
JULY UPDATE

From the President

I hope all of you have been able to get on the courts on a regular basis. Wind, rain, heat and humidity have not been a deterrent; it seems I meet new players every week. As we continue to increase our membership it allows us to be sound financially and add value to CAPA participation. We are entering the last two months of our first fiscal year; there have been growing pains but the steady growth of membership leads us to believe we are on the right track.

The Association has invested in better tools for both e-mail messages and event sign-ups. The Board heard a presentation on rating options for members and will make a decision at the July Board meeting. Plans are in place for a number of evening play/social events at various locations. In support of pickleball the board had proposed to send a letter to a number of community decision makers about CAPA and it's ability to help in any way possible to make their projects successful.

There is exciting news about the development of actual and potential new sites to play. Stoughton and Monona already are live while Waunakee and Middleton are works in progress.

Congratulations to CAPA members who have had success in area tournaments!

Please read the balance of this newsletter for more details on these topics.

Recent Tournament Results

Click on the links to see pictures and detailed information.

Congratulations to recent participants in the [National Senior Games](#) held recently in Birmingham, Alabama.

Congratulations also to participants and winners at the [Wisconsin Senior Games](#) and the [Wisconsin Cup](#)

Summer Socials

Come join the fun!

Bring a dessert to pass, your own beverages, lawn chairs and pickleball gear.

CAPA will provide place settings.

All CAPA members and families are invited

Visit all 3 parks if you can!

Oregon - July 15, 7pm

110 North Oak Street (Nygaard & Olson Streets)

Oregon, WI 53575

Sun Prairie - August 12, 6pm

Wyndham Hills Park

675 N. Heatherstone Drive

Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Madison - August 26

Social combined with General Membership Meeting

Hold the Date -- Location & Time to be determined

Happenings in Sun Prairie

Great things are happening in Sun Prairie and many thanks need to go out to those who are giving of their time and talent to the sport of pickleball,

Skills, Drills and mini tournaments has been going well on Monday afternoons at Wyndham Hills Community Park in Sun Prairie. The focus of each session is to present a skill, practice the skill through drills and then implement the skill in structured play.

Mini tournaments will be conducted throughout the summer so that participants experience the atmosphere of tournament play and put their skills to use. Sign up will begin soon for the July sessions. Many thanks go out to Bob Gross, Jo Kiesow, David Mott, Mary Waitrovich, Michelle Hawkinson and Karen Jerg for donating their time to the program.

Prairie Athletic Club and John McGee had a beginners clinic in mid June. 16 players showed up to learn about the sport of pickleball. Another clinic will

be held the end of June. The clinic is open to members and non members of Prairie Athletic Club. Thank you John and PAC for making this happen.

Another big thank you goes to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department of Sun Prairie and its department head Chad Shelton. As part of their summer youth program, a week long class of exploring sports included pickleball. This week long session will be repeated in August.

Pickleball leagues are held on three different nights in Sun Prairie and run for a four/five week session. The leagues are open to all players and are set up by skill level. The next session will start the week of July 3. Come join the fun if you are not already in a league. Each league has a coordinator who keeps the league running smoothly.

On June 7, Prairie Athletic Club hosted the Wisconsin Senior Games. Many CAPA members participated in this annual event. There was a lot of play and all had a good time. CAPA members Caroline McCourt, Sharon Kobl, Karen Jerg and Jill and Jim Bidlingmaier recently participated in the National Senior Games held in Birmingham, Alabama.

Annual Election Meeting - August 26th 2017

The nominating committee is in the process of establishing the slate of candidates that will be proposed for election at the annual meeting in August.

August also marks the end of the membership year. At this time, it seems likely that the \$10 annual fee will remain the same. Members will be sent a renewal form via e-mail. Please watch for it and continue to support the efforts of CAPA to expand pickle ball in the area.

City of Monona Opens New Outdoor Courts

Located next to the city pool in Winnequah Park, Monona Parks and Recreation has created four courts on top of their two tennis courts *that don't play over a tennis net*. More regulation courts are needed in Madison and especially on the east side, but the distance between the baseline and the tennis net on one side and the baseline and the fence on the other is the shortest in town at 7', and there is a six inch wide/six inch deep trough between the end of the asphalt and the base of the fence, so be careful not

to twist an ankle when going back for a long ball on a short court. In comparison, Garner park measurements are 8' deep and Wyndham Hills' are 11'. Inquiries about whether or not the safety issue will be addressed were not returned.

Skills, Drills, and Mini-Tournaments, Mondays at Wyndham Hills Courts in Sun Prairie, July - August

Learn and practice drills designed to increase consistency in your dinks, serves, returns, 3rd shot drops, volleying at the kitchen, and skinny play to prepare participants for scrambles, tournaments, and a better understanding and enjoyment of the game. Clinics will be interactive and led by advanced players who will teach the drills and organize games in the same session. Watch for sign-up invitational emails coming out soon to all members.

Summer Leagues & Scheduled Play

Summer leagues have started, or will soon at pickleball courts near you!

- [Wyndham Hills](#) in Sun Prairie is the location for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday leagues.
- There are also Monday and Wednesday Leagues at [Garner Park](#).
- Community play occurs Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Oregon at courts near Jaycee Park - Oak & Nygaard streets

You can always check our website — CAPAREAPB.COM — for more information about these and other places to play.

T-Shirts

Only six left: 4 women's large and 2 women's medium. This is the end of our original order. Please let us know if you would like another chance to order a specific size or color. We will need at least 40 pre-orders to maintain the price of \$16.

Lost and Found at Garner Park

CAPA has collected a variety of items left on the courts last fall and this spring. If you are looking for an item, please contact Rico at rg53705@gmail.com.

Membership

Our membership count has surpassed 225 enthusiastic pickleball players. Members come from over 25 communities. Over 30 members have joined in the past 2 months alone.

Reminder: The membership year ends on August 31. We will be sending out renewal notifications in August. We hope you will renew your membership. Thank you!

See you on the Courts!
Rico Goedjen
President