

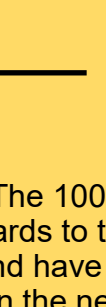


Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

March 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club comes into March of 2024 with an almost entirely new Board of Directors. The nine-member board has seven newbies, including myself. Fortunately, a tremendous amount of work has been accomplished by the outgoing and ongoing board members, for which we are all immensely grateful. The club is looking forward to the annual Dinko de Mayo tournament, pro clinics, educational programs, and a full slate of lessons, round robins, and open play.

We also are, of course, eager for the new courts to be added at Fort Marcy. We're lucky the Santa Fe Pickleball Club and the City of Santa Fe began this planning some time ago, as the growth in pickleball is not slowing down. In 2023 more people played pickleball than went downhill skiing. In 2024, Pickleball is on track to overtake soccer in popularity in the United States. So as the snows dwindle, the wind whistles, the weather warms, and the courts crowd, let's all be kind, courteous and patient with each other.

I know a lot of you out there identify as pretty serious pickleball nerds. But ask yourself this: Are you really, truly a hardcore pb nerd if you haven't had any referee training yet? Wouldn't you like to be the one on the court with the definitive answer to those questions people are always asking? Sign up for the April referee training on Court Reserve and you can help make our tournament play more fun, fair, and professional. If you don't want to referee, you can still volunteer (register for May 1 on Court Reserve). Apparently it takes a village to make a pickle. Your March maxim: Make dinking middle sexy again.

Zane Fischer

Board Meeting Minutes/New Courts Update

Board meeting minutes can be found on our webpage at <https://santafepickleballclub.com/index.php/board-meeting-minutes/>

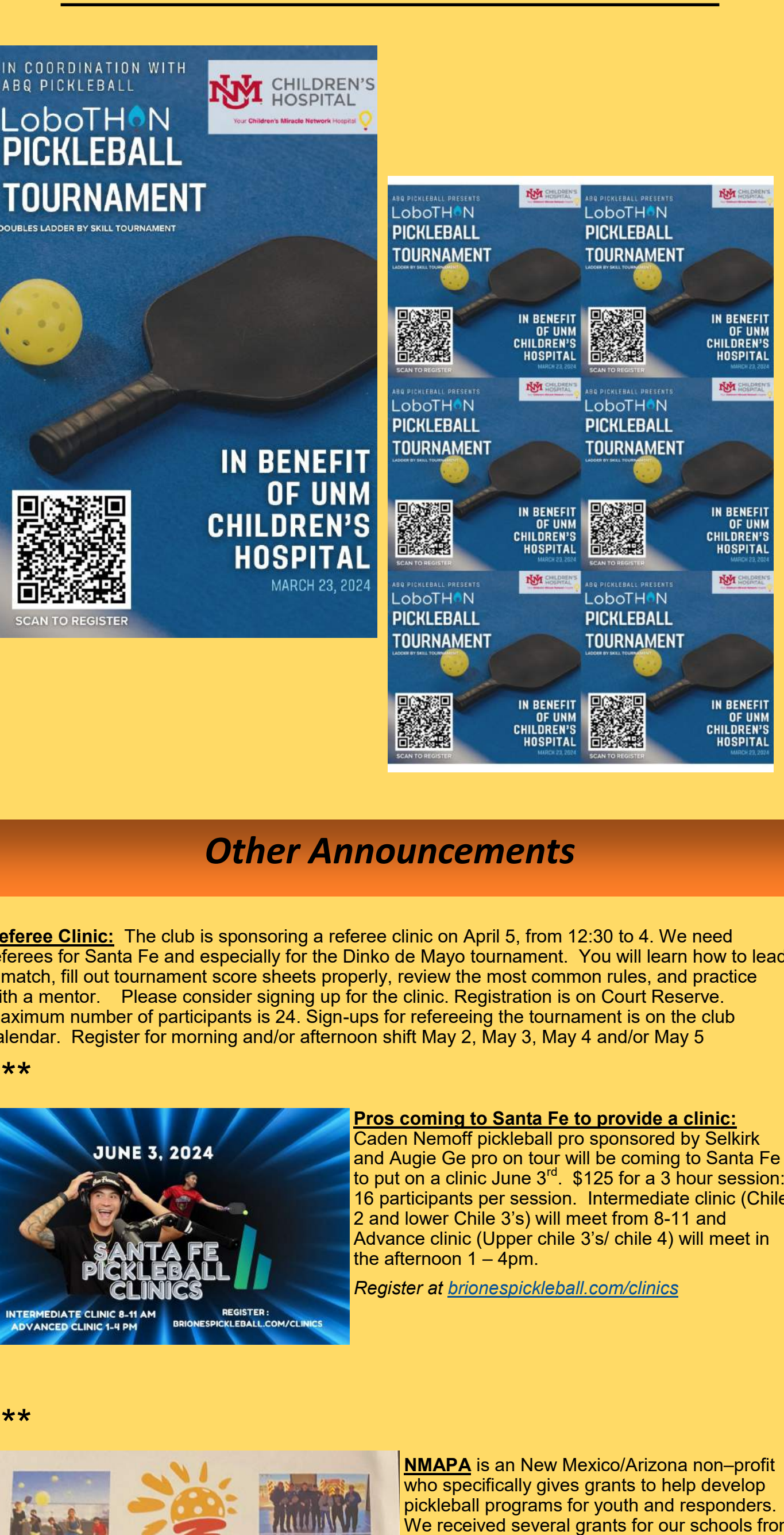
Court Expansion Project: The 100% design was completed in February. We had several meetings with the city in regards to the design. The city listened to us. We were able to make all the changes to the design and have an excellent end product. It is a very exciting time. The plans will be on the city's website in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Tournaments



