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NEWSLETTER OF THE VENTURA COUNTY PICKLEBALL CLUB



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My Final Thoughts (at least for now).

As most of you now know, our Annual Meeting and Board of Directors election in November was the ultimate combination of business and pleasure as a good time was had by all at Tarantula Hill Brewery. I will be stepping down as president of VCPC at the end of this month and Kathrin Nolan will be installed as the new president of the club in January 2022. I wish Kathrin much success as she steers the club forward. She is very energetic and has many good ideas for improving the club so that members will find even more value in joining and participating in club activities. She has been an essential participant in

the formation of our club from the very beginning and understands the needs of our Pickleball community. Tobye Bernstein and Linda Pappas Diaz will also assume leadership positions in the club as First and Second Vice Presidents. They will add fresh perspectives and common-sense ideas and suggestions. Valerie Radocay will take on the position of club Secretary and will no doubt manage that position quite well by calling upon her business acumen. Our beloved Carole Linderman will remain on the Board as club Treasurer and continue to offer her expertise. Carole has been a valued resource and will remain a responsible steward of our finances. With such a fine group of people, I have no doubt the club will continue to grow and prosper. I wish them well and will continue to offer my assistance whenever it is needed.

I also want to thank former Board members, Bill Weiss and Janet Clark for the wonderful friends they have become. Their hard work, sound ideas and willingness to help wherever and whenever they could have helped make this club the success that it is. There are several other members, Sharon Pacheco, Pamela Collins, Pat Rosenthal, Irene Weidelman, *Continued on page 4*

VCPC Holiday Party



The Ventura County Pickleball Club held its first Annual Meeting/Holiday Party and Board of Directors' Election on November 14th at Tarantula Hill Brewery. It was a perfect evening for good friends, good food and good fun.



While Pamela Collins and Carole Linderman (left) checked-in the members and provided oversight for the Board of Directors voting process, those who brought gifts for the grab bag piled them on the table set aside for that purpose.

As the evening progressed, the grab bag fun began. The game rules were simple: Upon checking in, each member received a number which determined the order in which they would choose any grab bag gift on the table. The person with the next sequential number has the option of 'stealing' a gift chosen by someone before them, or choose a new one. Anyone whose gift was 'stolen' got to choose the next gift. It offered yet another opportunity to learn more about our on-court friends.



Kathrin Nolan's happiness was short lived as her gift was soon stolen



Rick Schnapka choosing his second (or maybe 3rd) gift

Upon arriving, members completed their election ballots and deposited them into a secure box. The ballots were tabulated during the evening with the results announced by the election committee, Pamela Collins, Sharon Pacheco and Valerie Radocay.



VCPC Election Committee announcing Board of Director results

2022 VCPC Board of Directors

President:	Kathrin Nolan
1 st Vice President:	Toby Bernstein
2 nd Vice President:	Linda Pappas Diaz
Secretary:	Valeria Radocay
Treasurer:	Carole Linderman



Fun & Friends at the Holiday Party





Ventura County Pickleball Club (aka VCPC) is organized for the purpose of encouraging interest in the fun, healthy, recreational and competitive sport of pickleball. Our club strives to facilitate a sense of community, provide guidance to those who are new to the sport, assist in organized play options for all, advocate for creation of more places to play and to provide basic instruction to those who are new to the sport. The club also works to promote good sportsmanship, fellowship, and a fun and enjoyable experience for all members playing pickleball.

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Fred Lindberg, Patrick Yonally, and Colette Berney that I want to also personally thank for their help, encouragement, vision, and comradery in helping put the club together over the past several years. Collectively all these members are known as “The Founders” of our club. They continue to offer their assistance and suggestions on how to make our club better. The Founders have been meeting regularly to discuss the creation of the club, articulating its purpose, and solving problems that arise as we implement club plans over the last 3 years or so. There are many others who have offered suggestions, comments and encouragement that I’m not mentioning here by name, only because there is limited space here to do so. I have a deep respect for them and I cherish their friendship. Hopefully, many of the founders will continue to meet as a sort of steering committee so that their ideas and suggestions will continue to have an impact on the development of our club agenda and vision. No doubt there will be other members who will step forward and assist the club going forward.

As for me, I will continue to be involved with the club in whatever way I can. My initial goal was to help form this Pickleball club and get it going with initial program activities. That goal has been accomplished with the help of many others and there are so many other members now becoming involved that I now feel free to step aside from a leadership role and pursue other pickleball projects I have in mind. There remains so many exciting Pickleball opportunities to explore! We have just “scratched the surface” regarding what value the club can provide to members and the Pickleball community as a whole. This sport has so much to offer to people looking for a competitive and social outlet to enhance their lives! My good friend Pamela Collins recently remarked that what’s important about looking back on the past 3-4 years of my addiction to this sport is that I feel good about it. I told her that I definitely feel good about it. She responded, “savor it”. I do and will continue to savor every joy pickleball has given and will give to me. As I said in my first letter to you all, Pickleball is definitely a life changer! And to that I’ll add SAVOR IT!!

To be part of this group and become a member of the Ventura County Pickleball Club, visit our website at <https://venturacountypickleballclub.com> and click on “SIGN UP”. As a club member, you can improve your game with Skills and Drills Clinics, compete in future Ladders and Round Robins, participate in the Education program and/or help us advocate for more courts.



Sharon Pacheco Named Ambassador



VCPC’s own Sharon Pacheco (left) has been named “Ambassador” by USA Pickleball. Sharon becomes the 4th VCPC member to obtain that title joining Colette Berney, Kathrin Nolan and Mark Radocay. Not an honorary title for sure, USA Pickleball defines the role and responsibilities of its Ambassadors as “. . . volunteer representatives and unofficial spokespersons for the geographical area you represent. (The) primary responsibility is to promote and grow the sport of pickleball. As an enthusiast, wherever you go, you never stop promoting the sport.”

USA Pickleball further notes, “(Ambassadors) are individuals or couples who work with the communities, clubs, and other various recreational facilities to guide and help build pickleball programs for all to enjoy. The main prerequisite is a love of the sport and the desire to share our game with others of all ages.”

Sharon noted, “this game encompasses so much good and offers balance to today’s life challenges. Physical activity with a mental focus and learning something new with every stroke. A goal will be to standardize drills and clinics with the hope to promote for better play. Welcoming any member with the ambition to learn.”

Reaching the Ambassador level requires work, study and a love of the game. Please congratulate Sharon when you see her. But she still won’t ease up on you on the court.

Upcoming Meetings

DATE	TIME	PURPOSE	PLACE
Jan. 5	1:00PM	Board of Directors Pre Annual Planning Meeting	Carole Linderman’s Home
Jan. 22	1:00PM	Annual Planning Meeting	Rancho Conejo Playfields

Tournaments

DATE	TOURNAMENT	PLACE
January 29	ASA Pickleball	Rancho Conejo Playfields
March 5-6	March Madness	Rancho Conejo Playfields
April 23-24	CRPD Earth Day	Rancho Conejo Playfields
June 25-26	June Gloom	Rancho Conejo Playfields
October 29-30	CRPD Monster Smash	Rancho Conejo Playfields

