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Bravo to Camden County

The Camden County (St Marys/Kingsland) Pickleball Club hosted a beginner pickleball clinic for members of the Camden County Team Red, White and Blue organization on June 3. Team Red, White & Blue enriches the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. Their membership is comprised of a diverse group of people—wounded veterans, advocates, athletes and supporters. A mixed group of about 20 veterans, spouses, children and friends came out to join in the fun of learning pickleball. The courts were filled with laughter, cheers, and a few playful jeers as the players practiced their new skills. Many went away with plans to return for more pickleball excitement.



Pickleball players of all ages and from all walks of life.



From the Kitchen

Pickleball has had a very rapid growth in the State of Georgia. It seems we have a new venue, event or tournament popping up every day. Please keep us at the GPB informed so we can pass it onto our fellow Pickleball players. And please check out the article guidelines on the last page of the GPB.

THE GPB

The **GPB** is produced for all our Georgia pickleball players to enjoy hearing about tournaments, tidbits, photos and fellow players throughout the state. The information herein is provided by readers, ambassadors and players like you. So, talk to us.

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Pickleball Tournaments Around Georgia



First Annual Georgia Mountain Spring Pickleball Classic a Huge Success

The First Annual Georgia Mountain Spring Pickleball Classic was held at the Towns County Pickleball Complex in Hiawassee, Ga May 20–22. We had 252 players from 11 different states who came to the north Georgia mountains to test their skills against some very tough competition. The tournament, which was organized by Pickleball Specialities out of The Villages in Florida, experienced a couple of rain delays on the first day, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those who came to play.

The day before the tournament the organizers held some very instructive clinics led by Deb Harrison, Byron and Marsha Freso, and Dee Ahearn. All these clinics were filled to capacity and the attendees welcomed the opportunity to learn from some of these top players. That evening we all gathered at the Towns County Recreation Center for our Meet & Greet and Welcome party which was catered by The Chop House in Hiawassee. Good food and drink, live music, an entertaining slide show and, most of all, a lot of good camaraderie were present in abundance.

We received numerous comments from the players and organizers about our amazing 14-court Pickleball complex

situated on beautiful Lake Chatuge with gorgeous mountain views for a backdrop. Our community also embraced the tournament and gave it's full support through sponsorships, discounts and extended good old Southern hospitality to all the players as they visited the local shops, hotels, bed and breakfasts, cabins, wineries and restaurants.

The Georgia Mountain Pickleball community was proud to host it's first major tournament and we're very happy with all the great comments from the tournament players and from the organizers. As the organizers told us, "It's almost unheard of to have a tournament of this size the first time out!" It exceeded all our expectations, they added.

But, we're not resting quite yet. Mark your calendars for September 16–18, 2016 for our First Annual Georgia Mountain Pickleball Fall Classic. This one is going to be sanctioned by the USAPA and is being organized by Pickleball Tournaments.com <http://www.pickleballtournaments.com> out of Arizona. This is the organization that runs most of the major tournaments around the world including the recently concluded U.S. Open in Naples, Fl. Registration is now open, so come and "Elevate Your Game" in the Georgia Mountains this Fall. ●



Pickleball Happenings Around Georgia



Georgia State Games

Still time to register. Registration closes June 17

This year our State Games will again be held on the 16 Pickleball courts at Kennesaw Mountain HS, same venue as last year. The three-day event includes:

- Men's and women's singles Friday afternoon, June 24
- Men's and women's doubles Saturday, June 25
- Mixed doubles Sunday, June 26

This will be an age-group tournament, with skill levels in each.

Skill levels will be,

Novice: 3.0 and under Intermediate: 3.5, and Advanced: 4.0 and above.

Age groups will be: 18 and under, 19+, 35+, 50+, 60+, 70+.

Please note out-of-state players will be allowed to play in this year's tournament.