Dinko de Mayo Tournament
 May 2-5 2024 at Fort Marcy Park
 Santa Fe, NM



Our second annual tournament is on the calendar. If you have never played in a tournament, this is a great way to get your feet wet. There are four different skill levels: 3.0 (some chile 1s /2s), 3.5 (some chile 2s/chile 3s) , 4.0 (some chile 3s/4s) and 4.5/5.0 (chile 4s). You can play singles, men's or women's doubles, and/or mixed doubles.

Registration can be found on <https://pickleballbrackets.com/pts.aspx> and search on Dinko de Mayo. There is a \$10 discount for early-bird registration, which ends March 15th . Sign up and join in the fun. Last year we had 120 participants, so it's a full weekend of fun, with booths and food trucks thrown in.

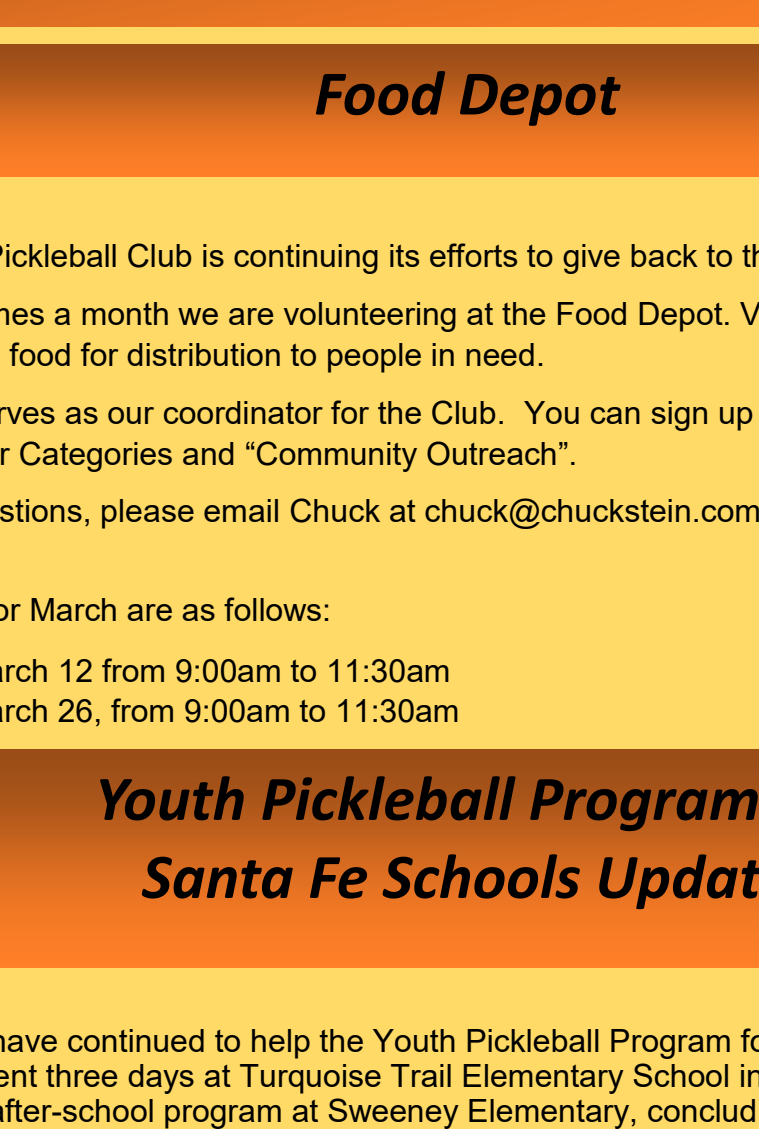
We will need a lot of volunteers for both refereeing and running booths at the tournament. Sign up on May 1st on court reserve calendar if you are willing to help at the tournament. The volunteer coordinator will then contact you in regards to your shift availability. See below for referee information.

