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NOVEMBER LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM PRESIDENT DENNIS POPPE

Questions I'm Often Asked About Our Pickleball Club

As President, I'm often asked questions about our club—how it operates, why we charge dues, why we need more courts, and what our plans are for the future.

Many of these were questions I had myself, and things I wasn't fully aware of before becoming President. So, I thought I would share a few of the questions I hear most often, because if one member is asking, chances are others are wondering the same thing.

Q: If my HOA fees pay for the courts, why do I also have to pay a $50 Pickleball Club membership fee?

A: You are correct—your HOA fees help pay for the courts themselves, including their maintenance and cleaning. The HOA allows our Pickleball Club to oversee organized play and provide the many pickleball programs, tournaments, clinics, workshops, and social events that make our club much more than simply a collection of courts.

Your $50 annual club membership helps pay for the additional things we, as a club, choose to provide to improve the pickleball experience for our members. That includes supplying and maintaining free pickleballs on every court throughout the year, offering free Skills & Drills programs, supporting clinics and workshops, organizing round robins and other structured play, hosting tournaments and social events, purchasing equipment, and supporting the many other programs our members enjoy.

The HOA provides and maintains the facility. Your club membership helps create the experience.

Q: Why do we need more courts when we recently added 16 new courts?

A: The old saying "Build it and they will come" certainly seems to apply to pickleball.

There are three primary reasons we are planning for additional courts:
1. First is demand. During our busiest season, particularly between approximately 7:00 AM and 1:00 PM, our courts are frequently full and players are often waiting. As PebbleCreek continues to grow and more residents discover pickleball, we expect that demand to continue. Pickleball is more than an activity—it creates friendships, provides exercise, and keeps us socially connected.
2. Second is opportunity. There is a parcel of land between the RV lot and Court 36 that is well suited for future court expansion. We need to plan for the courts we will need several years from now—not simply the courts we need today.
3. Third is our community. Quality amenities help make PebbleCreek a desirable place to live. Even residents who never pick up a paddle benefit when our community provides the recreational amenities active adults look for.

Q: Why don't we have one or two indoor or covered courts?

A: This is another question I hear frequently, especially during the hottest months of the year. The biggest issue is cost.

Properly covering existing courts involves engineering requirements, permitting, structural and safety considerations, lighting, drainage, insurance, and ongoing maintenance. When I looked into this several years ago, the preliminary

These are just three of the questions I hear regularly, and I plan to share more in future letters. One of my goals as President is to make sure our members understand not only what the club is doing, but also why we are doing it. Thank you for being part of what makes the PebbleCreek Pickleball Club special.

Dennis Poppe
President, PebbleCreek Pickleball Club

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 18th — Annual Budget Meeting
3:00 PM • Eagle's Nest Ballroom

Board Meeting Notes from Oct 21,2026

We have historically charged participation fees for things like dinner dances, professional clinics, tournaments, guest speakers, and other special programs. These are activities that have additional costs associated with them.
Second, we don't charge for everything. We currently have 13 scheduled events. Eight have some type of registration fee, while five are offered to our members at no charge.
Third, I think it's important to remember what members receive for their $50 annual dues. Those dues help provide pickleballs throughout the year, organized programming, training opportunities, competitive events, social activities, and community events.
And this year, every member that ordered one also receives a free Anniversary Club Shirt, valued at approximately $20.

We work very hard to make that $50 membership one of the best values we can provide. Fourth, when we do charge an event fee, the purpose is not to generate large profits. It's to help offset some of the direct costs created by that event.

Message from Andrew Bonnofsky

Since our ratings re-calibration window in July, here are the number of changes requested by level. We had 8 people drop their rating.

As a reminder, you can adjust your rating upward by 1/4 point, once 4 months have elapsed since your last rating request. You are allowed to drop your rating at any time.

Andrew Bonnofsky — Officer at Large, Pebblecreek Pickleball Club

Skill Level	Changes Requested
2.5	3
2.75	0
3.0	4
3.25	8
3.5	4
3.75	6
4.0	5
4.25	4
4.5	5



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

REMEMBER TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CLUB, YOU WERE NEW ONCE TOO!

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

On October 14th, the Brad Gilbert event was held. Thank you to the following sponsors for making it happen. Without our sponsors, events like this would not be possible. The best way you can thank them is supporting their individual business.