We are trying a new format this year. Most double elimination tournaments lose most of the players in the first couple of rounds. Many players drive some distance and pay their entry fee to play only three games and are out of the tournament. This year we will have qualifying round robin play in all brackets, with the top teams moving on to the championship round. In this format players should be able to play more games. We will also be able to start and complete a bracket on several courts and play until a champion is declared. Also, if we need to combine classes players can still medal in the classification they entered. No waiting for open courts or other matches to be completed.

Courts will be taped and we will be using the Dura Fast 40 Yellow Ball.

For more information and entry forms go to: <http://georgiagames.org/2015-pickleball-championships/>. Winners in the State Games qualify to participate in the National Championship which will be held in Grand Rapids Michigan in August of 2017.

About the National Congress of State Games: *The National Congress of State Games (NCSG) is a membership organization comprised of 30 Summer State Games and 10 Winter State Games organizations and a member of the United States Olympic Committee's Multi Sport Organizational Council. The mission of the NCSG is to support State Games member organizations in the promotion of health, fitness and character building through Olympic-Style competitions and physical activities. The NCSG is also the rights holder of the State Games of America, an Olympic-style event featuring competition between State Games medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) from across the nation.*

Volunteers and items needed: It requires many hands to put together and run a successful event. Last year was a success due to the help received from all of the great players & volunteers and this year we will need you again. Contact Bill Hess at B3779@hotmail.com

- 1. A loan of at least ten portable pickleball nets Entire weekend, June 24–26.
- 2. Prepare brackets and match sheets Wed. & Thurs. June 22–23
Task to be completed at the State games Office in Kennesaw
- 3. Mark and tape courts & set up equipment Fri. & Sat.mornings. June 24 & 25
- 4. Check in players. Each day, June 24–26
- 5. Update brackets and match sheets Each day, June 24–26
- 6. Advise head table of any unused courts. Each day, June 24–26
- 7. Take photos of medal winners Each day
- 8. Present medals Each day
- 9. Help clean up site. Last day, Sunday June 26,

Atlanta Pickleball Assoc. Spring League

From the Editor: Many Pickleball players enjoy casual play: no schedule, play at our convenience, no rainouts or make-ups, arrive and leave at our leisure. However there are a number of players looking for a structured, competitive league format. That is now being offered by the Atlanta Pickleball Association. We have invited the ATPBA to contribute an article each month to keep all our Georgia readers informed about the activities of their new organization.

High Demand for Summer

The Atlanta Pickleball Association hosted their first league play-off tournament on May 15, at the James Creek Tennis Center in Cumming, Ga, after beginning their inaugural season in February. This tournament showcased over 100 participants competing for the title of Spring 2016 Doubles League Champion.

Due to the increased popularity and demand to play more, ATPBA is offering two programs for their summer league. So far, there are over 120 club members registered to participate.

For those who enjoyed the five-Line Mixed Doubles team format, ATPBA will started the summer league on Sunday, June 12, which will run through August 7. All teams will make the playoffs for another Single Elimination Tournament, to be played on Sunday, August 7, once again at James Creek Tennis Center.