ALMOST FREE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT(\$5 PER EVENT)

AGE 18+ DOUBLES TOURNAMENT BENEFIT FOR NM AGING AND LONG TERM SERVICES

MORE INFORMATION AT ABQPICKLEBALL.ORG, REGISTER AT PICKLEBALLBRACKETS.COM

POOL PLAY SKILL LEVELS 2.5-5.0 BY AGE CATEGORIES, MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DOUBLES ON APRIL 27,MIXED DOUBLES ON APRIL 28

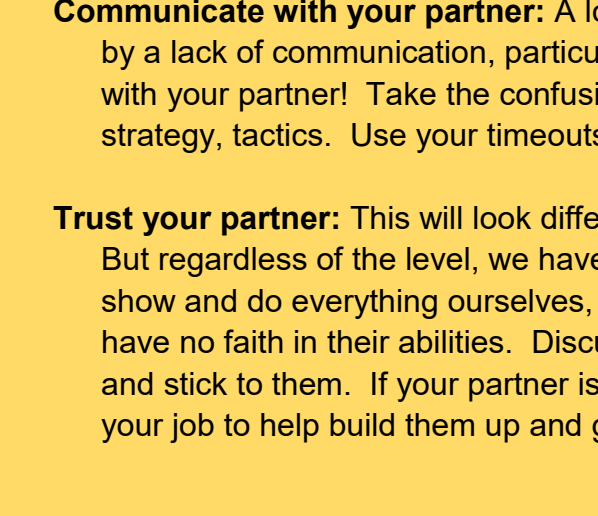


NEW MEXICO AGING & LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• ABQPICKLEBALL.CLUB –TOURNAMENT COMMISSIONERS

Other Announcements

Referee Clinic: The club is sponsoring a referee clinic on April 5, from 12:30 to 4. We need referees for Santa Fe and especially for the Dinko de Mayo tournament. You will learn how to lead a match, fill out tournament score sheets properly, review the most common rules, and practice with a mentor. Please consider signing up for the clinic. Registration is on Court Reserve. Maximum number of participants is 24. Sign-ups for refereeing the tournament is on the club calendar. Register for morning and/or afternoon shift May 2, May 3, May 4 and/or May 5

