

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2019



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!



The 2020 Board of Directors!

Tustin Pickleball strives to educate others on the health benefits of our beloved sport. As a non-profit, our organization and donors will have tax-exempt benefits. In order to be a non-profit organization, a Board of Directors is required. This year 2019 was the first year of having a Board and boy, did things get done! In November, a new Board was voted into office effective Jan 1, 2020 to continue making great things happen for our club! These are volunteer positions and truly a labor of love, so please remember to give a shout-out to your Board members whenever you can.

President – Phil Dunmeyer

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Director of Communications – May Hernandez

Director of Events, Competition and Instruction – Craig Haas

Director of Facilities and Equipment – Peggy Marcantel

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.

Courts Get A Facelift!



After settling expenses from the Labor Day tournament, the monies to repair and resurface the courts and still maintain our operating budget became available! Donations from vendors and members also helped make it happen and we are truly grateful for that. If you recall, the Tustin Unified School District did not have the funds and therefore gave us the approval to gather bids and repair and resurface the courts.

On a beautiful Saturday, 11/30/19, the new courts opened! Lots of players came to enjoy the Grand Opening and celebrate. The colors are fantastic and the surface nice and textured again. You can't help but notice how nice they look as you drive up.

Thanks to everyone who supported this project including the inaugural Board of Directors who worked with the School District to gain approval, shopped for contractors, hired a contractor and oversaw the work to completion!

But wait....there's more! New nets!

If you ever played on Courts 7 or 9 (by the shed), you were probably aware of the old light-weight portable nets that needed to retire! After awhile, these nets begin to sag and rust. But first, why do we need portable nets on Courts 7 & 9? At least one tennis court must be available per our agreement with the Tustin Unified School District. That tennis court spans Courts 7 & 9 with two Pickleball courts set up on each side of the tennis net.

As part of the resurfacing project, two brand new sturdy nets were installed on these courts. These nets are the same nets used at Nationals and although portable, they provide a similar experience to solid, in-ground installed nets.

These nets are the “brain-child” of Pickleball Pro Cammy MacGregor and her husband Darrin. Cammy played professional tennis and was once ranked 38th in the world in doubles. She's just as talented in the sport of Pickleball winning Gold in both Womens Senior Doubles and Singles at the 2019 Tournament of Champions and taking Gold in three events at the 2019 US Open Championships.

In addition to teaching Pickleball at Omni La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, Cammy and her husband run their net manufacturing business. They even delivered the nets themselves to Tustin, which was a treat especially when Cammy took a break and played with us on the courts!



Left to right: 2019 Board Members (Debi, Cheryl, Ron, Sandy, Molly, Kristin), Darrin MacGregor, Cammy MacGregor, George Avery (OC District USAPA Ambassador)

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



2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank
you!
FOR
YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are only \$25/year and help with expenses including equipment, bathroom facilities and insurance.

Membership is for the calendar year, Jan – Dec. New memberships or renewals paid after Oct 1st are good through the next year. The 2020 membership renewals are due by 12/31.

The benefits of membership include club discounts on Pickleball merchandise at select websites, discounts for Round Robins and tournaments, early registration for select clinics, voting privileges, qualifying to be a Board Member and the quarterly newsletter to name a few!

Please remember to renew your membership for 2020, please go to <https://www.tustinpickleball.org/join-renew>

We all enjoy playing, so let’s keep a good thing going!

TUSTIN WINTER CLASSIC 2020



Pros Jessie Irvine and Marcin Rozpedski playing in the 2019 Tustin Winter Classic

If you haven’t heard (and I’m not sure how that could happen), our club will be having its annual Tustin Winter Classic on January 18-20, 2020.

This tournament will help bring money to the club for future improvements and operating expenses.

Back by popular demand, Gigi Guerra and Mike Hoxie have been hired to serve as our Tournament Directors. With 233 players registered already, they have been working hard to keep registration going smoothly.

The hard-working 2019 Board Members and volunteers ensured our last tournament on Labor Day weekend was a success! Let’s make this next one a success, too!