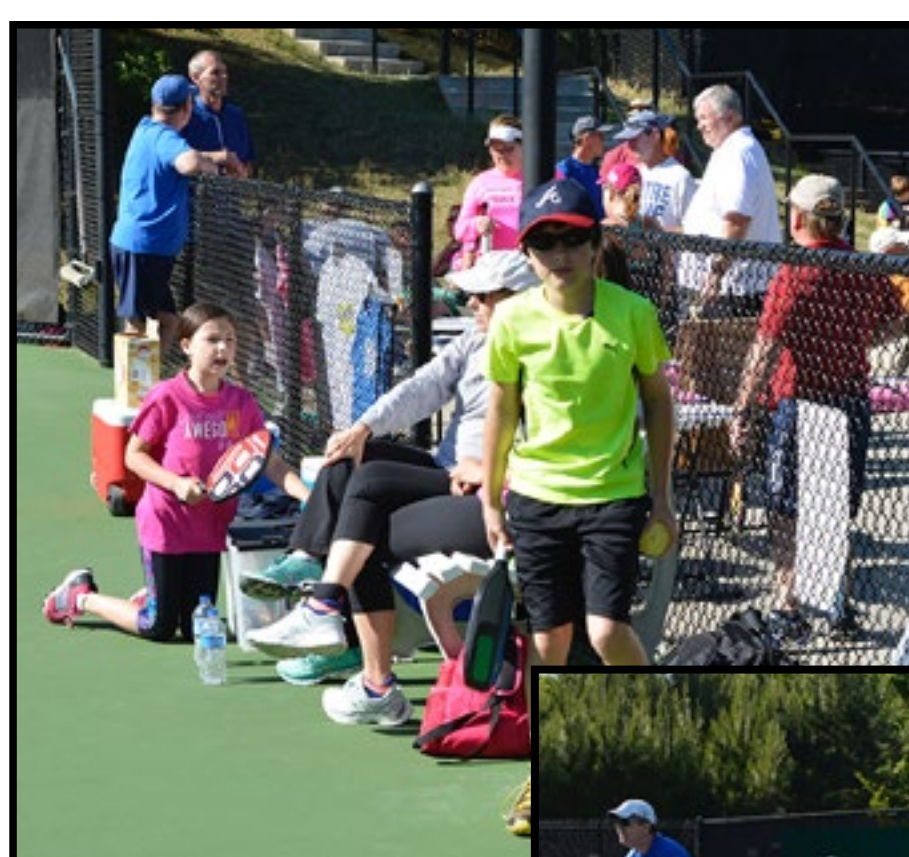
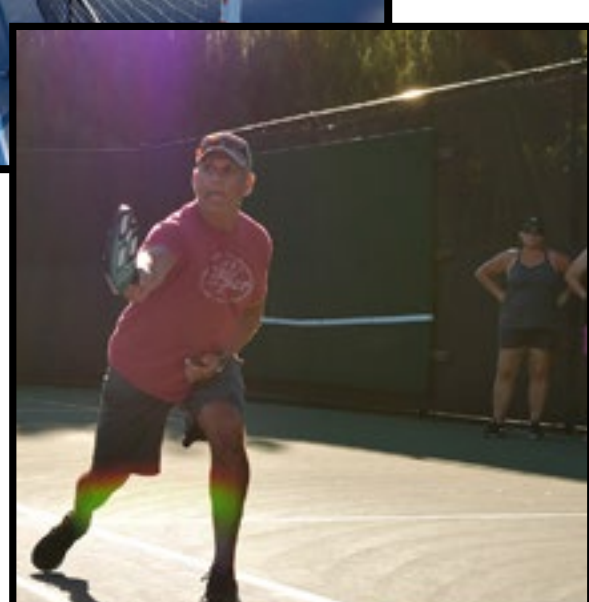
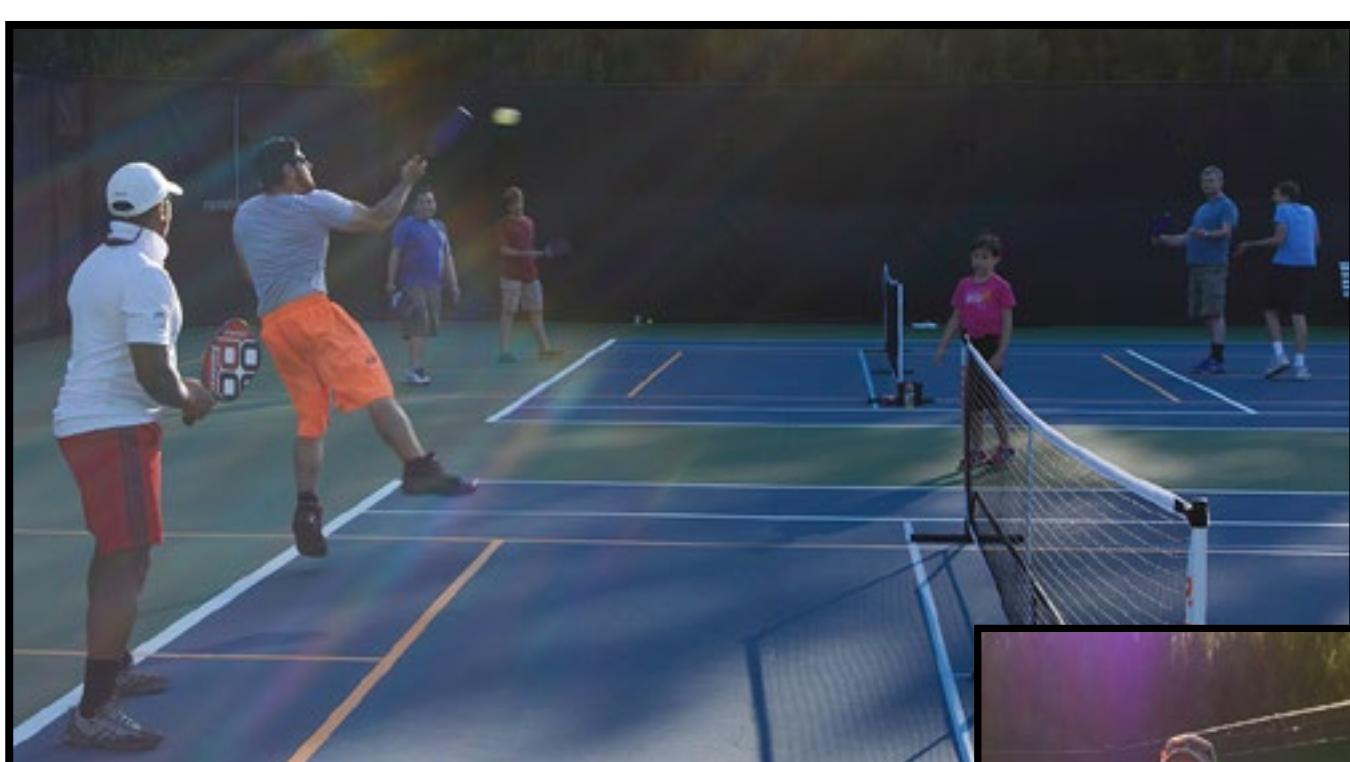
ATPBA also added a mid-week Doubles Round-Robin open play, which is held on Wednesday nights and began June 8th. It will run through August 3. You can sign up and come alone, or with your partner. The goal is to provide multiple courts for beginners, intermediate and competitive players to learn, practice, and have fun.

