokes:
Forehand and Backhand
3.5 & above
- June 20 - Dinking, ATP
2.5 & 3.0
- June 27 - Dinking, ATP, Erne
3.5 and above



MUSICAL COURTS COMING IN JULY



As the fencing project begins, starting with Courts 9-12, all other available courts will be for either Open Play or Drop-In, the majority of time. These courts will change each time fencing work begins on a new section. As noted earlier, both Round Robins and Reservable Courts will not be available while fencing is being completed. We will try to keep global announcements, the announcement page when you log on to Court Reserve, up-to-date on what courts are available for either Drop-In or Open Play.

CLUB RATINGS

Over time, our club has used various methods to rate our players. Each of the previous systems was abandoned for one or more reasons, and there is no perfect answer or method.

In our club, ratings have only a few functions:

- Round Robin play
- Level Skills and Drills
- A general guide to drop-in play
- Assist in placement for in-house club tournaments

To gain thoughts and insight from our membership, the Board asked the ratings committee to convene focus groups. Although early in the process, the input received at these meetings is moving the Club towards a more comprehensive ratings process.

The Board determined that any rating system will take place outside of our Round Robins

and that players should have multiple paths to possible advancement. Some of you may have witnessed a few individuals participating in a pilot/trial ratings system on the courts. Those individuals are players who were utilizing the ratings process established last winter involving Round Robins. These players were unable to complete the process due to the suspension of Round Robins in April.

The Board and the Ratings Chair believe it is important to allow these players an opportunity for advancement. These players, along with some control players, were kind enough to help pilot a semi-new concept of playing Ghost Doubles as a means of evaluation.

The ratings committee is discussing using Club Ladder Play, In-House and USA Pickleball Tournaments, Skills and Drills observations, along with ITPTA Certified Ratings Instructors (fee based) or other USA Pickleball recognized organizational rating processes that our club approves. The tentative rating document is posted on the new Club Website. For the Summer, as the committee continues to work, advancement choices are extremely limited.

SAVE THE DATE

BOARD MEETING

June 16; 3:00 Milan Room

IN-HOUSE 3.5 PILOT TOURNAMENT

June 24, 6:00 pm

4TH OF JULY SOCIAL

School Supply Drive
July 4th

FALL KICK-OFF SOCIAL DINNER

Oct. 17



FUNDRAISERS

T-Shirt Sales... a \$5,800 donation!



Monday, May 31, Marty Aalto presented a check for \$5,800 to the Club's Fundraising Committee, Tony Wells and Ron Nelson, which was the profits from his last two t-shirt fundraisers.

Nancy Popenhagen, Club President and Jeff Antrican, Vice President, turned the presentation into a celebration party. The highlight was the colorful cupcakes as Steven Schaefer and Terry Long demonstrated. Jo Comstock made the giant check. So far Marty & Kathy have raised just over \$10,000 for the new courts through their New Court T-Shirt Fundraisers.



Steven Schaefer and Terry Long

BYOB Bricks – A great pathway to the new courts!

As we look forward to a new court groundbreaking event, please take a moment to consider a personal way to memorialize the new park. Buying a brick is an excellent fundraiser and your brick will join others to create a cool pathway at the new courts. Here are some of your fellow Club Members who will be represented with their own brick – and we thank them!

Alex and Amy Potapoff
Scott and Sue Johnson
Wade and Denise Johnson
Bill and Mary Cetti
Tony Wells and Reese Hass
Nancy Popenhagen and Beth Kelly
Nancy Moore
John and Elsie Freerks
Mark and Koni Hohnbaum

Renee DeLassus and Sarah Marsh
Doug Brajcich
Deb and Steve Smedley
Richard Hinkel
Michael Mitchell
Dennis Makinen and Cindy Tollefson
Renee Salko
Mimi Blythe

FUNDRAISERS CONTINUED

Coaching for Courts – You get expert coaching while supporting the new courts.

LISA MILBRATH

(5.0 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

“Understanding the importance of fundamentals, foot work and body/court positioning. Being patient and staying on defense until you get to neutral and offense. Prolonging points and making the game more fun. Always have fun.”

FOCUS: 3.0+ Men and Ladies



MARK CLARK

(5.0 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

“All aspects of pickleball to include shot selection, execution, strategies, shot set-ups and advanced positioning.”

FOCUS: 3.5+; Groups of 2 or 4; Mixed, Men and Ladies



SCOTTY JOHNSON

(5.0 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

“Communicate with each other, respect each other, have fun with each other.”

FOCUS: 2.5 and above



JILL LEWIS

(5.0 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

“Let's learn the art of lobbing, overheads and not making the first error. Keep the ball in play!”

FOCUS: 3.0 – 4.0 Ladies



HEIDI FARRELL

(5.0 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

“I have a lot of experience to share—I enjoy passing on what I have learned to other players and having fun.”

FOCUS: 3.5+
Technique and Strategy



DALONNA COOPER

(5.0 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

“Enhance the positive aspects of your game, talk some strategy for taking you to the next level, making fun along the way!”

FOCUS: 3.5+ Ladies



MIKE CRABTREE

(4.5 CLUB RATING)
IPTPA Certified,
Past Club President

FOCUS: 2.5 – 4.0



RENEE DELASSUS

(4.5 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

"Take a strategic approach while continuing to focus on fundamentals."