Please support the 2020 Board Members for their first tournament by volunteering too! To sign-up, go to:

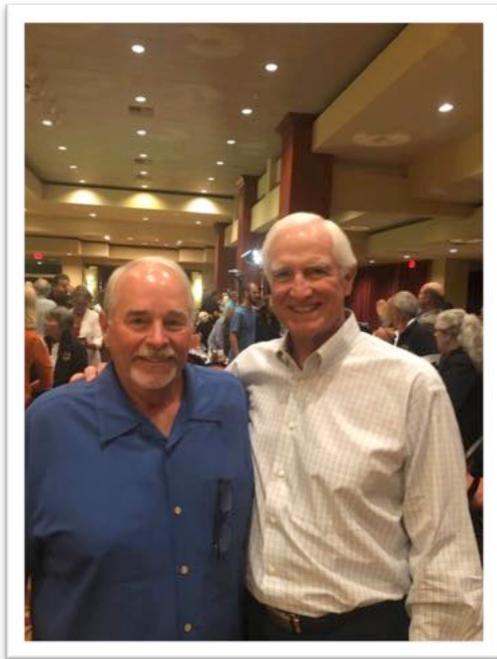
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084adaa28a2fc1-2020>

Tustin Gets a New USAPA Ambassador!

Ambassadors are volunteers who have pledged to promote the sport of Pickleball and the USAPA in the local area they have applied to represent. They may be individuals or couples, or a group of ambassadors working together as a team. The main prerequisite is a love of the sport and the desire to share our game with others of all ages.

So, who better to represent the city of Tustin than our very own Ron Gibbs? Ron, a 2019 Tustin Board Member, was recently named an official USAPA Ambassador! He is an avid supporter of the sport with HUNDREDS of hours of VOLUNTEER TIME!

Pickleball is growing in Tustin with eight new courts planned at Veterans Sports Park next year. Along with this growth and continued support of our Tustin Pickleball club, Ron will be staying very busy. Congratulations, Ron!



Ron & Jack Thomas, USAPA President and CEO

Ambassador Code of Conduct:

1. *I will not use USAPA records or materials for personal gain.*
2. *I will observe the Golden Rule of doing unto others as I would have them do unto me.*
3. *I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct or encourage others to do so.*
4. *I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or well being of others.*
5. *I will not engage in the use of profanity.*
6. *I will treat others with respect.*
7. *I will exhibit fairness and honesty in my dealings with others.*
8. *I will not flaunt my position.*



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!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Peggy Marcantel

This Member Spotlight is shining on our new 2020 Director of Facilities and Equipment, Peggy Marcantel!

Peggy was born in Lafayette, Louisiana and is of Cajun descent. Her family moved to CA in April of 1961. She grew up in Orange, graduating high school from Orange High. Peggy has a BA degree from CSUF in Comparative Literature. She originally thought she was going to be a teacher, then a Librarian but ended up working for a manufacturing corporation. Her last 20 years, and most rewarding of her career, was in Human Resources, predominantly in hospitals. She loved all aspects of the job but doesn't miss it because retirement is actually the work she was born to do.



Peggy discovered Pickleball in Nov, 2017. She had been retired for a year and was looking for something active to get involved with. She had not picked up a racquet of any kind for at least 15 years. She took Pickleball lessons from Rick Miller at Tustin and was surprised to see so many advocates for and fanatics of the game.

She jokes that Pickleball is her new job since she plays 5 days a week. She usually plays about 2 to 3 hours each day. Her favorite places to play are Grijalva in Orange, Anaheim Tennis Center and, of course, Tustin.

She says “It is amazing to me how many interesting, nice, funny, kind and talented people who play this sport. I am constantly meeting new people because of this sport. I count many of them as friends and love spending time with them.”

Peggy loves foreign movies and French, Italian and Bollywood music. Her favorite singer is Dalida. She loves dining out with friends, cooking, gardening and travel.

She is honored to be on the 2020 Board of Tustin Pickleball and hopes any contribution she makes benefits the people who play at Tustin.



Fun with Scott Moore!

It's always great to get advice from a Pro player! This is exactly why we invited **six-time Major Triple Crown Winner** and **20-time National Champion**, IPTPA-certified Scott Moore to visit us last October for two days of clinics. Lucky for us, he was in town for Nationals to teach his sold-out clinics! Just another opportunity for players striving to become better at the sport of Pickleball!



*Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season!
It was a pleasure serving as your 2019 Inaugural
Board!*

Acting President: Sandy Garza

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Dir. of Membership: Debi Woelke

Dir. of Competition, Instruction & Events: Ron Gibbs

Dir. of Communications: Cheryl Pellerin

Member-at-Large: Tracy Worley Hagan

Save the Date!

Tustin Winter Classic Tournament

Sat 1/18/20– Mon 1/20/20

Come join the competition and
fun for levels 3.0 – 5.0!



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