ATPBA has been invited to attend the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention in Savannah. Co-owners Chad Cromwell and Sean Parent, as well as Sugar Hill Parks and Rec representative Matt Parent, will be conducting a

demonstration on Monday, June 27, to highlight Sugar Hill, Ga, as part of the convention's "Cities In Play" theme. Information can be found at <http://www.gmanet.com/Training-Events/Annual-Convention.aspx>.

ATPBA has also been busy growing Pickleball locally by conducting demonstrations and clinics for local subdivisions and neighborhoods. One such demonstration is scheduled for July 3, at the E.E. Robinson Park tennis courts in Sugar Hill, during the city's annual Sparks in the Park event. ATPBA also recently donated a net and other equipment to the North Gwinnett Middle School Physical Education program, as the PE teacher will be adding Pickleball to his fitness program next school year.

Chad Cromwell, President of Atlanta Pickleball, has been granted the title of "USA Pickleball Association Ambassador" for the Sugar Hill/Suwanee area, and is very proud of the accomplishments ATPBA has achieved. "All players have to start somewhere, and our goal is to provide an opportunity for everyone from novice to expert to come out and play, have fun, and stay fit," Chad said. As the sport continues to grow, the ATPBA league will continue to expand to accommodate the demand for organized league play, and open play for recreational fun and fitness. See images and highlights from the spring championship tournament. And as always, check ATPBA out at their updated website, www.atlpba.org.