FOCUS: 2.5 – 4.0



RICK REED

(4.5 CLUB RATING)
Former Ratings Chair

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

"Improve your pickleball game by developing proper technique and strategy."

FOCUS: All levels



TONY WELLS

(4.5 CLUB RATING)
New Court Fundraising Chair

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

"The key to success is working on fundamentals, devoting more time to your weakest areas."

FOCUS: 2.5 to 4.0.
Footwork, Body Technique,
Court Awareness



ANDREA DILGER

(4.5 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

"Focus on basics like 3rd shot drops and dinking as well as power at the right times."

FOCUS: 3.0 – 4.0 Men and Ladies



MARK BUCKINGHAM

(4.5 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

"Focus on dinking and third shot skills."

FOCUS: 2.5 – 3.5



BECKY COX

(4.5 CLUB RATING)

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

“Building a solid foundation leads to building a strong game.”

FOCUS: 2.5 – 3.0



STEVE CAIN

(4.0 CLUB RATING)

Men's Round Robin Captain

Philosophy/Coaches' Statement

“Learn the basic fundamentals and practice them over and over. Repetition will make you better.”

FOCUS: 2.5 – 3.5

Men and Ladies



SAFETY FIRST

Playing in the heat.

With summer upon us, it's time to be vigilant about hydration, heat, and playing heads up pickleball. Good hydration starts the day before you play and includes electrolytes. When you're playing in the warm temperatures be wary of heat exhaustion. Dizziness, clammy skin, or a headache are early signs and warrant sitting out for a game or two. If you are susceptible to heat illness, call it a day so we can see you tomorrow.

Pat Chernow, Safety Chair

How to go after a ball that's over your head and not get hurt.

Finally, we've had several members who have fallen while attempting to return a ball hit over their head. If you're moving backward (back pedaling) you're at risk. Instead, turn sideways toward where the ball will come, keep your eye on the ball, and let it bounce to return the shot. Moving backward without turning is one of the most common causes of broken wrists, elbows and head injuries.

Do not risk an injury. We want everyone to play safe and enjoy the summer.

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES	
WHAT TO LOOK FOR	WHAT TO DO
HEAT STROKE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High body temperature (103°F or higher)• Hot, red, dry, or damp skin• Fast, strong pulse• Headache• Dizziness• Nausea• Confusion• Losing consciousness (passing out)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency• Move the person to a cooler place• Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath• Do not give the person anything to drink
HEAT EXHAUSTION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavy sweating• Cold, pale, and clammy skin• Fast, weak pulse• Nausea or vomiting• Muscle cramps• Tiredness or weakness• Dizziness• Headache• Fainting (passing out)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move to a cool place• Loosen your clothes• Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath• Sip water <p>Get medical help right away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are throwing up• Your symptoms get worse• Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour
HEAT CRAMPS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavy sweating during intense exercise• Muscle pain or spasms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop physical activity and move to a cool place• Drink water or a sports drink• Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity <p>Get medical help right away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cramps last longer than 1 hour• You're on a low-sodium diet• You have heart problems
SUNBURN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Painful, red, and warm skin• Blisters on the skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals• Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath• Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas• Do not break blisters
HEAT RASH	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay in a cool, dry place• Keep the rash dry• Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash



July 4 Social

Teachers School Supply Drive

7 to 10 a.m.

Social Play, Drills, Games and Prizes!

Breakfast Served

Sign up on Court Reserve by July 1.

Please remember your water bottles!

We are collecting much needed school supplies for the Eliseo C Felix School teachers. Eliseo has 500 students between 2nd and 5th grade. Support our local teachers and students as they return to the classroom. Eliseo Principal Gina Schmit will be at our July 4 Social. Stop by the Ramada and say hello!

Below is a list of what teachers need:

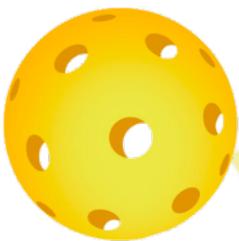
- One subject notebooks
- Colors & black white board markers
- Glue sticks
- College ruled paper
- Two pocket folders, plain color
- Kleenex
- Reading books of any kind
- Highlighters
- #2 pencils
- Wipes to clean desks
- Sticky notes (3"x3")
- Composition books, plain color
- Copy paper

If you're unable to get to the store and prefer writing a check for supplies please make out your check to Constance Angus and mail it to 16373 W. Indianola Avenue, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

**So we can get an accurate count for food,
please be sure to sign up on Court Reserve.**

Sign up begins June 1 and ends July 1.

See you there!

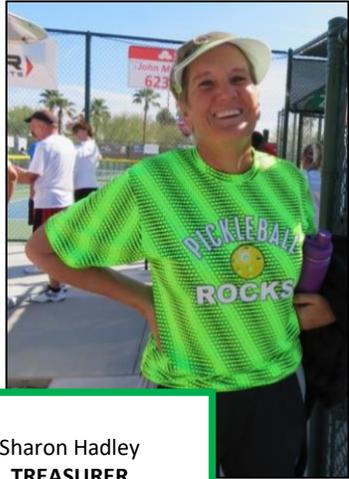




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