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NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

This is a quarterly newsletter to help keep members up to date on news and events related to the Tustin Pickleball Association.

Enjoy!



Labor Day Tournament

Planning has already started for this year's Labor Day Tournament scheduled for 8/31/19 – 9/2/19. Tustin Pickleball holds two tournaments per year: Martin Luther King in January and Labor Day weekend. These USAPA-sanctioned tournaments help raise money for our non-profit club. Players come from all over the country to play and Tustin is so proud to hold these tournaments. This year's tournament is on-track to be a great one!

New Tournament Medals! – Many players from our last tournament survey suggested new medals. So, we worked with Ashworth Awards to create an awesome custom medal. Did I say awesome? I meant...incredible!!! You'll be wanting to win one of these 3" babies!

Registration – Registration has opened on the Pickleball Tournaments website. Womens Doubles on Saturday 8/31, Mixed Doubles on Sunday 9/1, Mens Doubles on Monday 9/2.

DID YOU KNOW? Tustin Pickleball members that enter the tournament will get a \$10 REBATE at check-in! Go to www.pickleballtournaments.com to see all the information and compete in the fun! Registration closes 8/18.

The Tustin Pickleball Association is in the process of becoming a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

It exists to provide a fun, healthy, recreational activity for community members, while promoting the exercise, development of skills, and the enjoyment of the game of Pickleball.

Labor Day Tournament (cont.)

Volunteers - All tournaments need volunteers from referees to manning the registration desk. This year, volunteers can sign-up using SignUpGenius. Volunteers can pick jobs, days and shifts to volunteer. Even if you can only volunteer for a couple of hours, your help will contribute to a successful tournament.

It's super easy and convenient to sign-up, so what are you waiting for? Here's a summary of volunteers still needed:

- **Preparation Crew**
- **Equipment Set-up Crew**
- **Registration**
- **First Aid**
- **Hospitality**
- **Referees – pays \$6.00 for 2 out of 3 matches and \$3.00 for 1-to-15 matches**
- **Match Results Posting**
- **Runners**
- **Scoreboard Attendee – pays \$2.00 per match**
- **Tear Down Crew**
- **Vendor Booth Attendant**

We're expecting close to 300 players and can use the help! This is a perfect opportunity to give back to your club you enjoy so much.

Click below to see all the volunteer opportunities and to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aadaa28a2fc1-20192>

Player Giveaway – This year, each player will receive a really COOL custom-made swag item. Can't say what it is right now, but it's really COOL. (hint, hint)

Food Vendors – Plans are in the works to have a delicious, refreshing juice vendor at our next tournament. They offer fantastic smoothies and healthy food options to purchase in-between matches, while volunteering or cheering on your family and friends!

Well, that's all for now regarding our Labor Day Tournament planning! Thanks to the Board Members who are volunteering their butts off to make this a great one!



Oh, and if you've got a voice, we'd love to have someone sing the national anthem on opening day!



Mark Renneson's Visit to Tustin



If you search the Internet for “Pickleball Instructional Videos” you’re sure to come across Mark Renneson from Third Shot Sports. His YouTube channel “Third Shot Sports” has over 6,000 followers, and it’s no wonder considering his great Pickleball tips! You may have also seen him broadcasting at the 2019 Minto US Open Championships in April & May.

Tustin was fortunate to have Mark visit us all the way from Canada to provide clinics and private lessons for two days back in March.

If you haven’t seen his instructional videos, they are highly recommended to help take your game to the next level!

Parking Information – don’t get a ticket!

- 1) No parking is allowed in the School District parking lot on Monday-Friday.
- 2) On Saturday, Sunday or school district holidays, players are permitted to park in the School District parking lot in **MARKED SPOTS ONLY**. Do **NOT** park in red zones, in front of drive-thru gates, the warehouse door or the warehouse roll-up door. Emergencies may require school maintenance staff to work on the weekends and these areas cannot be blocked.
- 3) The city now sweeps Service Road and School Lane on Tuesday mornings. They are typically done by 7:30 a.m. Players are permitted to park on those streets after the sweeper has gone down those streets.
- 4) Players can park any day in the small east parking lot along Courts 1-3. Please park in marked spots only. Note: There is an area marked with several diagonal lines that is not a parking spot. Cars will be ticketed if parked there.

