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NEWSLETTER OF THE VENTURA COUNTY PICKLEBALL CLUB



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Those voices in my head are at it again....

As we head into the holiday season again, I begin to take stock of how this past year has gone. Did I accomplish some of the projects I set out to do? Did some of them fail to launch? Is there still time left to get started? Has my pickleball game improved? Is there a softness to my game? Why does Sharon still call me a "banger"?

Overall, I think 2021 was WAYYY Better than 2020. While we laid a lot of ground work in 2020 that may not be readily recognizable, yet the accomplishments of VCPC

this year are, in many respects, the result of our prior efforts to get our club up and running. Early this year, we finished setting out the structure of our club and finally obtained the insurance coverage that was vital to initiating club activities on the public courts in our area. Our first round-robin tournament in July was successful in large part to Pat Rosenthal's work and that of the volunteers who helped plan and carry out that event. It set the tone and created optimism to plan future tournaments. I believe the enthusiasm of our volunteers at the CRPD tournaments in October have set our club on a course of assisting CRPD in future tournaments and gained their respect that we are a viable organization with good leadership, camaraderie, and an exciting vision for the future of pickleball in our area and throughout Ventura County.

While tournament play and competition are a primary and strong interest of our members, our Picnic and Carnival in September also highlights our interest in coming together in a social setting as well.

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Carnival & Picnic Fun!

VCPC held its first PICKLEBALL CARNIVAL & PICNIC on September 26th at the Del Prado Courts in Dos Vientos. While the weather was not ideal, it was a most fun afternoon enjoyed by all! On the right and left are some of the pickleball skill challenges where

members competed for prizes.



And, there were raffles! Winners everywhere! (Special thanks to VCPC member Stefanie Silberman for donating the raffle prizes which made it a VCPC fundraiser!)



Our pickleball players filled the 2 courts.





Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

VCPC Members are cordially invited to what is sure to be the first holiday party of the 2021 holiday season on November 14, 2021 from 4-7 p.m., at the Tarantula Hill Brewing Co., located at 244 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, California! We will be celebrating another fantastic year of Pickleball by eating, drinking and merry-making. *For food and drinks. . . each member will receive a \$10 coupon toward anything ordered from Tarantula Hill that day only - courtesy of*



VCPC.

Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to bring a wrapped "Pickleball or Not" gift valued at \$20 or less for the gift exchange. Those bringing gifts will go home with a gift. Come one, come all to our last event of 2021!

There will also be a short meeting to elect our 2022 Board of Directors. The candidates are listed below and are running unopposed.

President: Kathrin Nolan

First Vice President: Linda Pappas Diaz

Second Vice President: Tobye Bernstein

Secretary: Valerie G. Radocay

Treasurer: Carole Linderman



For your information, here are the individual roles for each member of the Board of Directors as defined by the VCPC by-laws and listed on the website www.venturacountypickleballclub.com

President

The President shall assume the VCPC leadership as the chief executive officer of the Club. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint chairs of committees, call special meetings as needed, and generally be a spokesperson for the Club.

First Vice President and Second Vice President

The office of the Vice President shall consist two (2) officers. The co-vice presidents shall have equal powers, but shall have different primary duties. The Vice Presidents shall assist the club in all functions as necessary. The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. If the President is unable to fulfill their term in office for any reason, the First Vice President shall assume the office of the President until a successor to the past president is elected and takes office. The Second Vice President shall assist the President or First Vice President in all functions as necessary, or as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of the VCPC and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial activities of the Club by maintaining the check book, making bank deposits, paying Club debts timely, as well as handling disbursements/deposits of monies associated with membership, registration, fundraisers and sponsorships.

Terms of office

The terms of office shall be two (2) years commencing on January 1st of the year following election. In order to provide consistency within the board, the terms of office shall be staggered among the board members. Therefore, the President, Second Vice-President, and Treasurer terms will end December 31 of every even numbered year. The First Vice-President and Secretary terms will end December 31 of every odd numbered year (see Bylaws on the venturacountypickleball.com website for more information on terms of office).





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.

Celebrities and Pickleball

We all know Jamie Foxx is a regular on the Rancho Conejo courts. But, what about other celebrities? In the November issue of *Vanity Fair*, Craig Coyne writes, “Out of nowhere, pickleball is everywhere. This sneaky-fast amalgam of tennis, badminton, and Ping-Pong has been embraced by Larry David, Melinda Gates, Jamie Foxx, the Kardashians, Owen Wilson, Jillian Michaels, Zach Braff, and Giuliana Rancic. Pro athletes from Russell Wilson to Annika Sörenstam have mastered the dink and drive. Games break out in the Chicago Cubs bullpen. Reese Witherspoon mentioned pickleball in a birthday post to husband Jim Toth. George Clooney says his wife, Amal, routinely torches him on their home court in L.A. Joel Silver prefers to just watch. *Survivor* winner Tyson Apostol has parlayed his reality-TV fame into a career as a pickleball influencer.” Read the full story here:

<https://www.vanityfair.com/style/2021/10/how-pickleball-won-over-everyone>

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Initially, our program planning efforts, by necessity, were focused on getting something started and soon. Our focus was on the short term. Now that we have become used to what each of us have to offer in the planning and running of club events, we realize that there are many members who have good ideas and who work well together. While I am not surprised, I am grateful that so many members have come forward and indicated that they are willing to help. I have no doubt now that our club will continue to grow and more exciting events will be held in 2022. We can now set our sights on planning events several months in advance and adding many new benefits to being a member of VCPC.

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.