Upcoming Tournaments Around Georgia



Savannah Area Tournament Coming Soon

Special Pops Southern Motors Pickleball Tournament


September 16-18, 2016

A Fundraising Event for Special Pops Tennis

The Landings Club -- Skidaway Island, Savannah GA

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SPECIAL POPS (Special Populations) Tennis is dedicated to enriching the lives and well being of individuals with intellectual challenges through active participation in tennis exercise drills, instructional clinics, tournament play, and accompanying social interaction.

Background
 A disability can be defined as a restriction in the performance and/or comprehension of a normal activity or task. Special Populations or SPECIAL POPS aids and supports individuals with intellectual challenges by providing elements of accomplishment and joy.
 SPECIAL POPS Tennis originated in Atlanta in the early 1990s and was expanded to Savannah in 2010 where it became affiliated with the **Savannah Area Tennis Association (SATA)**. The goal of this non-profit organization is to provide individuals with intellectual challenges the opportunity to learn the game of tennis at their own pace, in a comfortable, non-intimidating environment -- while also serving as an avenue for social interaction.
 SPECIAL POPS Tennis of Savannah is endorsed by:

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
- United States Tennis Association, Georgia (GTA)
- Savannah Area Tennis Association (SATA)
- Special Olympics, Georgia



Enriching the lives and well-being of individuals with intellectual challenges

Special Pops / Southern Motors Pickleball Tournament



The Landings Club
 ON SKIDAWAY ISLAND
 September 16-18, 2016

- Opening Night cocktail party (Friday, Sept. 16)
- Two-day competitive play:
 Men's / Women's Doubles by ranking (Saturday, Sept. 17)
 Mixed Doubles by ranking (Sunday, Sept. 18)
- Optional: Practice day (Friday, Sept. 16)
- Registration fee/s:
 \$35 for one event
 \$45 for both
 \$10 for cocktail party only (non-registered guest)
- Use of The Landings Club restaurants & facilities during the entire three day tournament: \$25 (excludes golf).
 - Play golf on one of six courses: \$50 /per round includes cart (afternoons)
 - Play unlimited tennis and / or Pickleball
 - Jog or bike 40 miles of paths
 - Relax at pool side
 - Visit our two marinas
 - Dine at a Landings Club restaurant
- Lodging suggestions upon request.




Visitors: Extend Your Weekend

- Enjoy The Landings Club amenities (see above) for \$25 per day and / or visit Historic Downtown Savannah.

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Landings Club, Franklin Creek Tennis Center, 910 Franklin Creek Rd. N., Savannah, GA 31411		
Name:		
Age as of 9/16/16:	Gender: M/F	Tel:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:		
Place an "X" by events you are entering and your partner's name below. Your partner must also register and pay an event fee. Registration closes Sept 10th, but may close earlier if the facility's maximum capacity is reached earlier. (Format TBD based on entry numbers to maximize play.)		
Men's Doubles 9/17/16: ()	Partner Name:	Rating _____
Women's Doubles 9/17/16: ()	Partner Name:	Rating _____
Mixed Doubles 9/18/16: ()	Partner Name:	Rating _____
First Event Fee: () \$35.00	Second Event Fee: () \$10.00	Total: \$ _____
Free Cocktail Party 9/16/16 eve, (location TBD) Attend? Y/N		\$ <u>FREE</u>
Non playing spouse/friend(s) \$10 each		\$ _____
*Optional donation to Special Pops		\$ _____
Checks payable to SATA/SPECIAL POPS		Grand Total: \$ _____
General Release and Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of my registration for the Tournament, I hereby waive, myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or any others who may claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and hereby waive, release and discharge Special Pops, Southern Motors and The Landings Club, and anyone acting for or on their behalf, from any and all claims of liability for injury, loss or damage of any kind or nature, arising out of or sustained in the course of my participation in the Tournament. This Release and Waiver applies to all claims, foreseen or unforeseen, including negligence and breach of statutory or other duty of care (including that owed under the Occupier's Liability Act.)		
Player's (printed) Name	Player's Signature	Date
Please return completed forms to: Ted Copeland, 29 Mainsail Crossing, Savannah, GA 31411, 216-406-6775/ tcopelandusa@gmail.com		
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Happenings Around Georgia

