

February 2018 Newsletter



What do you do when it's snowing, freezing and just miserable? You grab your paddle, pack your suitcase and head to Vero for some fabulous weather and excellent Pickleball. This is our Spring. It's a time for renewal. It's a time for a new start. We have it all here for you. Looking to improve your play or shot making? Here at PBU you can join a clinic or take a lesson from our IPTPA certified coaches. New in town and want to make friends? We are the friendliest people that you will ever find. Looking for a great game, just go to the courts. By signing up for our membership, you will have all these opportunities. And since this is the month for **LOVE**, you will love the new discoveries you will find. We are happy you are here!

MEMBERSHIP

You are now able to join or renew your yearly membership at the PickleU.com website. For those members that are renewing you should have received an email giving you the step by step instructions. If you need assistance please see Mari Colacino. She will be happy to guide you through the process.

[Mari's PickleU Email](#)

Please note: As you sign in for February gate keepers be checking to see if you have re-newed or been added as a new member. If not the \$3.00 drop in fee will be charged.



FLORIDA

OPEN

**PICKLEBALL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

APRIL 7-8, 2018

PRIZE MONEY OPEN
**MEN, WOMEN,
MIXED DOUBLES**

SATURDAY:
**MEN & WOMEN
DOUBLES (2.5-5.0)**

SUNDAY:
**MIXED
DOUBLES (2.5-5.0)**

REGISTER NOW! WWW.PICKLEBALLTOURNAMENTS.COM

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

MARCH 10/2018

C MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY DEADLINE
DATE OR PLAYER WILL BE REMOVED



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RUSSO ATHLETIC COMPLEX 5070 117TH CT. N., PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418

PickleBall Athletics Club would like to extend a special invitation to all the members **Pickleball University PickleU** We are hosting the Florida Open 2018 Pickleball Championships in Palm Beach Gardens on April 7-8!!! To register go to www.pickleballtournaments.com



ROUND ROBINS

Round Robins are in full swing. We have seen lots of great play. Remember if you want to play, be at the courts at 8:45, play starts at 9am. This round of Round Robins will end the last week of February. So come out and play. First 24 in each division.

Monday - Beginners and Advanced Beginners

Wednesday- Intermediate and Advanced Intermediate

Friday - Advanced 3.5 players (3.0 if you won a medal(s) in a tournament) and 4.0+

Members only.

Pickleball U Tournament Training
aka

PUTT



Bring your partner and fine tune your game for tournament play. You are invited to participate in this event if you have entered or plan to enter at least one tournament this year. Please be considerate to players that will want to play together. You may still come if you are without your partner. You can also practice singles! Every Wednesday @ 2:30pm.

Paddles and Balls

Pickleball U. is an official dealer for Pro-Lite and Engage Pickleball Paddles.

Please check with Dave for competitive prices on paddles – Save

money – Help out YOUR club –

If you would like to try before you buy please contact Dave Caswell. Dkcaswell@yahoo.com 772-539-1584

You can also go to the manufacturers website and look at the latest models.



EngagePickleball.com

[Click to go to Engage Paddles](#)

[Click to go to Pro-Lite Paddles](#)

IGC News!



IGC Schedule changes:

IGC Schedule may change, please call to verify: [\(772\) 226-1732](tel:7722261732)

Mon: Pickleball time 9-12

Wed: Pickleball time 9-12 (PB 101 @ NOON)

Thur: Pickleball time 12:30-2:30

Friday: Pickleball time 9-12

Note: There will be no evening play

until 2/28

Time to get your rating?

Round Robins have begun and we encourage all members to participate in these fun and challenging events. There will be different levels of play and they are based on player ratings. If you have not been rated or are unsure what your rating is PBU and coaches Paul, John and Clare offer a professional ratings. Below is a link so that you may schedule your session:

[Rating and Evaluation](#)



Challenge Courts

All levels are welcome to participate on court 9. Butch will be helping people with the procedure. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays at 9:00am.

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR PICKELBALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Now that you've decided to major in Pickleball, are you ready to graduate with a Bachelor's degree? Become a Master or even a Doctor of Pickleball Arts? Then it's time for you to enroll in lessons with one of our tenured Pickleball professors. These spin and win doctors can teach you the smart game. They will help you groove high percentage shots, learn how to anticipate and defend and "put your shot where they're not."

Pickleball can take a day to learn but a lifetime to master. So go for a higher degree of skill and learn a new lesson in fun.

