



# September Update 2017

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Rico Goedjen

We have just concluded our first CAPA fiscal year. I am pleased to inform you that our membership has gone over the 260 mark! Thanks to everyone for your support. It has been a year of learning how the organization should serve its members and how to accomplish the goals we have set.

Mini-tournaments, month-long leagues, skills development opportunities, and socials – all of these have been part of the CAPA schedule this past year. With help from membership dues, we have invested in better on-line communication tools. Additional new people have emerged, volunteering to take on some of the responsibilities of the organization.

We all should be encouraged by the accelerating investment that area communities are making in dedicated pickleball courts. **Stoughton** has 2 courts at both East and Veteran's Park and has a bid out for 6 additional courts at Mandt Park. **Middleton** is in the planning stages for their first location. **Deerfield** has almost completed a dedicated court at S. Industrial Park Rd. **Fitchburg** has agreed on a site and is in the planning phase. **Sun Prairie** will get two new courts added at Wyndham Hills by next summer. It is evident that the growing community of pickleball players has been heard and seen!



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# CAPA MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE

**DAVE WEINBACH CLINIC & SOCIAL**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017  
9:30 AM GARNER PARK**

**SKILLS CLINIC & 5.0 DEMONSTRATIVE PLAY  
LIMITED TO 36 PARTICIPANTS**

If the roster is full, come anyway. Listen, watch, learn and socialize!

Bring your chairs and food for a pot-luck after the event.

Our thanks to Dave Weinbach for donating his time and talent to help make us all better players.

SIGN UP NOW at [www.capareapb.com/clinics](http://www.capareapb.com/clinics). FREE TO CAPA MEMBERS.

## ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Over 50 members gathered for our annual meeting on Saturday August 26 at Garner Park. The members heard reports on finances, membership and community developments.

Three Board positions currently had expiring terms. With no new nominations, these individuals

agreed to stand for re-election and members in attendance gave their unanimous consent.

Re-elected were Rico Goedjen, President; Pat Fleming, Secretary; Mike Barone, Board member at-large.

Continuing officers are Joe Carter, Vice President; Warren Luehring, Treasurer; and at-large Board members, Karen Jerg and Joe Sokal.

KaSandra Gehrke introduced a skills assessment/rating program endorsed by CAPA.

Joanne Caprisi accepted the appointment as Program Director, Natalie Murphy, as Communications Director, and Dina Weinbach, Newsletter Editor.

Although cool and windy, there was pickleball play both before and after the meeting. Lunch was served and Kasandra explained in more detail the skills and assessment rating system.

Several special events announced at the meeting are covered in the balance of the newsletter.

Check these out!

[Map of where to play.](#)

[On-Line Membership Application.](#)

**CAPA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

264

MEMBERS OF CAPA

153

RENEWALS

**OTHER INFO:**

22 NEW MEMBERS SINCE 7/1/17

31 RENEWED/PURCHASED ONLINE

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD AND ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO JOIN CAPA. THANK YOU!

**CAPA MEMBERSHIP**

With almost daily growth in new memberships we are at 264 members.

If you have not already done so, please [renew your membership on-line](#) today. Membership is \$10 from September 1 through August 31.

In its first year, our CAPA organization has worked for its members by:

- Organizing several club tournaments, multiple leagues, and skill development training sessions at multiple locations
- Holding several social/play events at different venues
- Conducting 2 general membership meetings
- Developing a website, an email communications system and an activity signup service
- Sponsoring a skills development clinic presented by Dave Weinbach
- Representing the pickleball community to several community parks development efforts
- Providing a unifying voice for members and,
- Having become a source of information for the Madison-area pickleball community

**SKILLS ASSESSMENT & RATINGS**

by Pat Fleming



**KaSandra Gehrke**  
Wisconsin's only 5.0 Female Pickleball Player

KaSandra Gehrke has completed a training course and is certified by IPTPA (see CAPA website for more details) to administer this program for CAPA members. She provided a handout at the annual meeting explaining how to sign up for the skills evaluation and player rating. The associated costs for CAPA members are \$15 at the time the application to IPTPA is completed online. An additional \$25 is due to KaSandra at the time of the assessment/rating. Contact KaSandra at [kasandra\\_meland32@hotmail.com](mailto:kasandra_meland32@hotmail.com) or phone number (608) 333-3655.

**CAPA BOARD MEETINGS**

CAPA Board Meetings are open to the public and held the 2nd Wednesday of these months: February, April, May, June, July, August, October, December. Time and location noted in the Agenda. Minutes from the last meeting can be found here: <https://www.capareapb.com/capa-meeting-information>

# BEGINNING PICKLEBALL PLAYERS

Learn how to play the fastest-growing sport in America

Improve your skills through practice dinking and games supervised by experienced instructors

## WHEN:

**Tuesdays** 12:30pm-2:30pm starting August 29th and every Tuesday through the end of September  
**Thursdays** 4:30pm-6:30pm starting September 7th and every Thursday through the end of September

Come join in any time during the sessions!

