

The COURT REPORTER



PLAYER ROTATION—WHITE BOARD—UPDATE (BLACKBURN)

We have been using the new White Board Player Rotation System at the Blackburn Pavilion for just over a month now. Feedback to the SVP Board has been positive, and we have made a few adjustments based on member suggestions. The dry weather in October certainly reduced the amount of play at the Pavilion, as other outdoor courts in the area were available. However, the Whiteboard was in use on many weekday mornings with a Court Host present on most days to manage the process. Some weekday evenings also required use of the Whiteboard. Both members and non-members are successfully using the system.

We encourage everyone to continue following the rules so players rotate in and out in a fair and efficient manner. If your group is near the head of the line, please have all players ready to go. For a reminder of general White Board Guidelines, click [here](#). For tips on White Board use, click [here](#).

We'd like to thank Sam LeBrun, the club's Volunteer Coordinator, and our many Court Hosts for their efforts in making the new system work.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying the Blackburn Pavilion on these wet, fall days. The SVP Board is helping to make improvements along with our partners Skagit Valley College Foundation (SVCF) and Skagit Valley College (SVC). For example, we will be coordinating with SVC in the future to provide a gate on each court and benches in the corridor.

These partnerships are critical to the success of Blackburn Pavilion and SVC. I am happy to say that we have reached a tentative agreement with SVP, SVCF and SVC on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for use and operation of the Pavilion. This has entailed several months of negotiations. Once signed, SVP will have priority use for our

membership times on our designated courts. This meets the “donors intent” of the agreement with the College and the Foundation. This is the first agreement with SVC and our partners.

As our club grows, we need dedicated board members, committee members, and volunteers to keep SVP a great and vibrant organization. Please lend your time as we move into the future. The organization is only as good as its members. Many thanks to the current board, committees, and volunteers who have made us successful so far.

Keep it above the net and between the lines.

—Larry

NEW PLAYER MENTORING

SVP offers a dedicated mentoring session for beginners who are also club members. For some, this will be a one-time introduction to pickleball. For others, we may set up extra time to provide more assistance. The goal is to get comfortable with the basics so you feel secure showing up and getting into a game.

Skills Covered:

- Serving and serving rotation
- Two-bounce rule
- Kitchen (no volley zone) play
- Scoring

Please note that this is not a drop-in event. **To set up a mentoring session, text Judy Cookson at (360) 708-1534.** Judy and our mentoring team will find a time that works for you.

Before your scheduled session, please visit svpb.com, click on ‘Skills,’ and review *How to Play and Pickleball Rules*.

TIPS FOR USING PAVILION WHITE BOARD

Adapted from a post by Chris Kinsland, SVP Facebook Admin

- Be sure to list all group members on White Board.
- If players are on a court, they can't be listed in the active queue on the White Board. This will prevent 8- to 12-player round robins from inadvertently “cutting in line.”
- If your entire party is not present when your turn comes up on the White Board, you have a few options:
 - ◇ Let the next group play while waiting for your party and remain in the “next-up” spot.
 - ◇ Take the court and drill with the players you do have (30 minutes maximum).
 - ◇ Play a game of singles or cut throat.
 - ◇ **IMPORTANT:** No players can join you after you go out on the court. Players should not “hold a court” by warming up and then starting a game when everyone in their group shows up. All players must enter the court together when their turn comes up.

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2023 HARVEST FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT

The 2023 Harvest Festival Tournament was held at the Blackburn Pickleball Pavilion October 5th through 8th. We had just under 300 players, with medals awarded in 32 brackets. SVP was well represented, with club members winning medals in numerous events!

This year we included a division for local Special Olympics athletes. These players, coached by club members Don Wold and Kay Quall, practiced diligently for six weeks leading up to their big day.

The Tournament was jointly sponsored by Skagit Valley Pickleball and Skagit Valley College, both of which received net proceeds of nearly \$5,000 from the tournament. We'd like to thank our wonderful volunteers for making the Harvest tournament such a big success!

Our next open tournament will be the 2024 Tulip Tussle, slated for April 25-28th.



