MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, DENNIS POPPE

Developing a pickleball environment means creating more than courts. It means creating a place to sit and socialize, to stay and talk, to connect, and to build relationships.

The magic of pickleball has never been the game itself - it is what happens around it: the conversations between games, the laughter, the encouragement, the friendships, and the feeling that you belong.

Building the right culture does not happen in the middle of a rally. It begins before you walk onto the court and continues every time you leave it.

Social events, educational workshops, coaching, round robins, ladders, beginner programs and tournaments all matter. Together they create the culture of our club - **the heartbeat of our facility.**

We are all volunteers. Even if you are not serving on a committee, you can strengthen our community: **pick up after yourself, smile, welcome someone new, thank a volunteer, and help protect the culture that makes PebbleCreek Pickleball special.**

THE CULTURE OF OUR CLUB

IS BUILT BY ALL OF US.

Welcome • Encourage • Connect • Volunteer • Belong

NEXT BOARD MEETING • October 21 • 2:00 PM • Milan Room

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Introduce yourself, invite someone new into a game, and help keep our club welcoming.

CLUB NEWS & COURT UPDATE

REMINDERS

• Do not leave pickleballs on the court at the end of your game.
• Close the gates after each game.
• Please return chairs and tables to their original positions.
• To order a name badge, email secretary@pcpickleball.org. A name badge can be charged to your credit card.
• Don't have a credit card on file? Place a $7 check in the lockbox in the Central Courts ice room; put the name you want on the badge in the memo section.
• **REMEMBER: THE SKILLS LISTED ON THE DROP-IN COURT SIGNS ARE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

DROP-IN COURT REMINDERS

• If there are two paddles in the Drop-In bin, a group of four may not take the court.
• If four Group Play players are on a Drop-In court and a Drop-In player arrives, the group may finish its game, then either include the Drop-In player or leave the court.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Rodney Jackson, thank you for all the Gatorade and sodas you provide for the players at both the North and Central Courts all summer, every summer. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHT — PAID COACHING ON HOA COURTS

The HOA owns the 36 pickleball courts, while the club has been granted the ability to organize and schedule play opportunities. The club is not the "court police"; disputes outside organized club play guidelines fall under HOA authority.

IMPORTANT HOA COACHING POLICY

• Any instructor or coach providing lessons for a fee **MUST** be approved by the HOA.
• Coaches must provide current liability insurance and have a signed financial agreement with the HOA, including the HOA fee arrangement.
• Members should confirm that any paid coach they hire is properly approved before participating in instruction.

Noah was properly approved through the HOA process, including insurance and the required financial agreement.

MORE VOLUNTEER THANKS

Laurie Johnson, Andrew Bonnofsky, Bill Cagle, Deenie Clinton, Jerry Johnson and Peggy Nuccio, thank you for creating the winter court allocation plan, including round robin schedules, ladder schedule, drop-in courts and more.

Bridgette Smith, thank you for taking on the club communication effort, which includes the newsletter and PebbleCreek Post.

PEBBLECREEK PICKLEBALL CONNECTION

October 2026 | Fun • Fitness • Friendship

ORGANIZED PLAY

ORGANIZED PLAY UPDATES

INTRODUCTORY CLASSES

Sessions will be Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.

SKILLS 1 & SKILLS 2

Skills 1 session starts 10/17 and Skills 2 sessions start 10/24. Session time is 12:30–2:30.

FALL ROUND ROBINS

Start date: 10/13/2026. Session times are 11:30–1:15 and 1:30–3:15.

Men on Tuesday, Mixed on Wednesday and Women on Thursday. This year there is a 15-minute break between sessions.

FALL LADDERS

10/16/2026. Registration details to be announced.

SKILLS & DRILLS

Sessions start 10/18/2026 for the 2.5/2.75 level and continue for other levels on following Sundays.

FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Nov. 5, 6 & 8. Registration opened Sept. 15; closing date to be announced.

TEAM CHALLENGE

Dec. 5. Registration dates to be announced.

