



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!



Tustin Pickleball During COVID-19

On March 16, 2020, the Tustin Pickleball courts at Currie Middle courts were shut down due to Covid-19 and remained closed for 3 months. On June 29, the Tustin Unified School District allowed us to re-open with the understanding that we will follow strict Covid-19 guidelines and requirements. Because of these strict requirements, we made the difficult decision to limit play to Tustin Members only.



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.

Due to the spike in Covid-19 cases, the Tustin courts were closed again on August 1st. Fortunately, this time, we were closed for only two weeks. The Tustin courts re-opened on August 15th.

Covid-19 Temporary New Norm

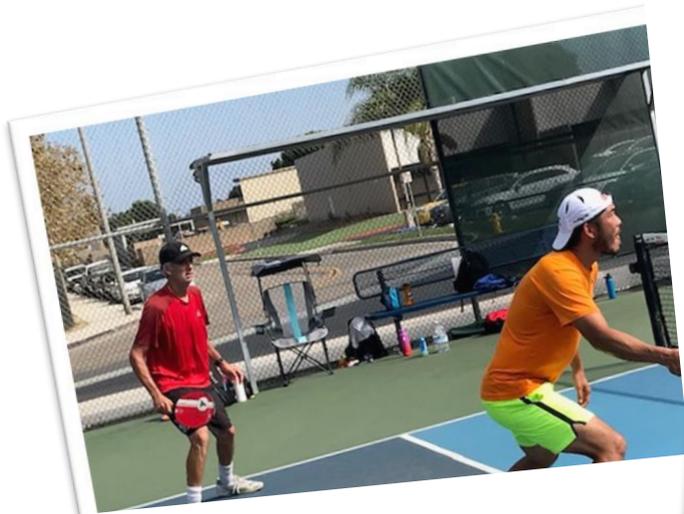


Tustin Pickleball re-opened amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Our organized days/hours of play (Mondays-Saturdays, 6:30 AM to noon) are opened to Tustin Members only under strict Covid-19 guidelines and regulations.

All members must:

- Not come to the courts if not feeling well.
- Check-in daily.
- Wear a mask while waiting to play.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Not sit on the bench. Bring your own chair.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer and sanitize hands/balls between games.

Tustin 1st Round Robin 8-23-2020



August 23rd was Tustin Pickleball's first ever sponsored Round Robin. It was a day of great competition. Players were excited to get back to competition and some sort of normalcy after a long break due to COVID-19.

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Pro Players Come to Tustin

In August, we were honored to get a visit from pro players Simone Jardim and Ben Johns.

Simone Jardim is one of the most recognizable names in the world of pickleball. She is one of the sport's most decorated player having won over 90 overall medals in tournament action, 70 of them being gold.

Ben Johns is one of the best players in the world. He won the Triple Crown at the 2019 Tournament of Champions and in so doing, has been the Men's Singles Champion for the past three straight years. He was also the first male player to win the Triple Crown at one of the three major events.

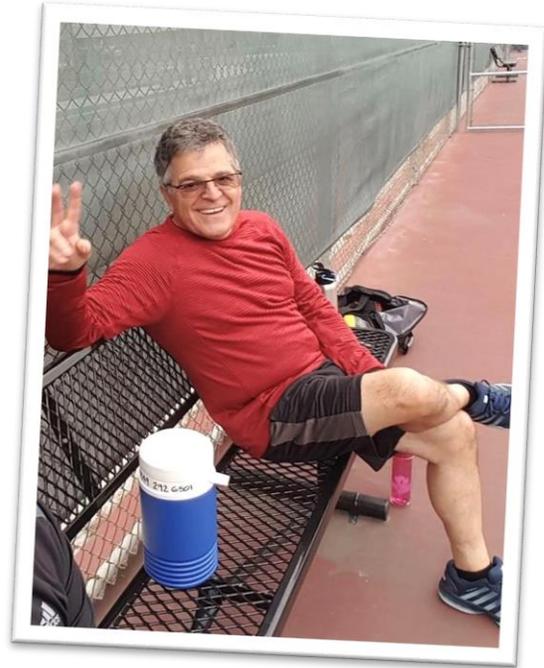


MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Rick Giangeruso

Everyone recognizes Rick Giangeruso on the court. He walks onto the courts with a smile and packs a massage gun. Rick has been a daily fixture on the Tustin courts. Since the Tustin courts reopened on June 29th and then again on August 15th, he has not missed one day of pickleball. He has even participated in Tustin's round robin event on August 23rd and has signed up for the Tustin Labor Day Tournament in September. Rick likes playing in tournaments but not with much success yet. Rick enjoys playing with everyone, from 3.0 to 4.5. Playing with all levels helps him improve his game. He is also working on improving his mental game for tournament play.

Rick moved from Wayne, New Jersey to California in 1977, where he finished college at California State University, Northridge. He married in 1986 and moved to Orange County in 1988. He has two sons; one works in the construction industry and the



other for Netflix. He divorced in 2012. He has more friends after his divorce than he could have imagined.

Rick has been doing massage therapy for the last 14 years. He calls it his mid-life crisis. He does corporate events, in office massage, conventions and golf tournaments. Last year, Rick had almost 200 therapists work events for him around the country. On March 13th, his business came to a halt due to Covid-19. Because of Covid-19 shutting down his business, he can now play every day. On some days, he even gets out for an afternoon play as well.

Rick has been playing pickleball for over three years. He played tennis socially as a kid. His friend, Bruce Huewe introduced him to the game, and he has been hooked ever since.

When Rick is not on the courts, he enjoys hiking. A usual Fitbit week for him is 150,000 steps. He also loves wine, red or white.

Rick, we are so blessed that you have chosen Tustin as your pickleball home court!



2020 – 2021 Membership

Thank you!
FOR YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

We had always taken pride in offering our Tustin Pickleball family free drop-in play at the Tustin courts at Currie Middle School. With the outbreak of the Covid-19, that all changed. To reopen and remain open, we had to make the difficult decision to limit play to Tustin Members only in order to ensure we can conform to the strict Covid-19 Guidelines and Requirements.

The Board of Directors would like to thank each and every one of you for your continuous support. Your membership is good until the end of 2021. We will return to our free drop-in play when social distancing requirements are lifted.

Your membership fee helps with expenses including equipment, bathroom facilities and insurance.

Thank you again for your support!

Retail Member Discounts



Pickleball Central – 5% off!

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 KEEPACOOLEHEAD at checkout to receive the discount.

Save the Date!

Tustin 6th Annual Labor Day Tournament

Sat 9/5/20– Mon 9/7/20

Come join the competition and fun for levels 3.0 – 5.0 & Open Division

Go to Pickleball Tournament website at
www.pickleballtournaments.com for details and registration

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