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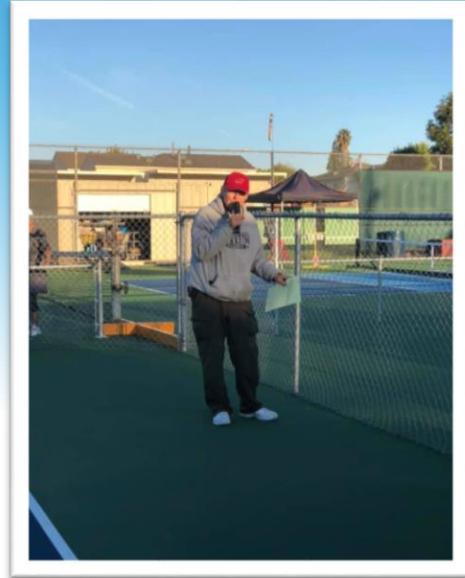


NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

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

Enjoy!



What's New in 2020?

Tustin Pickleball has implemented several new changes, effective January 2020. *Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, all organized days and Tuesday's Drills and Skills Clinic have been suspended until further notice.*

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.

- Organized Days - The Tustin Pickleball program has been expanded from Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays to include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 AM to Noon. The same rules and guidelines for organized days are now in effect Monday through Saturday.
- Drills and Skills Clinics – Free Drills and Skills clinics are offered on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 AM. All levels welcome.
- Court Set Up – To simplify court set up on organized days, the court Skill Rating signs are now permanently posted on the fence. Loaner balls are on the table on court 8.
- Skill Level Evaluation – Need to know your skill level? Ask Coach Phil.

Free Drills and Skills Clinic



Free Drills and Skills clinics are offered every Tuesday (*currently suspended*). All levels are welcome. Drills are provided on courts 1-6. Each court offers a different drill or combination of drills designed to assist players in learning the fundamentals of pickleball.

- Serves – Practice your serves as much as your other shots.
- Dink – You can NEVER over practice the dink! Dink with a purpose.
- Drop Shot – The APEX of your drop shot from the baseline is 5 feet over your own NVZ-line.
- Volleys – Volleying limits your opponents' reaction time.
- Lob – The perfect defensive LOB is very high and lands very deep.
- Overhead – There are more unforced errors hit from Overheads than any other shot in pickleball.
- Split Step – The cure/answer to hitting the ball while you're moving.

The results of not enough drill and practice is too much reinforcement of bad habits.

Tustin Winter Classic

1/18/20 – 1/20/20

The Tustin Winter Classic was a great success! About 250 players participated in our annual tournament. Players came as far as Michigan, Georgia and even San Felipe, Baja to join the fun and competition. Players ranged from 11 years old to the 70s!

Thirty-eight (38) Tustin members participated in the Winter Classic. Fourteen (14) members medaled and 3 members medaled twice.

Congratulations to all!



Tournament Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who donated their time to make our 2020 Tustin tournament a success. Our tournament could not have happened without all of you!



It's not a Tustin tournament unless you find referee Pete Burns on court 10

Meet Adolph Beltran, one of our regular scorekeepers



Pickleball is Great (PIG) directors Gigi Guerra and Mike Hoxie are minding the front desk along with Tustin BOD VP Phil Wascher

Winter Classic Youngest Player

Jerry McDonald (72) and Gianni Floriani (11) teamed up to play in our Winter Classic. Gianni is the youngest player in our tournament.

Jerry and Gianni met on a pickleball court. Gianni wanted to play in a USAPA tournament to get an official ranking. Jerry was more than happy to be his partner although this puts him in the 8-49 age group. What a great partnership!



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2019 Inaugural Board of Directors

Special thanks to the 2019 Inaugural Board of Directors, Sandy Garza (Acting President), Kristin Gallagher (Secretary), Molly Molt (Treasurer), Debi Woelke (Membership), Rob Gibbs (Competition, Instruction & Events), Cheryl Pellerin (Communication) and Tracy Worley Hagan (Member-at-Large) for all your countless hours, developing, collaborating, and executing a plan to establish a non-profit Tustin Pickleball organization. We all see the fun side of pickleball but not all the work that goes into the business side.