Brad Gilbert: Think Smarter, Play Together and Win More

Title Sponsors:
1) Dermacare Plastic Surgery
2) Judy Coventry: Real Estate Agent West USA

Court Sponsors:
1) Big O Tire: PebbleCreek
2) Roy Johnson: RealtyOneGroup
3) Arizona Rainfall Landscaping

November 5-6 Fall Classic Tournament
Title Sponsors:
1) Judy Coventry
2) Dermacare Plastic Surgery
Registration Sponsor:
1) Dr Caleb Goodman, DDS
Player Court Sponsors:
1) Arnold Hickey Realtor, Russ Lyon Sotheby's
2) Osborne Jewelry
3) Dr Caleb Goodman DDS
4) Big O Tire

Fall Classic Dance and Social (Nov 8th)
Band Sponsor:
1) Arnold Hickey Real Estate
Registration Sponsor:
1) Judy Coventry Real Estate
Table Sponsor:
1) Arnold Hickey Real Estate
2) Dermacare Plastic Surgery

First Responder Competition & Demo Day (Nov 11th)
Title Sponsors:
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1) Roy Johnson Real Estate
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3) Dr Caleb Goodman DDS
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Mike McWhorter
Sponsorship Committee, PebbleCreek Pickleball Club



CLUB NEWS & COURT UPDATE

REMINDERS

• Do not leave pickleballs on the court at the end of your game. The ball tube helps protect them and last longer.
• Close the gates after each game.
• Please return chairs and tables to their original positions.

NAME TAGS

To order a name badge, email secretary@pcpickleball.org. The badge can be charged to your credit card on file. If you do not have a credit card on file, place a $7 check in the lockbox in the Central Courts ice room. Write the name you want on the badge in the memo section of the check.

DROP-IN COURTS

Remember: the skills listed on the Drop-In court signs are recommendations.

ORGANIZED PLAY UPDATES

Fall Classes, Round Robins & Tournaments:

• Introductory Classes: Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.
• Skills 1 & Skills 2: Skills 1 began October 17; Skills 2 began October 24. Sessions run 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.
• Fall Round Robins: Began October 13, 2026. Sessions run 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM and 1:30 – 3:15 PM. Men play Tuesday, Mixed on Wednesday, and Women on Thursday. Note: there is a 15-minute break between sessions this year.
• Fall Classic Tournament: November 5, 6 & 8. Registration opened September 15; CLOSED.
• Team Challenge: December 5. Registration opens Nov 2nd (fills up fast!).

DROP-IN PLAY UPDATES

This winter season, the Drop-In court allocation has increased to 12 courts. The courts have new signs showing the recommended skill levels for each court.
• If there is a paddle 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. Afterward, they must either include the Drop-In player or leave the court.

HOA & COACHING

• Any instructor or coach providing lessons for a fee must be approved by the HOA.
• Coaches must provide current liability insurance and sign a 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.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUTS

Sean Weaver: Did you notice how clean the courts became after that big monsoon? **Mike Meline** would like everyone to thank **Sean Weaver** for all the hours he put into making sure all the courts in both locations were cleaned.

Dottie Kirkpatrick: Has been driving to Keepsake Trophy in Avondale almost every week since April 2023 to pick up name badges. Now that is commitment!! Each PC Pickleball Club board appreciates her dedication.

Laurie Johnson & Committee: Laurie was the driving force behind the Remembrance Wall. Please thank **Laurie, Lisa Kellis, Judi Johnson, and Debbie McKeever. Marty Braden**: Deserves a BIG SHOUT OUT for the excellent job he does attaching the plaques to the wall.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to **Mike McWhorter**! He tirelessly works on getting the PCPB Club sponsors for our events.

Court Cleaners: We are fortunate to have such wonderful dedicated courts. A huge Thank You to ALL of the people who volunteer to clean up the courts every night! Contact **J. Wittmus** if you'd like to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **American Bandstand Dance Night**
  November 8, 2026 | $10 | 5:30–8:30 PM
  Tuscany Falls Ballroom (SOLD OUT — waitlist available)

- **Veterans & First Responders Day / Demo Day / Shirt Pick-Up**
  November 11, 2026 | FREE
  Central Courts (Details coming soon)

- **Music Night Series**
  Nov. 13 & 20; Dec. 4 & 11; Jan. 8 & 15; Feb. 5 & 12; Mar. 5
  FREE | 4:00–6:00 PM | Central Courts (Registration opened Oct 15)

- **Team Challenge & Holiday Toy Drive**
  December 5, 2026 | FREE
  Central Courts (Registration opens Nov 2nd — FILLS UP FAST

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PebbleCreek Pickleball Club Communication Channels

Channel	Description / Purpose
FACEBOOK	Photos, club activities, and informal updates (PebbleCreek Pickleball Club Members Group)
COURT RESERVE	Registration, organized play, and official club notices
CLUB WEBSITE	Club information, programs, schedules, and resources https://www.pcpickleball.org/
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER	Major club news, decisions, and upcoming activities
BULLETIN BOARD	On-site information and upcoming activities at the courts
THE PEBBLECREEK POST	Community-wide club announcements and stories



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