DROP-IN PLAY UPDATE

This winter season will increase the drop-in court allocation to **12 courts**. The courts will have new signs with the recommended skill levels per court.

MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

Steve McElroy shared this hint for heat exhaustion: If somebody experiences heat exhaustion at the Central Courts, take them to the ice room to recover because it is air-conditioned, plus there is water and ice. A ramada chair fits nicely so a person can rest.

WHY VOLUNTEERS MATTER

Our club succeeds because members generously contribute their time and talent. Court clean-up, facilities support, events, programs and countless behind-the-scenes tasks all matter. Thank you for helping make our club a welcoming and enjoyable place to play pickleball.

PEBBLECREEK PICKLEBALL CONNECTION

October 2026 | Fun • Fitness • Friendship

MEMBERSHIP • DEVELOPMENT

MEMBERSHIP • DEVELOPMENT • STAY CONNECTED

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICER AT LARGE, ANDREW BONNOFSKY

Ratings

During the one-time self-rating re-calibration window in July, members were allowed to move their rating to reflect their current skill level regardless of the .25 point limitation. We had **94 members** rate themselves higher during this period. The vast majority increased their rating by .25 points, with only a handful increasing by .50 points. We also had 4 individuals decrease their rating.

As a reminder, members may increase their rating by .25 point once four months have elapsed from their last rating request. You can drop your rating at any time.

Rating	Increases
2.75	1
3.0	19
3.25	20
3.5	24
3.75	16
4.0	10
4.25	2
4.5	1
4.75	1

SKILLS AND DRILLS

Organized sessions designed to help members improve specific parts of their game through instruction, repetition, and structured drills.

COACHING FOR COURTS

Experienced players and coaches work directly with members on the court, providing practical instruction, strategy, positioning, shot selection, and live-play feedback. The members receiving the instruction typically donate $20 to the club.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the season, members will have access to additional learning opportunities, including clinics, workshops, guest instructors, live-play coaching, and special player-development programs.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS — DID YOU KNOW?

PebbleCreek Pickleball is a self-rating club. A player selects a rating on the membership application. If Skills 1, Skills 2 or 2.25 is selected, a rating change may be requested during training or at the end of training. The draft states that a player may otherwise change a rating at any time, then must wait four months before changing it again. Rating-change requests should be emailed to ratings@pcpickleball.org.

SAVE THE DATE • UPCOMING EVENTS

Brad Gilbert Clinic
Oct. 14, 2026 | 1:00–4:00 PM | Court 1 • Central Courts | $35

American Bandstand Dance Night
Nov. 8, 2026 | 5:30–8:30 PM | Tuscany Falls Ballroom | $10
Sold out — waitlist available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar • Watch CourtReserve for registration details and updates

Veterans and First Responders Day • Demo Day • Club Shirt Pick-Up
Nov. 11, 2026 | Details coming soon | Central Courts | FREE

Music Night Series
Nov. 13 & 20; Dec. 4 & 11; Jan. 8 & 15; Feb. 5 & 12; Mar. 5 | 4:00–6:00 PM | Central Courts | FREE
Registration opens Oct. 15, 2026

Team Challenge and the Holiday Toy Drive
Dec. 5, 2026 | Time coming soon | Central Courts | FREE
No registration required.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

PebbleCreek Pickleball Club • Fun • Fitness • Friendship

COURTRESERVE	Registration, organized play and club notices **courtreserve.com**
CLUB WEBSITE	Club information, programs, schedules and resources **pcpickleball.org**
FACEBOOK	Photos, club activities and informal updates **PebbleCreek Pickleball Club Members Group**
THE PEBBLECREEK POST	Club announcements and stories
BULLETIN BOARD	On-site information and upcoming activities
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER	Major club news, decisions and upcoming activities

STAY CONNECTED. STAY INVOLVED. KEEP PLAYING.
Thank you for helping make PebbleCreek Pickleball a welcoming community.