The Inaugural BOD gave us these beautiful, resurfaced courts with the funds they raised in 2019



Allan Galera

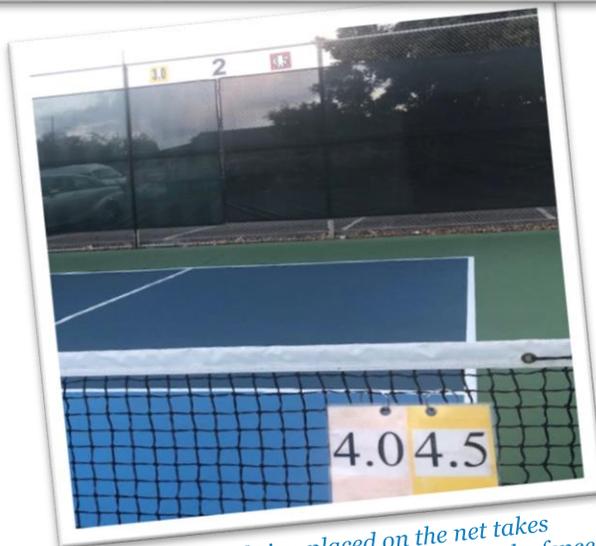
Our Pickleball club was so lucky to have Coach Allan unselfishly volunteer his time giving free lessons to our newcomers and introducing them to this wonderful game of pickleball. Many of these players continue to play at our Tustin courts and have become a part of our Tustin family.

In just one year, the 2019 Inaugural Board of Directors have accomplished so much. This includes but not limited to the following:

- Initiated the process to make Tustin Pickleball a non-profit organization. We are anxiously awaiting approval on our application.
- Created a Tustin Pickleball website where our members can access important club information such as Policy of Play, Association Bylaws, BOD minutes, and more
- Created our Tustin Pickleball email account
- Implemented an annual membership drive to raise funds to help pay for Tustin Pickleball's operational expenses
- Solicited member discounts at various pickleball related businesses
- Created a PayPal account
- Hosted two USAPA tournaments



Skill Rating Signs and Balls



Skill level sign placed on the net takes priority over the skill level posted on the fence

There are changes on the courts! Since organized days are now scheduled from Mondays thru Saturdays, it makes sense to put some permanent changes in place.

- Skill-level signs are now permanently posted on the fence on each court. Courts are designated from 2.0-2.5 to 5.0.
- In the event there is an unoccupied or fewer than 4 players on designated court, that court may be temporarily re-assigned to a higher or lower skill level. For example, court 2 is posted with skill-level 3.0-3.5. Less than four 3.0-3.5 players on court 2 but many players are waiting on a 4.0-4.5 courts. Court 2 may be temporarily reassigned as 4.0-4.5 by placing a 4.0-4.5 sign on the net. If a skill-level sign is placed on the net, it **takes priority** over the skill-level posted on the fence. When four or more players of the court’s original designated skill level is waiting on that court to play, the temporary players must vacate the court once their game is completed.
- Please see a board member to have a court reassigned.

Balls are no longer put in the ball sleeves and placed on the courts. We found that many players bring their own favorite balls. However, loaner balls are available if needed on the table on Court 8.

There you will find loaner paddles, a suggestion box, a rule book and sometimes even donuts!

Want to get an idea where your skill level is? Look at the board posted on the fence in court 8 for rating definition.

