



June Update 2022

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Rico Goedjen

2022 is shaping up to be a breakout year for pickleball in the area. With most of the pandemic behind us, the board was able to meet in person for the just the third time in two years. Many plans that had been delayed are now moving forward. Just in time it seems, as the number of players is estimated to have doubled in the last three years to well over 5 million nationally.

Membership, court sites, area tournaments, volunteer help, skills and drill sessions, leagues, everything is on a growth curve. CAPA's focus is in being the source for information and communication for the pickleball community. By the end of the summer there will probably be 14 dedicated outdoor court

locations. Knowing when and where to get the right play experience will be more important than ever. We will continue to keep information current on the website and Facebook calendars. Articles included in this edition will touch on additional tools that can bring players together, Playtime Scheduler and Meetup.

Thanks to all you pickleball enthusiasts that are spreading the message about the extraordinary fun a day of play provides.

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CAPA BOARD MEETINGS

CAPA Board Meetings are open to the public. Meetings will typically be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Time and location noted in the Agenda on the [website](#).

PICKLEBALL CENTRAL DISCOUNT

Don't forget to take advantage of the Pickleball Central discount; 5% to you and 5% credited to CAPA.

Discount code is: CRMadison

CAPA MEMBERSHIP

Don't delay – Join today!
Click [here](#) for online membership renewal or new membership.
Please share with others.

CAPA NEWSLETTERS

Look for the [CAPA newsletters](#) four times a year. If there is anything you would like to see included, please let us know by emailing pickleball@capareapb.com.

The USA Pickleball rules committee makes recommendations at the end of the year to the USA Pickleball board of directors. At the end of last year, the rules committee recommended 19 changes to the rules and the the board of directors accepted all but one. This small article discusses the single recommendation for the 2022 official rules not adopted by the board of directors. Rule 6.D.7 currently reads: "Players shall not call a ball "out" unless they can clearly see a space between the line and the ball as it hits the ground." The committee recommended the following change: "Players shall not call a ball out unless they are certain the ball is out". Here is one of the reasons for the suggested change: "The rule has also caused confusion since a player with one vantage point will claim that the ball is "in" since they can't see a gap, whereas another player who can see a gap will claim that the ball is "out". The fact of the matter is that the ball is either in or it's out; whether an observer is positioned correctly does not change the state of the ball." Making a play on a ball bouncing near the line and can't see the gap? Play the ball without making the call and maybe your partner can make the "out" call if made promptly. "Promptly" is defined as calling "out" prior to the ball being hit by the opponent or before the ball becomes dead - Rule 6.D.8. If you say "in" but your partner says "out", the ball is "in" - Rule 6.D.9.

2022 Official Rules:

<https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/ifp-official-rules/>

CAPA MERCH COMING SOON

CAPA We have some exciting news for CAPA members! We've heard you telling us you would like the opportunity to purchase some CAPA merchandise. We are currently in the process of working with a vendor to open an online store. This will give our members the opportunity to purchase various items such as t-shirts, tank tops, and caps in the colors and sizes that work for them. More information will be made available soon.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

CAPA membership stands at 744!! That is an increase of 147 members since the February newsletter. The increase is very exciting. Having CAPA volunteers willing to host clinics, open play and leagues at area courts could be a driving factor for the increase in numbers. A reminder that the CAPA membership year runs September 1 – August 31. You will receive an email reminding you to renew your membership in August.

744 CAPA MEMBERS



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR PLAYTIME SCHEDULER?

Many players in our area now use a browser-based web service to arrange pickleball sessions: PlayTimeScheduler makes it easy to propose and to join a pickleball session. It's a great way to connect with players that you might not otherwise meet! Anyone can propose a session: Simply choose when and where to play along with a skill rating range. Players in that range are notified and may choose to join. There is no app to download and the base version of this web service is free.

Sign up today to get out and play! <https://PlayTimeScheduler.com>

CAPA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The committee that was formed late in 2021 has completed its initial focus to develop and consolidate player development lesson plans. These have been shared with CAPA volunteers who will be facilitating clinics throughout the greater Madison area this season. These lesson plans are skill level specific and designed to build upon each other as players develop and refine their individual skills. The lesson plans include topics such as fundamentals, scoring, serve, return of serve, forehand, backhand, volleys, dinks, drop shots, etc.

As expected, the committee focus and priorities will continue to evolve as we get feedback from clinic participants and facilitators. One item we are currently considering is supporting some training opportunities for interested individuals who in turn would provide clinic training for beginner and intermediate CAPA members. If you are interested in contributing to this committee or learning more, please email jeromelklein@gmail.com or call Jerome at (608) 334-8405.

HARRIET PARK PICKLEBALL PALOOZA

The Verona Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a weekend of pickleball activities July 15th – 17th. There will be beginner and intermediate clinics taught by Dave Weinbach and a pro exhibition match. In addition to the clinics and exhibition match there will be a beginner skill level double elimination tournament played on 16 courts! Other activities include equipment demo, youth clinic, DJ, food trucks and more!! For more information click on the link below.

[Verona area Chamber of Commerce - Powered by Jag Journe... \(veronawi.com\)](#)



The inaugural Madtown Pickleball Open tournament is July 14-17 at Wyndham Hills Park in Sun Prairie. There's doubles play for men's, women's and mixed. There's brackets for age groups in beginner, intermediate and advanced as players. Senior mixed doubles and beginners brackets will play on Thursday. Friday is mixed doubles. Saturday is women's brackets and Sunday is men's brackets. Over 160 spots have registered for the event so far. There's still plenty of room for entries in this tournament.

