



## Welcome!

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

Hope you enjoy our Newsletter.

The Tustin Pickleball Association is 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.

# NEWSLETTER



## 2023 Summer Highlights

The 2023 Board of Directors is dedicated in keeping Tustin as a premier pickleball venue and to continue to grow our renown Tustin Pickleball program.

Below are the major highlights of our summer season, covered in this edition of our newsletter.

- On July 9th, the club held its third “Tustin Pickleball Ladder” event, which consisted of 80 players each across 3 skill level groups working their way to the top of their ladder by winning matches with different partners.
- On Saturday August 12th, pickling and pizza were served up at our first annual “Members Appreciation Lunch” event held at our courts.
- Our first club sponsored (free!) members-only round robin event of the year was held last week to provide friendly competition and celebrate the end of the summer season.

More fun events and activities are planned for this fall/winter:

- September Tustin Pickleball Ladder
- Our next members-only round robin event

## Tustin Pickleball Summer Ladder Event

Our summer Tustin Pickleball ladder event was held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Men and women participants played together in a series of matches where they had an opportunity to move up or down courts as they won or lost games. The event turned out to be a great day of fun and competition for all. Congratulations to all the medalists!

Our next ladder event will be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. See page 8 for registration information.





## July 9<sup>th</sup> Ladder Medalists



### Novice Division

Gold - Pam Gertz & Brian Maurel

Silver - Tonya Carrasco & Phylis Jacobs

Bronze - Kim Maurel & Tyler Vu



### Intermediate Division

Gold - DeDe Rains & Jeff Davis

Silver - Paris Scott & Eric Lin

Bronze - Howard Hay & Mike Marmont



### Advanced Division

Gold - Daryl Holzberg & Richard Llonas

Silver - Julie Ree & Justin Thai

Bronze - Debbie Thai & Bob Ree

## Pickle and Pizza! Members Appreciation Lunch

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, we held an event to acknowledge and appreciate all those who support the club and put up with the madness of limited parking, crowded Saturdays, players on the wrong courts, locked restrooms, cracks on 2 and 5, occasional drop-ins who don't know the rules, and more... just to be among friends and play a crazy game called pickleball!

Thanks to you and all the volunteer help, it was a great, fun-filled day for all!





## Members-Only Round Robins

Just last week, we held our first club sponsored, members-only round robin event for 2023. Men, women, and mixed players across different levels braved a summer heat wave and a drizzly Saturday to engage in friendly fire for bragging rights and a shot at a vintage Tustin Pickleball water bottle (or two Franklin X-40 pickleballs!). Based on the success of this first event, we plan to organize more round robins throughout the coming year. Congratulations to all the winners!

### Men's Round Robin Monday, August 28th

**Winners** - Charlie Hoang (4.0), Jason Quinn (4.0), Gus Asaad (3.5+), Skip Burson (3.5)





## Women's Round Robin Tuesday, August 29th

**Winners** - Lisa Sigaty (4.5+), Norma Benade (3.5+), Tanya Gamez (3.5), Nina Burson (3.5), Sharlene Choy (3.0)





## Mixed Round Robin Saturday, September 2nd

**Winners** - Charlie Hoang (4.5), Averty Chu (4.0), Tom Van (4.0), Rick Gianggeruso (3.5+), Pam Gertz (3.5+), George Oropeza (3.5), Patty Spallone (3.5), Sharlene Choy (3.0), Quinn Nguyen (2.5)



## Registration is Now Open!

### Tustin Pickleball Ladder Event Sunday, September 24, 2023

Registration is now open for our fall season Tustin Pickleball Ladder event, which will be held at our courts on Sunday September 24th. Men and women participants will play together in fun, competitive matches where they have an opportunity to move up or down courts as they win or lose games. For this event, there will be four divisions:

- Advanced (4.0+) 7:30-10:30am
- Novice (2.5-3.0) 7:30-10:30am
- Intermediate (3.0-3.5) 11am-2pm
- Adv Intermediate (3.5+) 11am-2pm



- ❖ Starting position (court number and side) will be drawn by each player at check-in.
- ❖ Each match is played to 11 points win by 2, or until 12 minutes (whichever comes first).
- ❖ At the end of each match, the winning team will move up a court and the losing team will move down a court.
- ❖ The goal is to win games and advance to a higher court, with court 1\* being the highest position on the ladder (\*our courts will be temporarily renumbered for this event).
- ❖ When you move up or down a court, you split with your partner and pair with a new partner from the other team who has also moved to your court.
- ❖ All participants will play in 8 games total, with up to 2-1/2 hours of overall play.
- ❖ Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each division.