Deaton Creek and Cresswind Friendly Feud

The neighboring communities of Cresswind and Village at Deaton Creek have little more at stake other than pride and bragging rights. When the two of them meet on the pickleball courts, we can count on some exciting, hard fought, competitive, yet gentlemanly team matches. Now in its third season, our latest encounter proved once again that Cresswind has gained a superior edge. Even so, it was the VDC number one team of Match Director Renate Hess and Mitch Cohen that ran the ta-

ble undefeated in our recent six-on-six round robin format, while two teams from Cresswind – Larry Smith and Jack Hollfelder, and Gregg Pike and Keith Barker – pulled off five wins each. Better news yet, no team bagelled. In the end, it was Cresswind 21 wins to Deaton Creek's 15, despite the whooping and hollering of the sizeable home team's court-side cheering section in a losing cause. Then again, there's always next year.

—Submitted by Saul Levenson



Georgia Pickleball Club Pages

Tell us what is going on with your Pickleball group or club: parties, fund raisers, in-house tournaments & competitions, etc. Our Pickleball friends around the state are always looking for fun events and ideas. This section is for your club news. Send us articles & lots of photos! See submission guidelines on p. 8.

North Georgia Pickleball Club

Recipe to Share

At our Memorial Day picnic after playing on Friday, Cindy Moore brought this wonderful traditional dessert — a banana pudding! Cindy said it is the recipe of her grandmother!

Banana Pudding

- 2 small packages French vanilla instant pudding
- 3 cups milk
- 1 can Eagle brand sweetened condensed milk
- 1 lg Cool Whip topping, thawed
- 1 box vanilla wafers. I like the small ones
- 3-5 bananas

Directions

Mix: pudding and milk. Add condensed milk. Fold in cool whip mixing thoroughly. Layer wafers, pudding and bananas



Tom and Ann Earley with Ted & Maureen Armstrong of Centerville, Ohio

Our Many Visitors

Standing left to right: USAPA President David and "First Lady" Nancy Jordan, GA State Ambassadors Bill & Carole Hess, newest N GA PB Club member Paul Brown from Yonah Mtn./White County. Kneeling Tom & Ann Earley and Atlantic South Region Macot Bocce and "Poo in Training", Clyde



A Holiday Potluck



Memorial Day Play



RULE CHANGES BEGAN MAY 2016

Many of our Georgia Pickleball player have asked why they should join The United States of America Pickleball Association. The following letter from the USAPA is a prime example of the things they are doing to keep our favorite sport enjoyable for all of us. If you would like to join and support our national organization go to: www.usapa.org/usapa-membership/

Paddle and Ball rule changes effective 05/01/2016

Many of you have recently heard comments and/or asked questions regarding coming new rules pertaining to balls and paddles for our sport. In an effort to give you all a heads up prior to USAPA website and newsletter publication, please see the following memorandum from Dennis Dacey, IFP/USAPA Rules Chair.

Jack Thomas, Ambassador Director/VP, USAPA

Background. Over the last few years, we have seen a proliferation in the introduction of new paddles and, more recently, balls. Some of these new paddles and balls have barely met or exceeded the applicable specifications set forth in the existing rules. Others, while technically compliant with the present rules, have designs or characteristics that reward players who want the sport to become faster and tilted more toward power and less toward finesse. The USAPA and IFP are committed to preserving Pickleball in a manner that does not favor any one style of player. We adhere to the following maxim: In deciding any matter related to equipment, the IFP is required to interpret the rules in a manner that will preserve the traditional nature and character of the sport and preserve the skills traditionally required to play the sport. The existing rules have proven to be inadequate when evaluating new paddle and ball designs based on this guideline.

Need for rule changes explained. In order for the USAPA/IFP to maintain the traditional nature of the sport, it has modified the rules and specifications for paddles and balls over time. As an example, a paddle deflection test was developed a few years ago to help reduce ball speed from paddles that were being made in a manner to produce a trampoline effect. Also, ball specifications were developed to better control their characteristics for play based on what was available at the time. We now see a further need to amend the rules by adopting more exact specifications. Each of the new rules set forth below, except Rule 2.D.7, clarifies allowable limits or characteristics of paddles or balls.