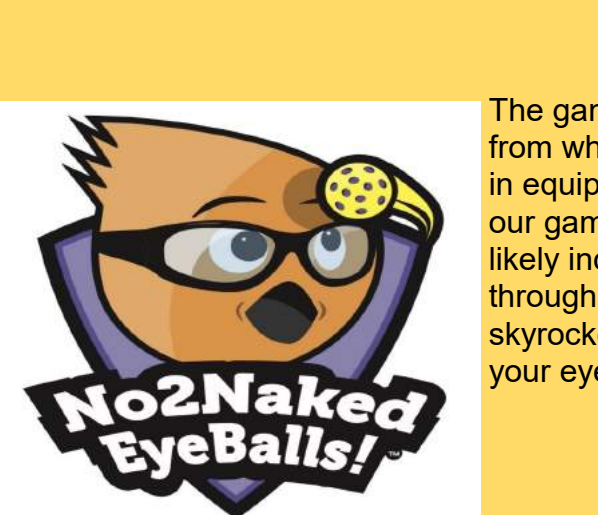


JUNE 3, 2024

SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLINICS II

INTERMEDIATE CLINIC 8-11 AM REGISTER!
 ADVANCED CLINIC 1-4 PM BRONESPICKLEBALL.COM/CLINICS

Pros coming to Santa Fe to provide a clinic:
 Caden Nemoff pickleball pro sponsored by Selkirk and Augie Ge pro on tour will be coming to Santa Fe to put on a clinic June 3rd. \$125 for a 3 hour session: 16 participants per session. Intermediate clinic (Chile 2 and lower Chile 3's) will meet from 8-11 and Advance clinic (Upper Chile 3's/ Chile 4) will meet in the afternoon 1 – 4pm.
 Register at bronespickleball.com/clinics



NMAPA is a 501(C)3 non-profit association with the mission to grow and support pickleball in Arizona and New Mexico by:

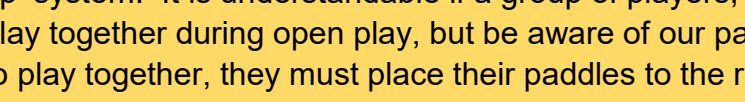
- Providing Grants To Youth Groups, First Responders, And Special Situations
- Supporting Charitable Organizations Through Sponsorships

For more information contact our team:
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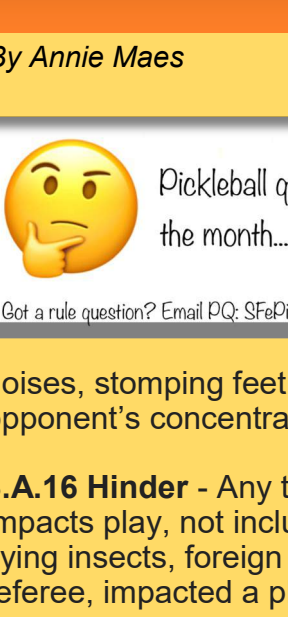
Use link or QR code for Donations:
<https://www.givpal.com/donations/nmappickleball/4974964>

NMAPA is a New Mexico/Arizona non-profit who specifically gives grants to help develop pickleball programs for youth and responders. We received several grants for our schools from this organization. Please consider supporting them to help develop pickleball programs throughout New Mexico and Arizona.



Pickleball Trips: PickleballLIFE is a New Mexico company that organizes pickleball trips at wonderful destinations. Each trip has professionals to teach pickleball, organized play with locals, and opportunities for sight-seeing. Next trip is to Ixtapa, Mexico. If interested, contact Jeaney Garcia at coachjeaney@gmail.com or visit the website at www.pickleballlife.com.

SFPC Merchandise Store



The Santa Fe Pickleball Club merchandise offerings can be viewed either by scanning the QR code, or visit the Club's web page at: santafepickleballclub.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Food Depot

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club is continuing its efforts to give back to the community! Two or three times a month we are volunteering at the Food Depot. Volunteers evaluate and repack donated food for distribution to people in need. Chuck Stein serves as our coordinator for the Club. You can sign up on Court Reserve by searching under Categories and "Community Outreach". If you have questions, please email Chuck at chuck@chuckstein.com or you can text him at 214-354-6073. Current dates for March are as follows:

- Tuesday March 12 from 9:00am to 11:30am
- Tuesday March 26, from 9:00am to 11:30am

Youth Pickleball Program in Santa Fe Schools Update

Our volunteers have continued to help the Youth Pickleball Program focus on our school children in 2024. We spent three days at Turquoise Trail Elementary School in January and continued our efforts with the after-school program at Sweeney Elementary, concluding on February 1st. We have continued to help with Jose Smith's middle school students from the School for the Arts and Sciences on Fridays at Genovese Chavez Community Center 2:15-3:15. As of March 15, Jose plans to take the students to the Romero courts during that hour to interact with other players. The middle school students have learned so much during the past four months, it will be fun for you to play a few games with them at Romero. One of the middle school students told Nancy Mroz last week that his mom was super excited that he was learning pickleball!

Frank Lux and Nancy will be introducing pickleball to Coach Christina Lujan's 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Nina Otero Community School (near the Super Walmart south of town) on March 18, 19 and 20. There are volunteer slots available and we welcome you to sign up (on Court Reserve). Some of Christina's classes have up to 30 students. Yikes!