For a complete set of rules, go to our website at <https://www.tustinpickleball.org/upcoming-events>

Cost is \$20 per person. Participants must be Tustin Pickleball members. Space is limited to 20 players per division. To sign up, use the QR code below to go to our registration and payment site. We will also have links to the registration site on our website.





## Tustin Pickleball Gear - Now Available!

Tustin Pickleball gear is now available for purchase at the check-in desk at the courts.

We have an assortment of t-shirts, hats, and embroidered patches for sale. Please inquire at the check in desk for available sizes and colors.

### A4 Cooling Performance Crew, N3142 / NW3201 (\$20)



### Bella + Canvas Unisex Heather CVC V-Neck Tee, 3005CVC (\$20)



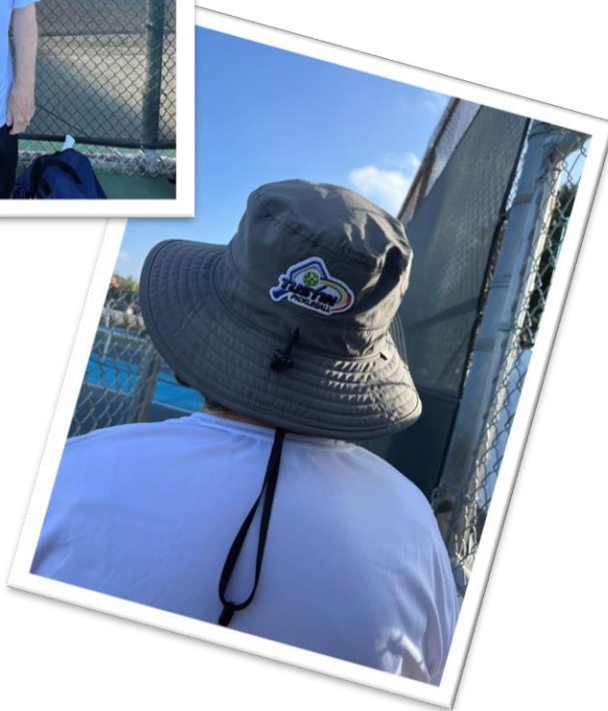
### Port Authority Dry Zone Cap, C838 (\$15)



