



# PICKLERS' PRESS

Newsletter of the THPC

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## THPC Easter Social

The weather was kind to us last Sunday morning. We enjoyed a full morning of Pickleball with 20 players. The group included 3 "newbies", who picked the game up very quickly indeed and should slot in well to our social sessions. After the session we enjoyed good company, coffee and Easter fare, all organised by Lorraine, the head of our Social Subcommittee.

She was ably assisted by her many helpers (including Rosie Greenup, who missed out on her usual Sunday morning tennis session to share the morning with us).

## THPC SportLogic - the only booking system for THPC



Members and non-members alike may sign onto the THPC site:

<https://thpc.sportlogic.net.au/secure/customer/user-login>

This is distinct from the GCPA booking system, which also uses SportLogic, but has a different URL address:

<https://gcpickleball.sportlogic.net.au/secure/customer/user-login>

Players may be registered with both organisations if they wish to play at both venues

Many pickleball players are primary members of one club and affiliate members of the other (provided they have paid the club fees to the secretary of the secondary club). Only those recognised by the system as "Members" for each of the clubs will be afforded member discount rates.

If you believe there is an issue with your THPC registration, contact the club secretary on [secretary@tweedheadspc.org](mailto:secretary@tweedheadspc.org)



Voyager have requested that we do not move chairs onto the court surface. Plans to provide off-court seating and shade are in progress. However, we need to be patient as they have prioritised improvements in court lighting as the next project to tackle.

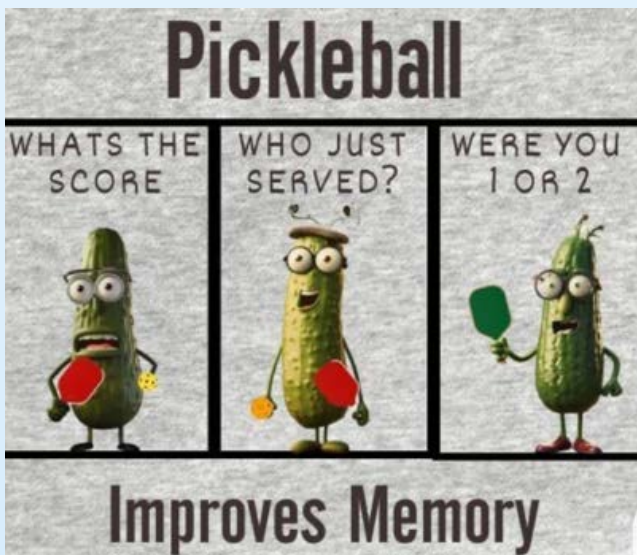
## Club Congregation Point



We have asked our Convenors to encourage THPC players to congregate near the side gate to courts 1-4 rather than at the end gates. This is so that spectators and waiting players can watch without having to look through a wire fence! We have plans to

purchase a few lightweight, easily portable chairs which, together with our existing folding table, may be moved out for our larger social sessions and put away after the session. Please help your Convenor with this.

Did you know that Pickleball has considerable health benefits? In addition to general fitness, it has a beneficial effect on neuroplasticity, leading to the rewiring of your nervous system to sharpen your reflexes.





## Self-cancellation of Session bookings

Self-cancellations of bookings can only be made with more than 24hrs notice. This is aligned with the Voyager Tennis cancellation policy for court hire by the club.

In cases of a true emergency, credits are at the discretion of the THPC Committee.

Please book and cancel with as much notice as possible to give your Convenor sufficient time to book an extra court and to avoid wasting funds on booked courts for which we have no need.

## Weather Cancellations



The session Convenor will try to give as much notice as possible for weather cancellations. At times the weather is unpredictable and the session may only be cancelled just prior to, or during, the session. Fortunately the new court surface is relatively non-slip and hence it may be deemed safe to proceed in very light rainfall.

If the session is cancelled prior to the start of play, those booked in will be

notified of the cancellation by SMS as soon as the decision is made. The session Convenor will also notify club administration and those listed as paid will be given a **lesson** credit which they may use at a later date.



(N.B. initially we were issuing a credit voucher for a \$ amount, but this proved to be messy as we had to differentiate members from nonmembers).

Please feel free to follow up with

[secretary@tweedheadspc.org](mailto:secretary@tweedheadspc.org)

if you believe you have not been allocated a credit following a cancellation or if you feel that you have been overcompensated!!.



# USA Pickleball Sportsmanship Guide

Pickleball was created to be a fun, competitive, and highly social sport.