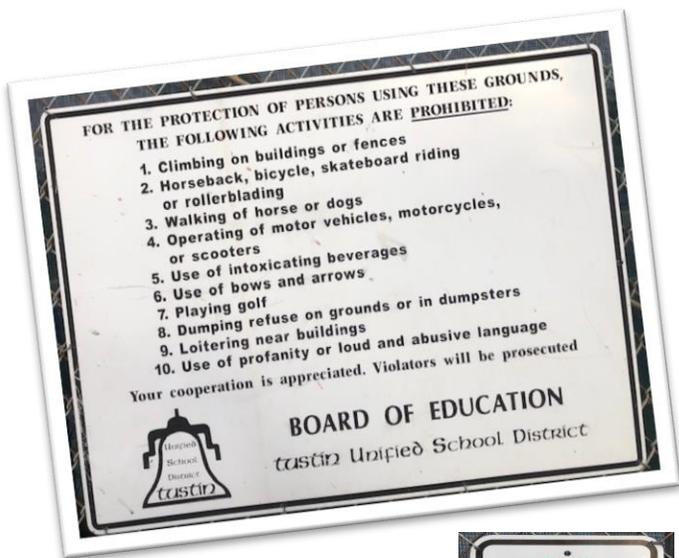


Tustin Unified School District

Our Tustin pickleball courts are owned by the Tustin Unified School District. We have been privileged that the school district allowed us to continue to play pickleball on their school ground for the past 10 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 user permit to reserve the courts for open play and special events. The permit also grants us access to the School District’s bathroom/water refill station.



In order 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.*
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. *Please contact a Board member, NOT the School District if you have any concerns about the courts.*



Looking for a Pickleball Game?

Traveling out of town and looking for a place to play pickleball? Well, there are apps such as Places2Play, Pickleball Finder or Pickleball Locator to help you plan your travels to include pickleball.

- Enter the city or state in the Search Box
- Click the result for schedule/hours and contact information



Safe travels!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Yvonne Tjan

Meet Yvonne Tjan, our 1000th Tustin Pickleball Facebook member. She heard about pickleball about 3 years ago and met Coach Phil for the first time at one of his introductory class. Since then, Yvonne has become a very familiar face on the courts, playing 3-4 times a week. Last year, she played with a severe torn right rotator cuff. She was so passionate about pickleball that she learned to play left-handed. Since her surgery late last year, she is back in full force!

Yvonne has always tried to stay active, going to the gym at least five times a week, taking variety of classes like body pump, hot hula, kick boxing, spinning, step classes, and yoga. Something about pickleball, that just hooked her from day one. Ever since pickleball, she rarely goes to the gym. Yvonne is married to Albert (Tustin Board of Director Treasurer) who also plays pickleball. Pickleball is something that Yvonne and Albert can do together as a couple. It is not only fun, but it is a great workout where they have met so many wonderful people. Their circle of friends has grown since they started playing.

The Tjans owned a dental practice in Irvine for 28 years. They were a dentist/dental hygienist team. Five years ago, they sold their practice. They have a daughter who has lived in Spain for the last nine years. She is a software developer, working for a company based in Houston.



They also have a son in Louisville, KY, a chemical engineer. He recently changed his career path, attending Southern Baptist seminary school to be a pastor. Since their kids are so far away, they adopted three fur babies, an 18 years old Maltese and 2 little Maltipoo puppies. The dogs are keeping them on their toes.

Yvonne loves to cook. Friends and families describe her cooking as “gourmet”. Once a month, for the past 3 ½ years, Yvonne and Albert cook for the veterans at the Orange County Rescue Mission, their extended family. They share their passion for pickleball with the veterans. They played and provided the veterans with paddles and balls. To them, playing pickleball is not just a great exercise and fun, but also a way to forget about all their troubles.

Yvonne also loves to sew. She and her friend Barbara spearhead The Cuddle Quilt Project for Human Options, a sanctuary for battered men and women. Last year they, along with their friends, made 90 quilts. This year, they are on target for completing 120 quilts. For two years, Yvonne sewed dress towels and gave all the proceed to help homelessness. She raised almost \$2,000.00.

Yvonne’s advice for those just learning pickleball, is to keep practicing. Tustin Pickleball is the **BEST** place to play since it accommodates players at all levels; a place where all are welcome, challenged and have a fun time.



2020 Membership Renewal



Thank you for your support. Your membership fee helps pay for Tustin's expenses such as permits, equipment, bathroom facilities and insurance.

Membership is for the calendar year, January – December.

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

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

Retail Member Discounts

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. Pickleball Central will donate 5% of the proceeds to our club!

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.

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 suggestion box on the table by Court #8

Save the Date!

Memorial Day
USAPA Pickleball Tournament

Saturday 5/23/20 – Monday 5/25/20

Join our annual Memorial Day USAPA tournament

Go to Pickleball Tournaments website for details and registration

Website

www.tustinpickleball.org

Email

info@tustinpickleball.org

Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/tustinpickleball

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