## WHERE:

[Garner Park Pickleball courts](#) at 333 S Rosa Rd, Madison (Corner of S Rosa Rd and Mineral Point Rd)

**Equipment:** paddles and balls, will be provided. Please wear appropriate athletic attire and shoes.

Sponsored by Capital Area Pickleball Association (CAPA)

[www.capareapb.com](http://www.capareapb.com)

[Players and volunteers sign up here](#)

## WHAT BALL SHOULD I USE?

*We asked Dave Weinbach and here's what he said:*

The balls that you use should be determined by the surface that you play on. For example, if you are playing indoors on a gym floor then you would use an indoor ball. Usually, the indoor balls have larger holes and traditionally the ball that we've used for indoor has been called the "Jugs" ball. Recently, more ball manufacturers are getting into the business of making both indoor balls and outdoor balls. One example is Onyx. Onyx makes their Pure 2 ball both in an indoor ball and an outdoor ball. The difference is that the indoor ball has holes that are a little bit larger. In a lot of tournaments that are indoor only, many of the tournament directors are choosing to use the Onyx Pure 2 indoor ball versus the older Jugs ball. For indoor use on a tennis court

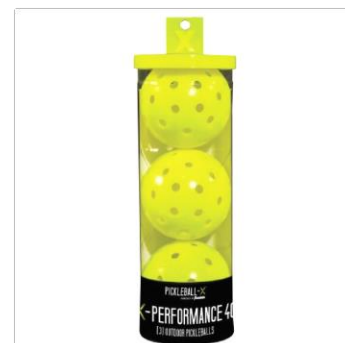
surface, such as Hitter's in Middleton,

you could use the Onyx Pure 2 outdoor ball or the Dura Fast 40. Those are the balls that have the harder surface and smaller holes. The Pros like the Dura ball because you're able to impart more spin and maneuver the ball more. Most of our professional outdoor pickleball tournaments use the Dura Fast 40. Newer to the pickleball world is Franklin, a sports manufacturer historically in the baseball and softball business. Franklin has entered the pickleball world in full fashion with paddles, bags, and their flagship X40 ball. I personally like the new Franklin ball because it has aspects of both the Onyx Pure 2 and the Dura Fast 40 ball. Some of the issues that the players have with the Pure 2 ball is that when you buy them



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and they are new they are way too bouncy out of the box. The issues with the Dura ball that players don't like are that they break too easily, especially in temperatures under 65 degrees, and the Dura ball gets out of its round shape too quickly. So the Franklin ball appears to be a good solution as it takes the positive aspects of each ball. In tournament pickleball play it is the tournament director's choice as to which ball will be played in that particular tournament. Often times the 5.0 level players will use the Dura Fast 40 ball and the 4.0 and under will use the Onyx Pure 2.



## Wisconsin Senior Olympics

There were 190 pickleball players competing at the Wisconsin Senior Olympics on the weekend of August 26-27. The games were held at the Moorland Tennis & Pickleball Center in New Berlin.

Representing CAPA and the greater Madison area with results were the following 21 players:

| <u>Event</u>    | <u>Player(s)</u>                     | <u>Award</u>      | <u>Age Division</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Singles         | Xuezheng Wu                          | Gold              | 50-54               |
|                 | Bob Miner                            | Gold              | 80-84               |
| Mixed Doubles   | Mike Barone & Sharon Kolb            | Bronze            | 50-54               |
|                 | Vern Gosdeck & Caroline McCourt      | Honorable Mention | 55-59               |
|                 | Jim Bidlingmaier & Jill Bidlingmaier | Bronze            | 65-69               |
|                 | Warren Luehring & Karen Jerg         | Gold              | 65-69               |
|                 | Dick Riesen & Lynn Clemens           | Gold              | 75-79               |
|                 | Bob Miner & Judy Cornelius           | Silver            | 75-79               |
| Men's Doubles   | Mike Barone & Xuezheng Wu            | Silver            | 50-54               |
|                 | Paul Martinson & Bob Lehman          | Gold              | 55-59               |
|                 | Jim Bidlingmaier & Warren Luehring   | Silver            | 70-74               |
|                 | Bob Miner & Dick Riesen              | Silver            | 75-79               |
| Women's Doubles | Christi Winchel & Connie Kielty      | Honorable Mention | 50-54               |
|                 | Sharon Kolb & Jill Smith             | Gold              | 50-54               |
|                 | Barb Cotter & Pamela Stangl          | Honorable Mention | 60-64               |
|                 | Karen Jerg & Paula Fochesato         | Gold              | 65-69               |
|                 | Lynn Clemens & Judy Cornelius        | Gold              | 75-79               |