Effective date. Although the rules stated below are being amended and added as of November 1, 2015, they will not become effective for existing products until May 1, 2016. There will be a grace period until May 1, 2016 to allow manufacturers time to develop conforming products and to allow players to adapt to those conforming products. In the meantime, paddles and balls that meet current specifications may be used in sanctioned tournaments.

New amended rules. The wording of the new rules can be found in the italicized sections below. Explanations in standard type are found immediately above the paddle and ball rule changes.

- 1 **Paddle rule change.** Rule 2.E.2. is modified to specify test criteria for paddle roughness. This Rule change is:
 - 2 E.2. **Surface:** The paddle hitting surface shall not contain holes, indentations, rough texturing, tape, or any objects or features that allow a player to impart additional spin on the ball. Paddle roughness is determined using a Starrett SR 100 Surface Roughness Tester. The allowable limits for roughness shall be no greater than 30 micrometers (μm) on the Rz reading (average maximum height, peak to valley), and no greater than 40 micrometers on the Rt reading (maximum height, peak to valley). All readings will be taken in 4 different directions. The paddle hitting surface shall not be adversely reflective, such that it has the potential to obscure the vision of opposing player(s).
- 2 **Ball rule changes.** The specifications are being tightened in a manner to better control and identify balls used for sanctioned tournament play. The new rules are:
 - 2.D.1. **Construction.** The ball shall be made of durable material molded with a smooth surface and free of texturing. The ball can only be one single, uniform color, except for identification markings. The ball may have a slight ridge at the seam as long as it does not significantly affect straight flight characteristics.
 - 2.D.2. **Size.** The ball shall be 2.874 inches (73mm) to 2.972 inches (75.5mm) in diameter. The maximum out-of-round diameter variance shall not be greater than +/-0.020 inch (0.50mm).
 - 2.D.3. **Weight.** The ball shall weigh between 0.78 and 0.935 ounces (22 and 26.5 grams).
 - 2.D.5. **Hardness.** The ball shall have a hardness of 40 to 50 on a Durometer D scale at a temperature of 75 to 80 degrees F (24 to 27 degrees C).
 - 2.D.6. **Design.** The ball shall have a minimum of 26 to a maximum of 40 circular holes, with spacing of holes and overall design of the ball conforming to straight flight characteristics. The ball must have a manufacturer's or supplier's name or logo printed or embossed on it.
 - 2.D.7. **Approval.** The Tournament Director will choose the tournament ball. The ball(s) selected for play in any IFP member's sanctioned tournament must be named on the official list of approved balls.

Conclusion. Over the next few months, paddles will be reviewed by the IFP/USAPA for roughness based on the new rules. We anticipate that very few currently listed paddles will not meet the new requirements. Also, all balls will be reviewed under the new ball rules. Some will need to be modified by the manufacturers to meet the new bounce, weight, and construction requirements. In addition, they will need to be marked by the manufacturers so that approved balls are easily identifiable for tournament play. The IFP/USAPA believes these new rule changes will help preserve the traditional nature and character of the sport.

Notice of these rule changes will be added to the November Newsletter and shown on the IFP and USAPA websites before the end of the month. Notice will also be communicated to paddle and ball manufacturers.

Regards,

Dennis Dacey, IFP/USAPA Rules Chair



Finding Your Pickleball Skill Level

1.0

- New and have only minimal knowledge of the game and the rules.

1.5

- Limited to some rallies.
- Learning how to serve.
- Developing a forehand.
- Fails to return easy balls frequently and occasionally misses the ball entirely.
- Played a few games and is learning the court lines, scoring, and some basic rules of the game.

2.0

- Sustains a short rally with players of equal ability.
- Demonstrating the basic shot strokes – forehand, backhand, volley, overhead and the serve, but has obvious weaknesses in most strokes.
- Familiar with court positioning in doubles play.

