

SUN PRAIRIE AND AREA PICKLEBALL UPDATE
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FRIENDS OF PICKLEBALL

Happy spring to all and welcome back to all the snow birds. I like to welcome all the many new players that have started playing pickleball over the winter months. Keep spreading the word and bring in your family and friends. As many say the sport is addictive and you can't stop playing after just one game.

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION (CAPA)

The purpose of CAPA is to promote the sport of pickleball in Dane County and surrounding areas. CAPA is now 180 members strong. In the last six months CAPA has sponsored various types of tournaments at Hitters and a Pickleball and Pizza social at Prairie Athletic Club. On Wednesday, April 19 Turners will host CAPA's general meeting starting with pizza at 5 and the meeting at 5:30. All are welcome to attend. On May 6, Dave Weinbach will be doing a free clinic to the first 48 CAPA members who sign up. The clinic will be at Garner Park with the rain date on May 7. For more information about CAPA please go to their website www.CAPAREAPB.com.

CONGRATUALIONS to the many players that have participated in pickleball tournaments in the last couple of months. Recent tournaments were held at Prairie Athletic Club, Kenosha Boy's and Girl's Club, and the Rockford Spring Swing. Tournaments coming up in the next couple of months are the Wisconsin Senior Games held at Prairie Athletic Club, the NSGA Olympics in Birmingham, Alabama, the Wisconsin Cup at Mooreland Park Tennis and Pickleball Club in New Berlin and the U.S. Open in Naples, Florida (good luck to Dave W., Rick S. and Curt J.).
GOOD LUCK TO ALL. There is still time to sign up for some of these tournaments.

THE WISCONSIN SENIOR GAMES (www.wiseniorgames.org) and the **WISCONSIN SENIOR OLYMPICS** (www.wiseniorolympics.com) are a fun way to get involved in various sports. Check out their websites. Registration deadline for the Wisconsin Senior Games is May 18.

SUN PRAIRIE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

As of this writing there has been no vote taken by the S. P. common council on the Sun Prairie Park and Open Space Plan. Thanks to all of you who have attended meeting, contacted your alder, mayor, city administrator or other city employees regarding the need to include more dedicated pickleball courts, especially at one location, in the Park and Open Space Plan. Please continue to talk it up to the people we have elected to represent us and who run our city. I do believe that a vote will be taken in the next couple of weeks. The agendas for the various committees and the common council are on the City of Sun Prairie web site. (www.cityofsunprairie.com)

SCHEDULE - DEDICATED OUTDOOR COURTS - WYNDHAM HILLS COMMUNITY PARK

I am looking for suggestions for any changes that players may want in the outdoor schedule. For those not familiar with the schedule the courts are scheduled Sunday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon for organized play. Since there are only two courts the skill level varies from day to day. Three nights of the week the courts are scheduled for leagues (King of the Court, limited of 10 players) from 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for various skill levels. During non-scheduled times the courts are available for first come first play basis. **Please give me suggestions regarding the leagues.** Do we need another night for 3.5 players since it appears that more have advanced to that level? Is there still a need for a 3.0 league? Does anyone want an afternoon league or a weekend league? **Please keep in mind that the emphasis of the league is to play a dink game and not a banging game.** I plan to get the schedule out next week.

SCHEDULE - INDOOR PLAY AT PRAIRIE ATHLETIC CLUB AND THE NORTHEAST YMCA

The regular indoor schedule will continue throughout the summer at Prairie Athletic Club. Please check their website for more information (www.prairieathletic.com). The courts are also available for first come first play basis throughout the weekday. For non-members who have Silver and Fit or Silver Sneakers, play is free Monday through Friday, up to 4 p.m. Punch cards or daily fee is also available. Check the YMCA website for their hours of play.

THANK YOU to all the players that have helped beginners learn the sport of pickleball. Everyone is so welcoming to new players. Thanks also to those who have sent out email chains to get play going on particular days. Please contact the following players if you are looking to get on an email chain announcing play:

Marcy Thornburgh (pmthornburygh@charter.net) coordinates the Wednesday morning (PAC 8:30 – 11:00 a.m) advance beginners/low intermediate group.

Christi Winchel (christiwinchel@yahoo.com) sends out an email chain for Saturday and Sunday play at PAC

John McGee (jfmcgee@charter.net) is looking to get a group together for indoor and outdoor weekday morning play

Gary Haltaufderheide (halt@charter.net) will be sending out an email chain for Tuesday/Thursday outdoor play at Wyndham Hills

Karen Jerg (kpjerg@charter.net) sends out an email chain for indoor or outdoor advance play.

ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE HELPERS

THANK YOU TO ANYONE WHO FORWARDS THIS EMAIL TO A NEW PLAYER. I do my best to keep up with getting the email address of new players, but sometimes I miss a player or two.

The more we use the outdoor courts the greater our chances for getting more dedicated courts so please support the courts at Wyndham Hills Community Park.

Have a wonderful summer playing pickleball.

See you on the court

Karen Jerg