Scott & Daniel Moore Clinics

If you missed Mark Renneson's clinics back in March, we are fortunate enough to have **six-time Major Triple Crown Winner** and **20-time National Champion**, IPTPA-certified Scott Moore and his son Daniel visit us in October for more clinics and lessons!

Scott is rated as the number one Senior Male player in the world. See him in action by going to the Pickleball Channel on YouTube. Look for the Pro Senior Men's Gold Match in Singles from the 2019 US Open! And also watch him and local pro Kris Anderson take Gold in the Pro Senior Mixed match! Wow!

Who wouldn't want to get some Pickleball lessons from this guy?! Registration is scheduled to open in August.



Suggestion Box

Got a suggestion for making your Tustin Pickleball even better? Here are three ways to share your awesome ideas:

- Send an email to info@tustinpickleball.org
- Share your idea with any Board Member at the courts
- Drop your idea in the new suggestion box on the table by Court #8

Be part of the solution!



Looking for a Member-at-Large



Are you an outgoing 3.0-3.5 player that would like to volunteer and support Tustin Pickleball?

The Board has an immediate opening for a Member-at-Large role. Duties include:

- communicating with other 3.0-3.5 players on what's happening at Tustin Pickleball
- greeting new 3.0-3.5 players
- attending the monthly Board Meetings (held typically on a Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.)
- providing input and suggestions to improve our Tustin Pickleball club

If you're interested, please speak with any Board Member at the courts (wearing name tags and smiling) or send an email to info@tustinpickleball.org!

Franklin X40 Balls for Sale!

Is your killer overhead smash cracking balls left and right?

In the next couple of weeks, the club will begin selling outdoor Franklin Pickleballs for \$2 each. This is a great deal since they typically sell for \$9.99 for three online. What a bargain PLUS a portion of the proceeds go back to the club. Sweet.



“To err is human. To blame another is doubles.”
– *author unknown*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Robin Sutherland

Robin was actually trying to get into tennis, not Pickleball, at her 55+ community, but they never had enough people to have the tennis ladder league which she desired. Then someone said, “try Pickleball”. That’s all it took to convert her, and look at her now!

She started playing at Trilogy in Corona and eventually ended up at Tustin while searching for more players. She admits being nervous her first few times on the 3.5 courts, but Tustin’s “welcome” soon made her feel at home. Through practice, watching better players and receiving tips from Coach Phil and Coach Allan, she excelled at the sport and now plays at the advanced 4.5 level.

Although she played tennis in high school, her sports background is primarily volleyball. She played professionally for the International Volleyball Association from 1975-1979. As a player on a co-ed team, she learned about strategies and leveraging each team member’s strengths. She then played beach volleyball. This sport was more similar to Pickleball doubles with only two people on a team.

Years later, she could be found on the slopes competing in snow-boarding.

Like other athletes after years of sports, her



knees eventually required surgery, which meant healing and finding new sports. With Pickleball, Robin feels her knees have actually strengthened!

Robin was a Special Ed teacher for 30 years in Corona and Norco and is now retired. She had a very athletic family with two kids that went through college on scholarships and also played professional volleyball.

She now plays Pickleball up to 6 days a week and loves the sport because it fills the needs of so many people at so many levels.

When she’s not playing Pickleball, she is reading the paper, surfing the net, hanging with her daughter or volunteering at our tournaments!

Her advice for Pickleball players is to be your own coach. Be willing to learn and grow. And don’t forget, you aren’t winning cars playing Pickleball, so have fun and make new friends!

TUSTIN PICKLEBALL MERCH!