Go to PickleballDen.com and register. Registration on the site is free. Look for the Madtown Pickleball Open and sign up. Tournament fees are \$55/per player plus \$5 for each additional bracket. Each player will receive a tournament t-shirt.

The Madtown Pickleball Open is looking for volunteers the weekend of tournament. Duties include court supervisors and data entry of results as well as general duties as assigned. Please contact Tournament Director Tom Schwarz at 608-963-2207 or email schwarzprairie@gmail.com if interested.

SKILLS AND DRILLS USING LOBSTER MACHINE

Are you struggling with a consistent drop shot? Have a stronger forehand dink than backhand dink? Need help with consistent return of serve deep and to the middle? Want to control the pace and placement of block shots at the NVZ? If so, consider using the CAPA Lobster Ball Machine to practice and develop muscle memory for these and other shots. This machine is easy to move (it weighs about 35 lbs.) and is battery operated. It has controls for ball speed (0-60mph), frequency of balls (number of seconds between balls launched), spin on balls (both directions), launch angle and oscillation (movement side to side). It comes with 100 balls, extra battery, remote control, instruction sheet and a ball retriever device. The Lobster also works well for lessons as it feeds balls in a relatively consistent manner.

How do members reserve the Lobster? Go to the CAPA website -- on the top menu click on Members, then Members Only. Enter the CAPA member password you received when registering for CAPA membership. You will then see a page that describes how to check for availability and how to reserve the machine. To maintain and eventually replace the machine, it costs \$10.00 for three days of use by a member or \$25.00 for use by a member for a class (plus PayPal Service charges for both).

Want some ideas on drills using the Lobster? Check out this website: <https://pickleballdrive.com/machine-drills/>

NEW COURT CONSTRUCTION EXPLOSION

Who would have predicted that six surrounding communities would be adding over 30 new outdoor courts, all planned for completion this year. Here is a quick update on the status of those that CAPA is aware.

Sun Prairie should be the first to be completed. This project is for four additional courts (there are six now) and lights with plans to be finished by the July Madtown tournament. Extensive fundraising by the players made this project a reality.

Sauk City is another project that has come about from long term planning and private funding. Eight courts with lights will be part of an extensive project in Culver community Park. Work in progress with a late summer completion if all goes well.

McFarland is also in the works for eight courts adjacent to the ice arena. This project will start in early July with hopes for a late fall completion. Plan includes a central shelter and lights.

Deforest is moving forward on a four court complex in Fireman's Park. Lights have been recently approved and work will start after the July 4th celebrations.

Cottage Grove will begin construction of four courts in mid-July to be located at Community Park.

Cross Plains is converting a tennis court and part of a basketball court into four courts at Baer Park. Work well underway, may be ready in mid-June, depending on weather and supply chain issues.

MADISON UPDATE:

Garner courts are getting another repair cycle, three courts at a time are out of commission for the time being. On a positive note, plans include \$300,000 in the 2024 budget for courts at Warner Park. Fundraising to make the sure the project has all that should be included is important. Vilas is years out, not before 2027.

CAPA PLAYER PROFILE

Terry (Dad) and Kane (Son) Sivesind

Terry: I had my first experience with Pickleball in St. George, Utah about 12 years ago. I started playing regularly in 2016 after the construction of the courts at Garner Park. Currently I play at Garner and Hitters the majority of the time. I enjoy that pickleball is a fast-paced game that requires some agility and quick reaction times. The best part of the game for me is when all four players are at the kitchen line for a long series of dinks and slams.

Kane: Like my dad, I was first introduced to pickleball in St. George around the same time. We played a handful of times when visiting the area the next few years but I never continued playing back in Madison. My dad kept talking about how much he enjoyed it, so I finally started playing again in 2021 and have been loving it more and more. I mostly play at McGaw Park in Fitchburg (when it isn't too windy...) and try to play at Hitters a few times a month during the winter.

Terry: Having a child for a teammate for any activity makes it more enjoyable.

Watching Kane use his youthfulness and athleticism to do things on the court that I can't do makes playing with him extra special. Working together and having success as teammates is a lot of fun. However, playing against each other and me eking out an occasional win can be fun too.

Kane: Being able to play a competitive sport with your dad as a partner is awesome! I'm pretty sure he gets sick of me trying to jump over and take too many of his shots, but it's fun to compete and have fun together. I have no idea how many games we've won or lost as partners but I always remember the high fives and laughs at the end. And somehow, whenever we're playing against each other, he plays his best all day and pulls out some crazy shots!

Terry: I also enjoy playing basketball, biking, lake activities, golfing, reading and especially spending time with grandkids and family. One thing I have noticed about Pickleball is that an extremely high percentage of players that I meet on the courts are some of the nicest people around.

Kane: I enjoy pickleball because it's a great mix of everything - there are power shots, finesse shots, strategy, and angles all while getting a great workout. And it's a great sport for all ages and skill levels. Besides pickleball, I enjoy playing basketball, golf, going on hikes with my wife/daughters and cooking new meals. I've really appreciated how welcoming the area pickleball community is. As a newcomer to the sport a year ago, so many people have taken time to help me learn the game. This doesn't always happen in other sports, so it's been fun to get to improve with the support of my dad and others.