2.5

- Makes longer lasting slow-paced rallies.
- Makes most easy volleys and uses some backhands, but needs more work on developing shot strokes.
- Beginning to approach the non-volley zone to hit volleys.
- Aware of the “soft game.”
- Knowledge of the rules has improved.
- Court coverage is weak but improving.

3.0

- More consistent on the serve and service return and when returning medium-paced balls.
- Demonstrates improved skills with all the basic shot strokes and shot placement but lacks control when trying for direction, depth, or power on their shots.
- Beginning to attempt lobs and dinks with little success and doesn't fully understand when and why they should be used.

3.5

- Demonstrates improved stroke dependability with directional control on most medium-paced balls and some faster-paced balls.
- Demonstrates improved control when trying for direction, depth and power on their shots.
- Needs to develop variety with their shots.
- Exhibits some aggressive net play.
- Beginning to anticipate opponent's shots.
- Learning about the importance of strategy and teamwork in doubles.

4.0

- Consistent and dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand shots.
- Reliable serves, lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys and can use spin shots with some success.
- Occasionally can force errors when serving.
- Rallies may be lost due to impatience.
- Uses the dink shot and drop shots to slow down or change the pace of the game.
- Demonstrates 3rd shot strategies – drop shots, lobs, and fast-paced ground strokes.
- Aggressive net play and teamwork in doubles is evident.
- Fully understands the rules of the game and can play by them.

4.5

- Beginning to master the use of power and spin, can successfully execute all shots, can control the depth of their shots, and can handle pace.
- Beginning to master the dink shots and drop shots and their importance to the game.
- Beginning to master 3rd shot choices.
- Displays sound footwork and moves well enough to get to the non-volley zone whenever required.
- Understands strategy and can adjust style of play and game plan according to the opponent's strengths and weaknesses and court position.
- Serves with power and accuracy and can also vary the speed and spin of the serve.
- Understands the importance of “keeping the ball in play” and the effect of making errors.
- Making good choices in shot selection.
- Anticipates the opponent's shots resulting in good court positioning.

5.0

- Mastered all the skills – all shot types, touch, spin, serves, with control and can use them as weapons.
- Excellent shot anticipation, extremely accurate shot placement and regularly hit winning shots.
- Forces opponents into making errors by “keeping the ball in play.”
- Mastered the dink and drop shots.
- Mastered the 3rd shot choices and strategies.
- Uses soft shots, dinks and lobs to set up offensive situations.
- Mastered pickleball strategies and can vary strategies and styles of play in competitive or tournament matches.
- Dependable in stressful situations as in tournament match play.
- Athletic ability, quickness, agility, and raw athleticism are also qualities that are sometimes what separates the top players from those near the top

2016 GEORGIA PICKLEBALL CALENDAR

With the enormous growth of Pickleball and the growing number of tournaments and events, we are working together to schedule events that don't overlap. With your help The Georgia Pickleball Bulletin will keep the calendar up-to-date every month. Send us your tournament information as soon as possible.

If you have a question feel free to contact us at B3779@hotmail.com

Can't play? Just want to watch? No problem! Too young? Too old? No problem! Everyone's invited!

TOURNEY/EVENT SITE	2016	LOCATION	CONTACT	AGE	URL / NOTES
Nashville, TN Tournament	Sept. 2-4	Lipscomb Tennis Outdoor Courts	Joe Gilmore 615.330.1388	All	65-over can play age or skill otherwise skill based tournament
Special Pops / Southern Motors Tournament	Sept. 16-18	The Landings on Skidaway, Savannah	<u>See page 5</u>		
Fall Mountain Tournament	Sept. 16-18	Hiawassee		All	USAPA sanctioned tournament
North Georgia Pickleball Club Invitational Round Robin	Sept. 23-25	Canton			

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Calendar Events: If you have an event that you would like added to our GPB Calendar, submit it as a **separate email** with the (1) name of the event; (2) date(s); (3) location; (4) contacts (including email addresses); (5) participants' age groups, and, (6) website if one is available.

Email all to: Bill Hess • B3779@hotmail.com