### OTTO UPF 50+ Cool Comfort Performance Stretchable Knit Cap, 19-1256 (\$15)

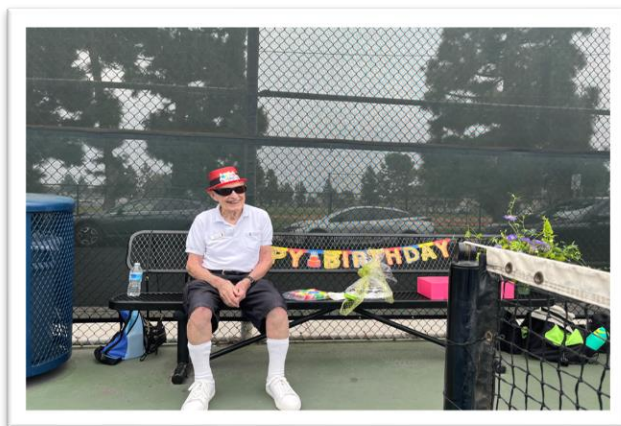


## Tustin Members looking good in our gear!



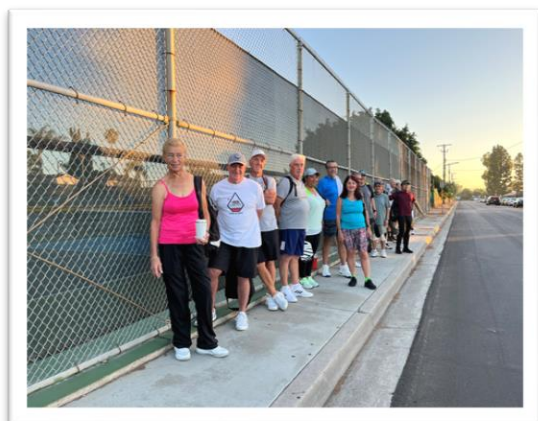
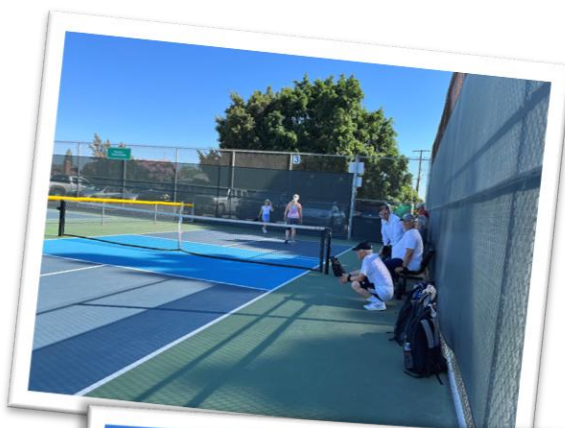


## Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jack Kline!





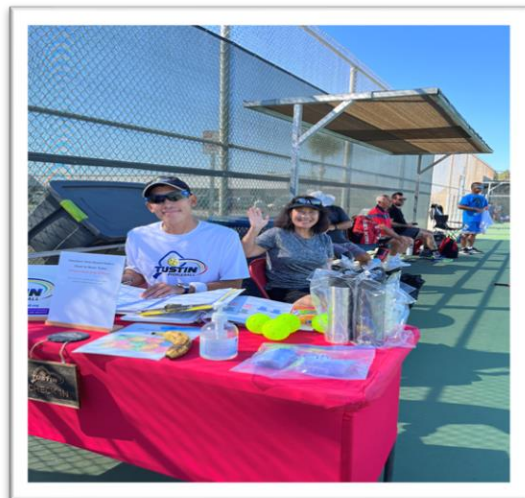
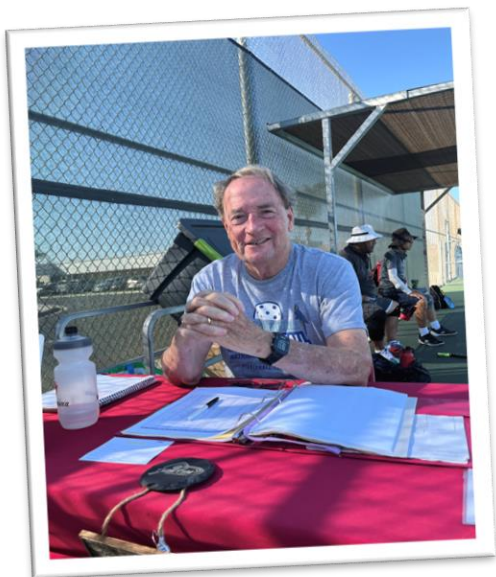
## Never a Dull Moment on the Courts!!





## Members in Action







## Facilities Update

- Webster the Webcam continues to be a valued asset for our members. During the long rainy season this year, there were many days when Webster exceeded 500 views!
- TUSD maintenance will continue to clean the courts approximately once a month. (Yes, we have provided feedback that their cleaning process must be improved!)
- We replaced the worn-out nets on courts 3, 8 and 10, and replaced the sun shade fabric on court 10.
- The club's storage shed will be moved from court 7 to court 4 as part of TUSD's new parking lot construction project. This is an ongoing project, delayed due to changing priorities for TUSD maintenance. The project is scheduled for completion by end of the year.
- Over the past several weeks, we have been working with the TUSD maintenance department on a proposed project to add two additional courts to the south side of the facility where courts 7, 8, 9 and 10 currently exist.
  - The project includes removing existing structures and fencing, building new fencing and gates between the new courts, removing and adding net posts, court resurfacing and painting of lines, squaring off the two fence corners on the south end, and fixing the expansion joint (crack) that runs through courts 2 and 5.
  - We received multiple bids for the project and are currently going through the process of obtaining approval to proceed from the District.
  - We are also seeking approval on our proposal for cost sharing which will be reviewed by the TUSD Board of Education next week.
  - If all goes as planned, we should be able to make a decision on the project by the end of September.