IPTPA certified coaches

LESSON PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRIVATE-\$40

SEMI-PRIVATE-\$25 PER PERSON

GROUP- \$20 PER PERSON

CLINIC PRICES START AT \$10 PER PERSON

Lessons and Clinics

Coaches Corner



This month's tip comes from Coach Paul

Practice Makes Perfect

The top players constantly drill to stay on top of their game. If anyone wishes to be good at any sport, it would help to practice. Pickleball requires the same dedication in order to improve. Never take for granted that you don't need to practice because you are that good, especially if you are playing less skilled players.

Meet a Coach



Clare Grabher

Clare Grabher comes from a tennis background, having been a British Junior Champion and played at Wimbledon as well as being the co-owner of New England Tennis Holidays, an adult tennis camp in New England for the past 30 years.

Since discovering the wonderful game of pickleball (at Pickleball University!), tennis has taken a back seat. Clare was the Gold Medalist in the USAPA National Singles (55+) in 2016 in Arizona, was a silver medalist in the 2017 US Open Senior Pro Singles event (50 and over) in Naples, FL, and recently won the Huntsman World Senior Games Singles (55+) and earned a Silver Medal in the Mixed Doubles (55+) in Utah, and won Gold in the 2017 USAPA Nationals 55+ singles and women's doubles in Arizona".

Clare is an IPTPA certified professional and loves sharing her love of the game with students here in Florida and in her summer home in New Hampshire.

Call or e mail Clare to book a lesson. (772) 559 6219 nehh@aol.com

Clare is a IPTPA certified coach



Clinics

Pickleball 101 Clinic

Is offered free to the public on Saturday 12pm to 1pm. Know nothing about the game of Pickleball? Come join our instructors to learn about the game. Free instruction and we provide all the equipment. Wear sneakers or tennis shoes.

Pickleball 102 Clinic

You just finished your first beginners 101 clinic, now what do you do? Learn and play the game with an instructor guiding you along. You will learn scoring, serving, etiquette and where you need to be on the court, etc.

This class is very small, up to 8 students only, so you will have personalized instruction. Classes are offered on Saturdays 1pm to 2pm Cost is \$10 per person.

[PB 102 with Coach Paul](#)



SKILLS CLINIC SERIES

Paul, Clare and John will be teaching a skills clinic series. Every other week, a new topic will be presented for members, from serves, return of serves, ground stokes, partner strategies just to name a few.

Now here's the great part: each one of these topics will be address to level specific. Monday will be for beginners, Wednesday will be for

intermediate, Friday will be for advanced. Each clinic will be from 8:00-8:50. \$10 per person with a 12 participants max.

Sign up for your level and the topic that is of interest to you. [Sign Up Now](#)

Cookouts at the Courts!



Thanks to Tony and the crew for the delicious Pizza!

Thanks to Jeff Cooke for the Hot Dogs, DeDe for her award winning potato salad and Cindy for her FAMOUS cupcakes!

Thanks to all the helpers. It take many hands to make these events so successful.

SAVE THE DATE 2/12/18 2pm

Lundi Gras

Also know as Fat Monday!

You're invited to **PARTI GRAS** before the Season of Lent
Enjoy an afternoon of Pickleball, Great Music and Friends
and of course traditional New Orleans Cuisine!

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Will be preparing delicious Jambalaya and
additional tasty treats



Monday, February 12
2PM—????

SAVE THE DATE 2/17/18 11am - 1pm



Chef for the day, Gary Carmichael, will be serving up his homemade “Sweetheart” Chili with Jalapeno Cornbread at the courts February 17th.

Bring chairs and beverages and please make a donation to help cover the cost.

Be sure to thank Gary and all the helpers. Without these volunteers these terrific events would not be possible.

Chefs Needed!



We need some volunteers to step up to the plate (or stove) and become a "Chef for the Day" by planning a small (or as large as you like) event at the court.

It can be a small Dessert Day, BBQ, hotdog day or whatever your specialty is.

We can get you helpers and reimburse you for expenses we just need your

talents.

If you would like to try an event, no matter how small please send us an email and we will be happy to discuss details with you.

Drop us a note at: play@pickleu.com
We will get back to you.

Dave C and Dee will be happy to assist with refreshments!



Thanks to all who donated to the Honor Flight Network. This is an ongoing fundraiser. If you would like to give to this great cause, please see Dave Caswell.