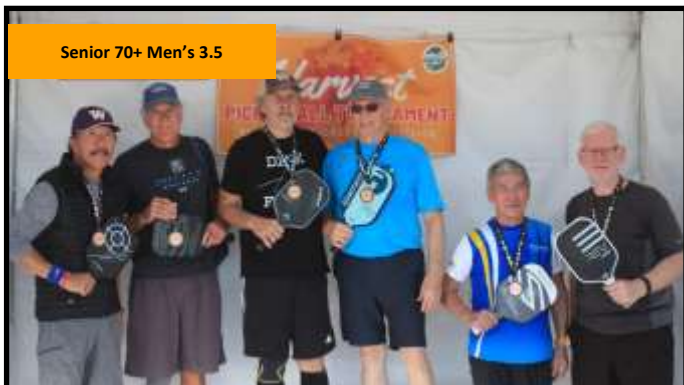
Some of our tournament winners are pictured below. Please visit our website at svpbball.com and click the Harvest Tournament Logo for more pictures. For a full list of tournament results, click [here](#).



Senior 50-59 Men's 3.0/3.5



Senior 60+ Men's 3.5/4.0



Senior 70+ Men's 3.5



Women's 3.0/3.5

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Women's 4.5+



Senior 60-69 Women's 3.5/4.0



Senior 70+ Women's 3.5



29 & Under Mixed 3.5



30-39 Mixed 3.5



40-49 Mixed 4.0

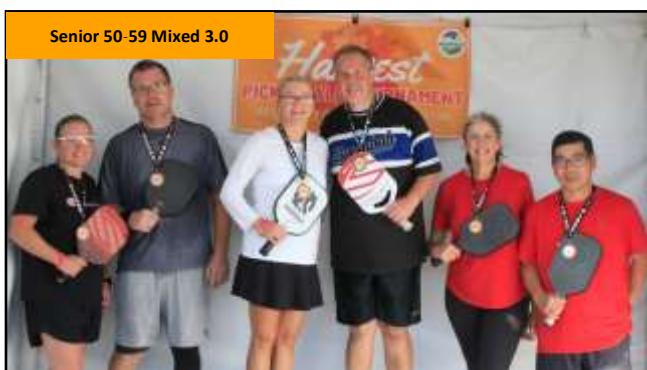


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OCTOBER PARTNER CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our October Partner Challenge participants!

Level	First Place	Second Place
Women's 2.75/3.0	Kris Bell, Christy Nelson	Lea Njos, Betsy Carroll
Women's 3.25/3.5	Brenna Borgnoni, Jill Boer	Marilyn Pinguoch, Jill Heydron
Women's 3.75/4.0	Joani Pfeiffer, Sue Harbour	LeAnne Kiesser, Maddy Baldwin
Mixed 3.0/3.25/3.5	Heather Carrigg, Joel Carrigg	Kris Wayland, Mark Wayland
Mixed 3.75/4.0	Mel Foley, Bob Miller	Teri Bordua, Todd Wright

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FALL LEAGUE RESULTS

2.75/3.0/3.25 Thursday League

- Andrea Arnold
- **Ashley Stowe -- winner**
- Aviva Casanova
- Blake Arnold
- Christy Nelson
- Jeffrey Morris
- Jodi Boon
- Kathy Green
- Kelly Graham
- Kris Bell
- Kyle Kulm
- Mary Kuebelbeck
- Michael Castillo
- Monica Schmidt
- Nancy Hunting
- Suzanne Lund

3.0/3.25 Tuesday League

- Anita Johnson
- Barb Hoag
- Brenda Brynildsen
- Christine Reis
- **Kar Brunner -- winner**
- Lisa Hopkins
- Lynn Parker
- Marcia Garcia
- Missy Sanders
- Nancy Gruel
- Pam Estvold
- Patrik Dylan
- Rock Dorsey
- Susanne Bruland
- Terri Vopnford
- Vicki Zaborowski

3.5/3.75 Tuesday League **Winner TBD**

- Brad Moore
- Brian Kruhlak
- Caleb Roth
- Carol Zwick
- Chris Robertson
- Derek Landis
- Georgia Leigh Cole
- Joel Carrigg
- Kevin LeDuc
- Mike Larson
- Nancy Anderson
- Ryan Kendrick
- Shelbi Kendrick
- Stephanie McCarthy
- Steve Keller
- Steve McConnell
- Sura Kim
- Travis LoGrande
- Viktor Lawryniuk
- Wendy Beeman