You may have seen your Board Members trying out these new shirts from Pickleball Planet designed exclusively for Tustin Pickleball! These Dri-fit shirts are ready to be ordered! Available in long sleeves, short sleeves, tanks, hoodies and ¼ zipper in multiple colors. The cut is generous and the fabric is super nice!

Use promo code **TPB10** to get 10% off! PLUS Pickleball Planet will donate 5% of the proceeds back to our club! Show your support and order your Tustin Pickleball shirts now by clicking below!

www.pickleballplanet.com/collections/tustin-pickleball-club-shirts

More Retail Member Discounts

HeadSweats - 25% off!

Go to www.headsweats.com to shop for great visors and hats to keep you cool and dry. Use code **KEEPACOOHEAD** at checkout to receive the discount.

Pickleball Central – 5% off plus 5% goes back to Tustin Pickleball!

Go to www.pickleballcentral.com to shop for equipment. Use **CRTUSTIN** at checkout to receive the discount. PLUS Pickleball Central will donate 5% of the proceeds to our club!



A HUGE THANK-YOU to those members who take a moment to help set up or put away equipment. This includes putting up and taking down the skill-level signs and ball holders on each court, the rules signage, loaner paddles, table and donation/suggestion boxes. It takes just a few minutes to help out yet gives us all hours of Pickleball enjoyment!

Show your appreciation by helping your club!



FREE BEGINNER LESSON W/ COACH ALLAN

As a non-profit club, we strive to educate others on the sport of Pickleball and its health benefits. That's why Tustin Pickleball offers a free beginner lesson to newcomers. We are so lucky to have Coach Allan give these lessons on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Tell a friend who has always wanted to try Pickleball to come down for a lesson! Just email us at info@tustinpickleball.com to schedule a lesson!

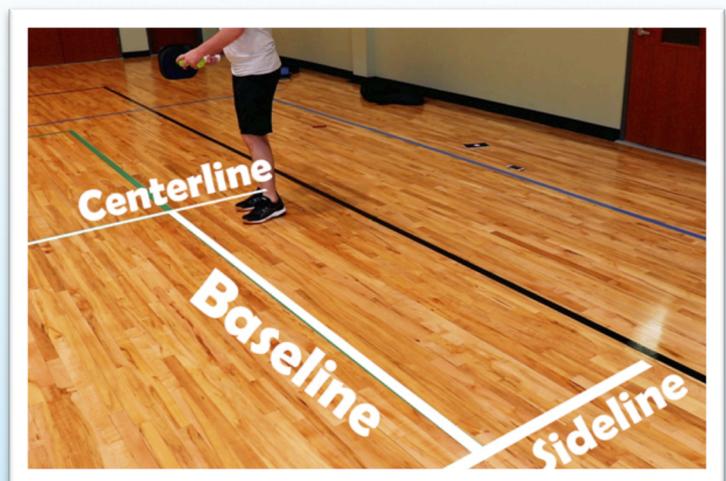
How well do you know USAPA Pickleball rules? Where to stand when serving the ball

When you serve, there are three court lines that you have to be aware of.

These are the baseline and the imaginary extensions of the centerline and the sideline.

The baseline is the line running parallel with the net and the furthest from the net. At the beginning of the serve, you have to stay behind the baseline and between the imaginary extensions of the centerline and sideline.

At the time the ball is struck, at least one foot must be on the playing surface behind the baseline.



(Photo credit Pickleball Kitchen)

Save the Dates!**Summer Sizzle
Round Robin**

Sun, 7/28

\$5.00 discount per event for
Tustin Members!

Go to
www.pickleballtournaments.com
for details on registration and to
see more RR dates!

**5th Annual Labor Day
Tournament**

Sat 8/31 – Mon 9/2

The annual Labor Day
USAPA tournament is
our next club
tournament!

Tough competition and
loads of fun! Register
at
www.pickleballtourna

Scott Moore Clinic

Sun 10/27 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mon 10/28 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Six-time Major Triple
Crown Winner and 20-
time National Champion,
IPTPA-certified Scott
Moore comes to Tustin to
train players!
Registration opening in
August!

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