Since its inception, it has embodied an ethic of good sportsmanship that includes respect, fair play, and graciousness in winning and losing.

The purpose of this guide is to encourage behaviours that reflect these foundational values.

The Official Rules of Pickleball take precedence over this guide in any and all situations.

- 1 **Treat all players, officials, volunteers, staff, and spectators with courtesy and respect.**
  - Introduce yourself to any players you do not know.
  - Never use foul language or obscene gestures. Never denigrate another person.
  - At the end of each game, meet the other players at the net to acknowledge them in a positive manner. In officiated matches, thank the referee.
  - Accommodate players with adaptive needs when possible.
- 2 **Know the Official Rules of Pickleball, apply them fairly and cooperate in any situation that is not expressly covered by the rules.**
- 3 **Practice good sportsmanship when making line calls.**
  - Respect your opponents' right to make all calls on their end of the court.
  - Call your own shot "out" if you see that it is out.
  - If you question an opponent's call, do so respectfully and do not argue.
  - If you defer a line call to your opponents, accept their call graciously.
  - Do not call a ball "out" unless you see it clearly and are certain it is out.
  - Promptly correct any wrong call your partner may make.
  - Resolve any uncertainty in favor of your opponents.
- 4 **Call a fault on yourself or your partner as soon as the fault occurs, regardless of whether your opponents are aware of the fault.**
  - Watch your own and your partner's feet for service or NVZ foot faults
  - Accept your opponent's and partner's fault calls graciously.
  - Admit if the ball hits you or your paddle on the way out of bounds.
- 5 **Claim a replay only if a hinder affects your team's ability to play the ball.**
- 6 **In social play, rotate on and off courts fairly, courteously, and in accordance with local practice.**
  - Don't jump ahead of others who are waiting to play.
  - Don't invite someone else forward in line or rearrange paddles so they can move up to play with you; move yourself back instead.
  - Don't call a lower score or start a second game to avoid leaving the court.
  - Be prepared to play when it is your turn.
  - If you must cross over or behind an active court, wait until play is stopped and cross quickly in a single group to minimize disruption of that game.
- 7 **Make safety a priority while using common sense.**
  - If a ball strays onto your court, make eye contact with the correct person and roll or toss it back to them without disrupting play on other courts.
  - If your ball enters another court, immediately warn any players whose safety may be in jeopardy by loudly calling "ball" or some other warning. If the ball is rolling behind their court and does not present a danger to players, do not interrupt play but wait until play stops to retrieve it or ask for its return.
  - Never throw your paddle or strike the ball in anger or frustration.
- 8 **As a stronger player in social play, be kind to other players.**
  - Avoid hitting excessively to a weaker player.
  - Do not slam the ball directly at other players.
- 9 **Be considerate about playing up and playing down.**
  - Be willing to play sometimes with less-skilled players.
  - Do not demand to play with more skilled players; ask them nicely if you wish to play with them.
- 10 **Be a respectful and supportive partner.**
  - Avoid criticism and negative non-verbal communications.
  - Provide coaching and advice only when requested.

## **Executive Members:**

**President:**

**Simon Hood**

**Treasurer:**

**Kareen Kluver**

**Secretary:**

**Jeanne Hood**

# **THPC Committee**

**Voted in at the 2024  
AGM**

## **General Members:**

**Hayley Ackroyd**

**Ian Bell**

**Rosie Greenup**

**Lorraine Smith**



## **Committee Profiles**

**General Member**

**Lorraine Smith**

**Hi I'm Lorraine, your social committee leader.**

**I have played tennis all my life and moved to pickleball about 2 years ago. I love the social aspect of meeting friends and keeping active, whilst playing pickleball. I have recently moved to the area and have found my place at Tweed Heads Pickleball Club. Hope to see you on the courts.**

## **Don't be a DILL!**

**Be thoughtful of others when playing pickleball.**



**Social play involves players with a wide range of skill levels. Remember, the ball that appears hard hit next to your head may be your opponent's idea of a soft, safe ball!**

**Don't get angry!**

**Calmly make your point so that you and your opponent can see each other's perspective.**



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## BREAKING NEWS

**Club shirt for THPC**

Latest design approved by THPC Committee.  
Plans afoot to create an order form with payment details for bulk purchase by Club on behalf of its members.

Prices are:

- Singlet - \$35 plus GST (10%)
- Tee - \$37 plus GST (10%)
- Polo - \$40 plus GST (10%)
- Long Sleeve polo - \$45 plus GST (10%)

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