3.5/3.75 Wednesday League **Winner TBD**

- Brenna Borgognoni
- Carlos Gutierrez
- Dana Good
- Jill Boer
- Jill Garcia
- John Corrieri
- Lynne Koyamatsu
- Peggy Prichard
- Scott Mickels
- Stacy Halbakken
- Susan Corrieri
- Theresa Fukushima

4.0 Women's League **Winner TBD**

- Aimee Requa
- Anna Wright
- Carol VanDyken
- Carolann Mickels
- JuLee Rudolf
- Kelley Kanehen
- Theresa McCartney
- Wendy Johnson

4.0 Monday League **Winner TBD**

- Chris Bickford
- Darrell Pearse
- Elaine Yagi
- Grant Udlock
- James Sanders
- Joel Howard
- KJ Babu
- Kurt Schonberg
- Laura Pelton
- Michael Maldazys
- Mike Perry
- Sam Karwal
- Sam LeBrun
- Scott Glowaski
- Steve Call
- Tony Decker





UPCOMING EVENTS

Recreational Play Challenges

Each Recreational Play Challenge is a two- to three-hour event at the Blackburn Pavilion. Interested SVP members will sign up for an appropriate skill level Rec Play Challenge. The type of challenge will determine if you sign up individually (ladder) or with a doubles partner who must also be an SVP member and in the same skill level range (partner challenge).

How to Sign up

The Challenge events below are listed on [PlayTime Scheduler.com](https://playtimescheduler.com) (PTS). Please do not change your PTS rating solely to play in a Challenge that is other than your normal rating.

Signups end 24 hours before each event. There is no cost. Read the note at the bottom of each Challenge listed on PTS to learn more about the event.

Date	Time	Level	Event
11/11, Saturday	1—3pm	2.25/2.75	Women’s Partner Challenge
11/11, Saturday	3—5pm	3.0/3.25	Women’s Partner Challenge
11/14, Tuesday	12—2pm	7.0 (combined)	Senior (65+) Mixed Partner Challenge
11/18, Saturday	1—3pm	3.5/3.75	Women’s Around the World Ladder
11/18, Saturday	3—5pm	3.5/3.75	Men’s Around the World Ladder
11/26, Sunday	1—3pm	3.5/3.75	Mixed Around the World Ladder
11/26, Sunday	3—5pm	4.0+	Mixed Around the World Ladder





OPEN SVP BOARD POSITIONS

Skagit Valley Pickleball (SVP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization run totally by volunteers interested in the growth of pickleball in Skagit County and surrounding areas. The club's by-laws call for turnover of board positions on a staggered, annual basis. At the last membership meeting, we voted to realign the board term to the calendar year. Therefore, several board positions must be filled to start on January 1st, 2024. We are planning on holding an election in the last quarter of 2023 to fill the following positions:

- **Vice President** – this is a three-year commitment. The first year is spent as VP, the second year as President, and the third year as Past President. All three are voting positions.
- **Treasurer** – this is a two-year commitment and is a voting position. The treasurer keeps track of the club's finances, issues payments to vendors, issues reimbursements to club members, provides financial reports, and files taxes. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel and QuickBooks is beneficial.
- **Member At Large #1** – this is a two-year commitment and is a voting position. The Member At Large primarily represents club member interests and concerns at board meetings. Occasional work on subcommittees is also expected.
- **Member At Large #3** – same as above.

The current board has worked hard over the past few years to develop facilities (Blackburn Pavilion), playing opportunities (leagues, partner challenges, tournaments), and skill development (beginner mentoring, clinics, one-on-one lessons). We now need additional club members to step up and continue growing pickleball in our area. We need fresh ideas and new energy to keep our club healthy, vibrant, and responsive to members' needs. We know you are passionate about this great sport, and we hope that you will use some of that passion off the court to help make SVP the best pickleball club around.

Please email Larry Otos at theotosgroup@comcast.net for more information or to express your interest in running for one of the positions noted above.



