
JANUARY UPDATE

As daylight grows it won't be long before outdoor play will be an option. The sun (assuming it is still there) is already at the same point as when we played on those great days in late November. Let's hope for minimal snow in the next two months so that we can get an outside!

New look:



After what seemed like 100's of possibilities the executive committee has approved the official logo for the association. We hope it is a hit with all of you. We are in the process of getting pricing information on hats and T-shirts. Expect to see something on the web site soon and in the next newsletter.

Pizza & Pickleball Social - Feb. 16

All members and their significant others are invited to the first CAPA members social event to be held at Prairie Athletic Club, Thursday, February 16 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. PAC members play free, non-members pay \$7.50. Pizza is \$2 per person (buy your own drinks). [Sign up here by February 13.](#)

Skills:

The skills committee has been busy developing a standard curriculum for the instruction schedule. The plan is to have both beginner sessions and skill development for those who would like to improve their overall game. The committee is also investigating the types of scoring sheets used by some clubs to provide rating guide lines to players. Scoring sheets can be self-administered; they are an excellent tool to help identify a weakness. They address not only strokes but tactics as well. The committee hopes to have a schedule ready for spring instruction by March.

Best Practices:

For all of you that may be visiting other, mostly warmer, locations in the next few months keep an eye out for good ideas; we would be proud to say we stole it first. Tournament formats, effective lessons, fun socials, good

signage, methods of leveling play, efficient queuing systems; we will be dealing with all of these and more as we grow our association. Take pictures when you can. One other topic that is on our minds is the preferred ball. It would be nice if we can agree on both an indoor and outdoor standard to recommend.

Park and Open Space Plan:

The City of Madison is conducting a series of Community Visioning Sessions as they develop the plan for the Parks department for the next five years. You might find this a great opportunity to get involved in the future development of Madison parks. Please use [this link](#) to review the dates and times of the meetings that will take place in the next six weeks. For the record, your president listed pickleball above golf as the favorite activity in Madison parks. This is an important time for us to be active if we want to see more courts developed by the city. Please take the time to help yourself.

Garner Park Play Schedule:

We have been working on an agreement with the Parks department on the Garner park courts. The plan is to have this finalized by March. Since this is new to both the city and the CAPA we expect that not everything will be covered in the first season. This will be a work in progress allowing for all of the community to enjoy this new facility.

Membership:

Membership now stands just short of 160. With the schedule of activities we are working on and the extensive locations for outdoor play we expect interest in the association will pick up. Please consider how you might help to make our first outdoor season a big success. Many of you have indicated your willingness to help; now that we are getting closer to a more active time period don't hesitate to raise your hand and re-volunteer by indicating your interest to capareapb@gmail.com.

Help wanted:

- Newsletter editor: Gather information for monthly newsletter and prepare for distribution.
- Social Activity planners: Schedule and plan gatherings either during/after play or at a destination.
- Mini Tournament directors: Schedule and plan small events (10-20 players) in a variety of formats; leveled, mixed, multiple days.

- Skills development: Assist with lessons & clinics; lead skill development video showings & discussions

See you on the Courts!

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President