

AVPC BOARD NEWS

Recently we held a call for nominations for the election of new AVPC Board Members. We received one nomination for the position of president, which the Board accepted and recruited and appointed 2 members for the remaining positions.

Congratulations to:

Stacy Bryant, President (Position ending 2027)
Dave Freeman, Vice President (Position ending 2026)
Emily Moulton, Secretary (Position ending 2027)

The following members will continue in their positions for the upcoming 2026-2027 membership year:

Steve Fragas, Treasurer
Eileen Rogers, Director of Membership
Ines Noriega, Director of Communication
Christine Garcia, Director of Marketing/Branding

We will be having our 2nd Anniversary Round Robin/Meet the Board Members event in early June. Please watch your emails.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Saturday, May 10th:

Pickleball Drills and Skills Session Contact Christine Levin 661-878-4076 for more information.

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FOSTER THE LOVE

Foster the Love Tournament:

Save the Date for our 3rd Annual Foster the Love Tournament, September 20-21, 2025

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June 7th 2nd Anniversary Round Robin:

2nd Annual Round Robin/Meet the Board Members Event Please watch your inboxes for more information. lunch will be included RSVP emails coming out soon.

4

July 5th Pickleball Potluck:

We will have a Women's Round Robin and separate Men's Round Robin. Save the Date!

5

July/August:

Summer League Information will be announced in June.



TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Spring time brings beautiful weather, which also means it is tournament season! Many member like to participate in tournaments near and far. Don't forget to submit pictures, whether or not you medal. We want to celebrate you!! Playing in tournaments is different from recreational play. It is competitive, yet fun and helps you to determine what skills you want to work on to up your game! Many tournaments are fundraisers, if you are interested in playing tournaments and don't know where to start reach out to any board member. Many of us participate in tournaments!

Congrats to Carlos Barrondo and Hoang Tran on winning GOLD at their first tournament, CAPA Tournament Winners Phillip Rogers & Evan Bernstein - Silver, Marji Butler & Christine Garcia - Silver.



Carlos Barrondo and Hoang Tran



Phillip Rogers and Evan Bernstein



Marji Butler and Christine Garcia



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Pickleball is like a jar of pickles...once you get started, it's hard to stop!



HERE'S THE DINK... TIPS & DRILLS

My simplest advice for those trying to UP their game is, take the time to DRILL also. Drilling and receiving feedback while drilling, substantially improve your shot mechanics and consistency. You will see a rapid improvement in your game play if you have some consistent drilling sessions every week in addition to playing. When the courts aren't as crowded and you see someone waiting on the sidelines for a game to end, just ask if they would like to "drill" while waiting. Work on hand volleys, dinks, hitting back and forth while one player is changing the pace (speed) of the ball. Both players benefit from drilling.

Pack your paddle and a ball when you travel, the PB community is very welcoming and you will enjoy playing in other settings.

~ Steve Fragas



Our **Ladder Games** sessions in April were a hit! Thank you to everyone who came out to play. We would like to host more of these games on a regular basis.



CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Steve Fragas

I started playing pickleball in 2014. I was in Casa Grande, AZ visiting my father-in-law, and

instead of tennis or a round of golf, he asked if I wanted to learn to play a game called pickleball. That was the start, and when I returned to the AV, I saw that 24 hour fitness was announcing indoor pickleball. I was hooked by then. As summer approached in 2014, a group of us started chalking lines and setting up portable nets on the tennis courts at the city park on weekends and before we knew it, people just started showing up.



Ines Ortega

I have been playing pickleball for three years. I was invited to play by my tennis partner, Veronica. I am

motivated by this sport because you can learn something new everyday you play. I also enjoy meeting new people, and playing in tournaments is always a new adventure and challenge. Along the way, there are always people who inspire me to do my best. My tips for pickleball are watch videos to understand the game and its rules.



Happy Birthday

Let's Celebrate our May Birthdays!

- Abel C 5/1
- Julie R 5/3
- Diego R 5/10
- Lise P 5/11
- Benjamin W 5/16
- Evan B 5/18
- Michael C 5/21
- Tristan H 5/21
- Katie D 5/22
- Tony G 5/26

Please email playpickleballwithphilnei@yahoo.com with your birthdate so we can celebrate YOU!



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