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WHAT'S THE SCORE?

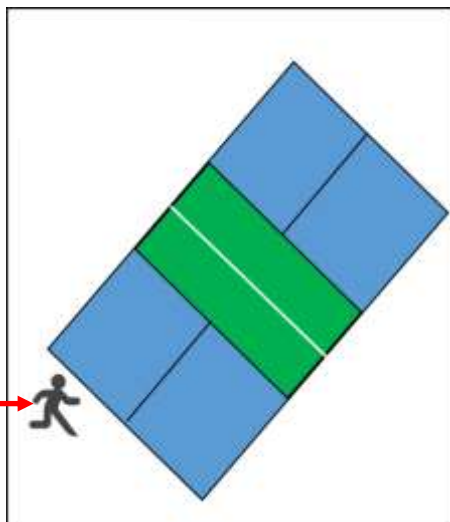
Adapted from an article by Will Hansen, SVP Member and mentor

Remembering the score is a chore for everyone who plays pickleball. Players can lose track when concentrating on the game with the usual distractions and interruptions. In some tournaments, the first servers of the game wear a special-colored wristband. But there is another solution. Remembering your team's score is easier if you know who the first server was on your side at the start of the game. If you started the serve for your team and you're standing on the right side of the court, then your team's score must be an even number. If you're on the left, then your team's score will be odd.

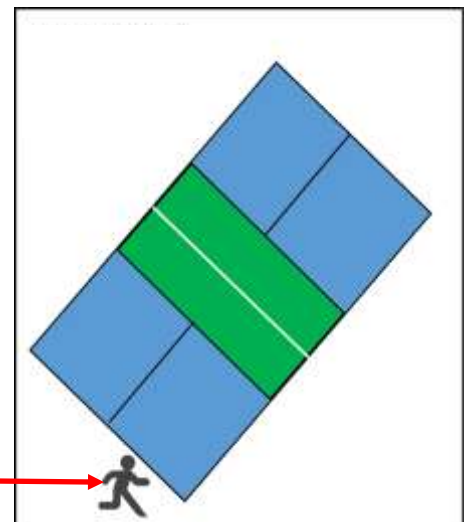
Here's a simple habit that can help players remember who served first. Before the very first serve, find something in common between the people serving first on each team. In mixed doubles, it's easy if the two are the same gender. Otherwise, do their names both start with the same letter? Are they both wearing hats or clothing of similar color? Find the connection and then say something like, "The women are first servers." Verbalizing this will help players remember it.



When the first server of the game serves from here, their team's score will be an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11...)



When the first server of the game serves from here, their team's score will be an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10...)



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SVP CLUB INFORMATION

CURRENT BOARD

President	Larry Otos
Vice President	Mark Dixon
Treasurer	Pam Barnes
Secretary	LaDawn Ramsey
Member at Large 1	Anna Wright
Member at Large 2	James Sanders
Member at Large 3	Chris Kinsland
Past President	Dan Budzynski

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications	Ali Hayton
Competition	Jay Kiesser
Court & Grounds	Mike Thompson
Outreach & Education	Kay Quall
Social	Heather Carrigg
Recreational Play	Mark Dixon (Interim)

OTHER

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Volunteer Recruiter	Sam LeBrun
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*Special thanks to Debbie Cole, Suzanne Geller,
and Jo Lynn McMinn for proofreading this issue
of the newsletter.*

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Volunteers Needed

Currently we can use help in these areas:

- **Blackburn Court Host**
- **Website Content and Design**
- **Membership Renewal Coordinator**
(45-day commitment. Short training in December, then coordinate renewals in January and part of February.)

Please contact any board member if you would like more information.

CLOTHING DRIVE

This winter season we will be gathering items to donate to The Caring Place in Stanwood, Washington. The Caring Place provides clothing and other essentials for all people. If you feel inspired, please go through your closets and consider donating extra boots, coats, sweatshirts, mittens, gloves, blankets, and other warm clothing. The Caring Place serves the whole family, so all sizes are needed.

There will be a clothing donation box provided for the Caring Place at Blackburn Pavilion from December 15-20, 2023.

Thanks for considering helping out during this holiday season!

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