## Member Spotlight

### Gene Forsythe

Heeere's Gene! Gene Lynn Forsythe comes to us via Costa Mesa, where she lives with her husband Jim and her second love, a blind, 3-legged and diabetic dog name Charlie. They have 3 grown children, Cody a Navy pilot living in Monterey, CA getting his Masters. Jesse works for the UN and is currently in Libya. Her daughter Shannon is married to a Navy pilot and they are stationed in Italy. They have two boys, William and Thomas. According to Gene, the family spends every weekend exploring Europe. Wow what a great opportunity for her grandchildren!

Unlike her husband who's been retired for 30 years, Gene is still a working professional. As a Leadership Assistant at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, she's an administrator for the Extended Learning Program. An afterschool enrichment opportunity for kids which she describes as like running a summer camp. It's super fun because they have 2 pickleball courts and the kids are loving the game!! I wouldn't be surprised if she was out there helping them dink, smash or 3<sup>rd</sup> shot drop.

She picked up pickleball when the pandemic forced everyone to do something 6 feet apart. When her soccer league promptly ended, one of her teammates introduced her to pickleball. Her first game was in a tournament. When she saw the game, she thought, "Wow this is easy. Just whack it as hard as I can." Needless to say, she had a lot to learn. She did take lessons and learned the most by just playing with Tustin members. She says often, "You either win or you learn something." So, she's been winning and learning ever since.

What she enjoys about Tustin Pickleball is the people. She has met some of the most interesting and fun folks ever! The comradery is classic. Everyone is there for the love of the game and a bit of competition.

Tustin Pickleball is half way between her house and work. You'll see her with the early morning group getting in a few games before heading to work. When she's not playing pickleball or working, she enjoys word games, logic puzzles and trying to be a gardener.



"Where you go in life is up to you" A favorite quote and a mantra that she lives by that enabled her to get a doctorate, why she lives in California and why she drives up to Tustin almost every day.





## Tustin Unified School District (TUSD)

Our Tustin pickleball courts are owned by the Tustin Unified School District (TUSD). We have been privileged that the school district allowed us to continue to play pickleball on their school grounds for the past 13 years. We need to re-iterate some of the rules bestowed upon us as we have so many new members and some may be hearing this for the first time.

The court gates are unlocked by the school district's security team every morning and locked at night. The courts are available to the public daily and most holidays except when otherwise noted, such as special school events, or tournaments/round robins.

Our club obtains a use permit to reserve the courts for open play and special events. The permit also grants us access to the School District's restroom/water refill station.



### To maintain our reputable relationship with the Tustin School District, please adhere to the following:

1. *Abide by the School District court rules. These rules are posted on the fences outside the courts.*
2. ***Do NOT park in the School District parking lot on the weekdays, Monday - Friday! Parking is only allowed on the street or the small lot on the east side of the courts. Cars will be towed. Membership may be revoked if parking ordinance is violated.***
3. *While in the School District building, remember we are guests. Keep the noise level down and the bathrooms clean.*
4. *No dogs allowed on school property unless approved by the School District.*
5. *No Smoking on the courts!*
6. ***Please contact a Board member, NOT the School District if you have any concerns about the courts.***

## Tuesday Street Sweeping

Street sweeping no-parking hours on Service Road and School Lane is every Tuesday from 7:00am to 11:00am. The city was contacted regarding the impact to our drop-in play held every Tuesday during this time. Here is the city's response:

Street sweeping will begin on Service Road around 7:00am with a Tustin PD officer following to ticket any vehicles parked in the sweeper's path. Once the street has been swept, typically by 7:30am, players may park on the street. The city has assured us that the Tustin PD officer will not make a second pass on the street to write tickets once the street has been swept. Please note Carfax St by court 1 is also scheduled for street sweeping on Tuesdays. Street sweeping on Carfax St is later in the morning. We suggest that you do not park on Carfax St during their no-parking hours.