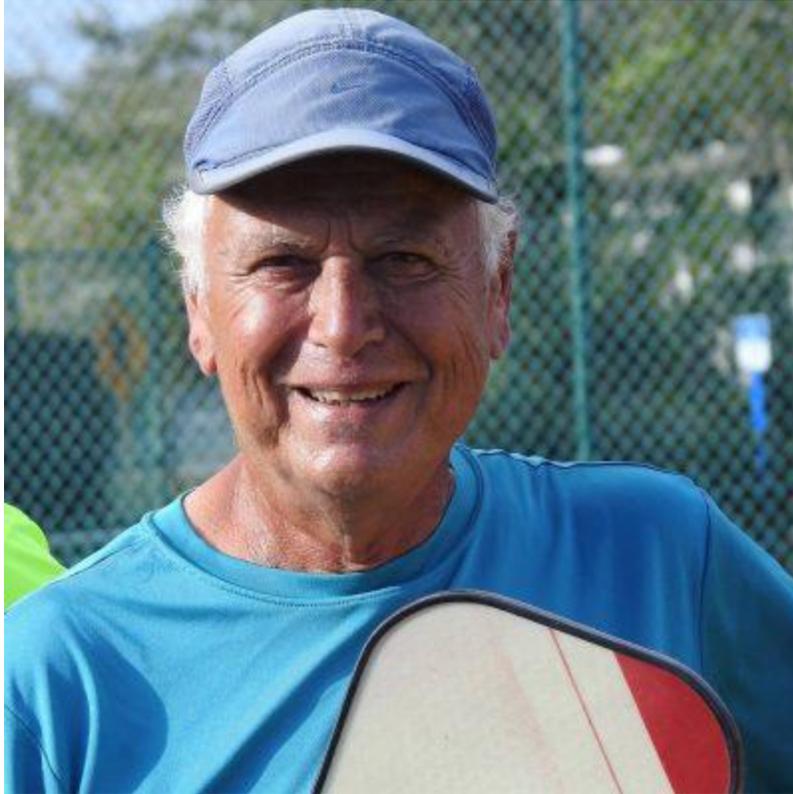
An Honor Flight is conducted by a non-profit organization dedicated to transporting as many United States military veterans as possible to see the memorials of the respective war they fought in Washington, D.C. at no cost to the veterans.

Where to get the latest info. Our Calendar is updated frequently. It's the place to go when you need to know.



PICKLEU.COM





This month's Volunteer Of The Month is Jamie Demetrion. As our Marketing Guru, Jamie has been instrumental in keeping the club and its members well informed about activities and social events. Have you ever been to Pickleball University Facebook Group page, read our monthly newsletter or visited our PickleU.com web page? Jamie works incredibly hard keeping all the information up to date. It is not easy since our club offers so many activities, but he does it brilliantly. Just check out the monthly calendar on our web page. Everything you ever wanted to know about what's going on is there and it is totally thanks to Jamie. We are very lucky indeed to have a volunteer that is so willing to give his time and expertise to PickleU.

Next time to see Jamie, please thank him for all of his hard work!



February Birthdays!

Pauline Evans 02-01

Jeanie Plantz 02-02

Bruce Worth 02-02

Elizabeth Cilento 02-03

Roger Hutchinson 02-04

Melanie Chan 02-05

Richard Habeshian 02-09

Stevi Baggett 02-10

Lainey Grimm 02-11

Sandy Acker 02-14

Cindy Kelly 02-14

Mari Colacino 02-14

Jack Craven 02-24

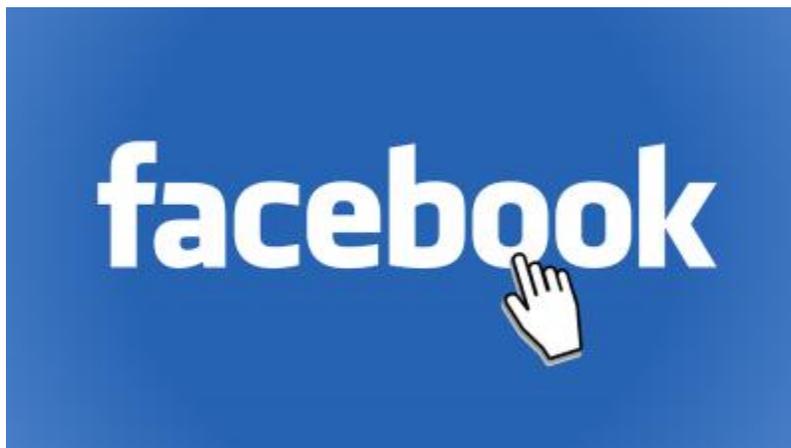
Turbo Darcy 02-17

Joseph Reid 02-21

Shirley Gillen 02-22

Joan Mark 02-23
Machiko Foley 02-25
Dan Younker 02-27

Our FB group page now has over 1500 members!



Contact us at
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