If you have school connections and would like us to contact your associates at certain schools, reach out to Nancy Mroz at 505-660-4600.

COACH'S CORNER

Being a Good Partner

Submitted by Cindy Lawton from an email she received

Many people underestimate the value of being a great partner. The best part is that this is something that has nothing to do with our physical abilities and is something that is completely within our control. People are always trying to find a great partner, while few people are looking to BE that great partner!

We have all played with a partner that is tough on us. Eye rolling, shoulder shrugging after a miss, a deep sigh after we miss a put-away, coaching us after every single point. The only thing this does is create more friction between the partners and cause us to play tighter, ultimately leading to more mistakes, and never wanting to play with that person again! Here are some tips that can help.

Positive emotion: Positive emotion plays such a big role in how well we play. Be your partner's biggest cheerleader. When they hit a great shot, make sure to tell them know! This also sends the message to your partner that you are excited for your team's success and not just your own personal success. And when your partner makes a mistake, don't roll your eyes and walk the opposite direction, causing even more friction. Stay positive and move on.

Communicate with your partner: A lot of the confusion with new partnerships is caused by a lack of communication, particularly in the middle of the court. Over-communicate with your partner! Take the confusion out of the equation by talking things over: strategy, tactics. Use your timeouts wisely and talk it out if things start going astray.

Trust your partner: This will look different depending on what event/level you're playing. But regardless of the level, we have to show trust. If we are trying to be a one-person show and do everything ourselves, we are sending the message to our partner that we have no faith in their abilities. Discuss your own roles in the partnership beforehand, and stick to them. If your partner is having an off day or is struggling, remember that is your job to help build them up and get them out of that rut.

Be that ROCK and focus not just on your abilities and skills, but also on being a great partner!

Protective Eyewear

By Christine Wantuck Certified Coach PPP

The game of pickleball is constantly evolving and adapting from where it was a few years ago. The recent advancements in equipment technology have significantly improved taking our game to new levels. The power game is here and will likely increase. Unfortunately, USAP Ambassadors throughout the nation are reporting that eye injuries have also skyrocketed. Please do not become a statistic and protect your eyes while at play. Don't Play with Naked Eyeballs.

Paddle Etiquette

There have been some hurt feelings and complaints recently on activities surrounding the 'paddle-up' system. It is understandable if a group of players, be they beginners or advanced, want to play together during open play, but be aware of our paddle etiquette: If two or more players want to play together, they must place their paddles to the right in the next 'set' of four spaces, leaving a space for the 1, 2, or 3 paddles already in place to accommodate their foursome, which will get the next open court. **NO ONE SHOULD EVER MOVE SOMEONE ELSE'S PADDLE** without their consent. And of course, be considerate of players around you regarding comments about level of ability.

RULES & REGS

Hinder vs Distraction

By Annie Maes

What's the difference between a Distraction and a Hinder? The USAP Rule Book states:

3.A.7 Distraction - Physical actions by a player that are not common to the game that, in the judgement of the referee, may interfere with the opponent's ability or concentration to hit the ball. Examples include, but not limited to, making loud noises, stomping feet, waving the paddle in a distracting manner or otherwise interfering with the opponent's concentration or ability to hit the ball.

3.A.16 Hinder - Any transient element or occurrence not caused by a player that adversely impacts play, not including permanent objects. Examples include, but are not limited to, balls, flying insects, foreign material, players, or officials on another court that, in the opinion of the referee, impacted a player's ability to make a play on the ball.

11.J. Distractions - Players may not distract an opponent when the opponent is about to play the ball. If in the judgement of the referee a distraction has occurred the referee shall immediately call a Fault on the offending team.

To follow up:
 In **tournament play**, if your opponent yells/talks to you during a rally it is a **Distraction** and (at the discretion of the referee) a fault. A point would then be granted to the offending team. If the **distraction** occurs during **rec play**, kindly bring it to the attention of the offending team and request they cease what they are doing. If all players agree, a point can be replayed in this case. Otherwise the point stands. Partner communication is not a **Distraction**. Shouting "Out" before the ball has bounced is partner communication.

A **Hinder** is not a fault and a replay should be called.