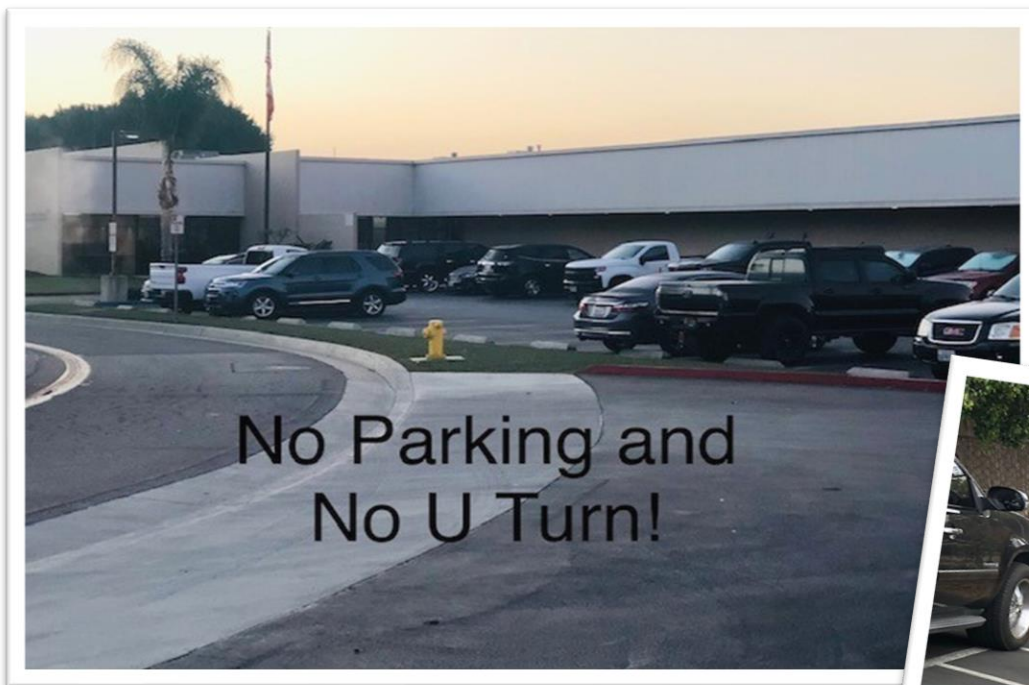
## TUSD Maintenance Parking Lot and Restroom

There is NO PARKING ALLOWED in the TUSD Maintenance and Operations parking lot adjacent to the pickleball courts on Mondays thru Fridays, from 6:00am to 3:30pm. The Tustin school district will have your car towed.

TUSD maintenance requests that there is no drop off, U-turns, or drive throughs in the parking lot. Also, members should not drop off passengers along the right-side curve (marked as a red zone) going from Service Road to School Lane. This is a very dangerous blind spot for westbound vehicles. Also, there is no parking in the striped area in the parking lot behind the courts. Cars have been ticketed and may be towed.

The restrooms are available to Tustin Pickleball members from 7:00am to 10:00am only, on organized play days, Mondays – Saturdays. Members should not ask TUSD employees to open the restroom door outside of these hours.

We are fortunate to have a great partnership with the Tustin Unified School District. They have made several accommodations to work with Tustin Pickleball and not following their rules and guidelines can and will jeopardize our program's existence.





## 2024 Membership Renewal



Thank you for your support. Your membership fee helps pay for Tustin Pickleball's expenses such as permits, court usage fees, equipment, restroom access and insurance.

Membership is for the calendar year, January – December.

The benefits of membership include club discounts on pickleball merchandise at select websites, voting privileges, qualifying to be a Board Member, participation in club sponsored round robins and weekend ladder events.

Starting in January 2024, we will be raising our annual club membership fee to \$120 so that we can increase our club hours from 7-10am to 7-11am and provide funding for additional facility improvements and more special events. We will also increase our drop-in fee for non-members from \$5 to \$10 per day to help alleviate overcrowding and provide higher priority for our members.

To ease the transition and provide incentive for early renewals, we will be offering 2024 memberships for \$100 between October 1 and December 31, 2023.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to another great year in 2024.

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## Retail Member Discounts

**Pickleball Central** – 5% off plus 5% goes back to Tustin Pickleball! Go to [www.pickleballcentral.com](http://www.pickleballcentral.com) to shop for equipment. Use CRTUSTIN at checkout to receive the discount. Pickleball Central will donate 5% of the proceeds to our club!



## 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](mailto:info@tustinpickleball.org)
- Share your idea with any Board Member at the courts
- Drop your idea in the suggestion box on the table by Court #8

## Lost and Found

Items not claimed will be donated to Goodwill or The Salvation Army on a quarterly basis. Last chance to claim your items will be March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.

### Website

[www.tustinpickleball.org](http://www.tustinpickleball.org)

### Email

[info@tustinpickleball.org](mailto:info@tustinpickleball.org)

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/groups/tustinpickleball](https://www.facebook.com/groups/tustinpickleball)

**Be safe, be courteous, and have fun!**

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