



July Update 2018

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DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF THE SPORT OF PICKLEBALL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Rico Goedjen

Five years ago there were no options for quality outdoor pickleball play in the area. At the beginning of this year, the county had nine dedicated courts. By the end of the summer, we will have 31! The power of the collective voice and active members has accomplished so much for the pickleball community.

We are nearing the end of our second full year of existence, and it is time for membership renewal. If you wonder what value CAPA has provided, look no further than the expanding outdoor play locations. In every situation, a member has been at the right place and time to help influence the decisions on pickleball projects. Please thank members Karen Jerg, Mike Barone, Jim Bidlingmaier, Joe Sokal, Pat Fleming, Bob Gross, Janice Kellogg, Duane Kleven, and others, whom I may not be aware of, who have played a major role in establishing pickleball as a sport of the future.

We also have a dedicated group of ambassadors including Joe Carter, Mike Derr, Mike Barone, and Greg Isermann, who represent our club in so many helpful ways and share ideas and practices from groups around the country. Finally, let's not forget high-

profile member Dave Weinbach for attracting significant media exposure to pickleball and providing education and instruction throughout the area.

Our annual membership meeting is set for Wednesday, August 29th at 6 PM at the Jaycee Shelter, 275 N. Perry Pkwy in Oregon, and we may have considerable change in the club leadership. Joe Carter, our current vice president, and Pat Fleming, our current secretary are willing to step aside for other members to participate. Joe Sokal, an at-large member, has opted not to seek re-election. Positions held by incumbents who are willing to serve another two-year term are Warren Luehring, treasurer, and Karen Jerg, at-large member. Please consider submitting your name as a candidate for any of the four positions up for election this August. Save the date to attend the annual membership meeting as our by-laws require attendance to cast a ballot.



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IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR CAPA MEMBERSHIP!

It is only \$10. [Click here to renew your membership now!](#)

CAPA's membership year is September 1 - August 31.

Benefits members enjoyed this past year:

- Free member socials in Sun Prairie, Oregon, Middleton and Madison
- Mini-Tournaments
- Leagues
- Skills and Drills
- And meeting lots of new friends!

CAPA membership (nearly 400 people have joined CAPA since its inception) is recognized as a significant indicator for local communities as they plan and build new facilities.

Memberships received after July 1 count towards the 2019 membership year.

[Click here](#) to renew your membership now!

Check These Out!

[CAPA Website](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

Notice of CAPA Annual Meeting Annual Board Member Elections and Requests for Nominations

Positions open for reelection:

[Click here](#) for a description of duties.

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- At-Large Directors (2)

Any club member is eligible and encouraged to serve on the board. Please consider nominating an enthusiastic member or submitting your name as a candidate. Before nominating someone, please contact them and affirm that they are willing to serve.

With the growth of our CAPA organization, the need for participation expands rapidly. The board meets 9-10 times a year with less frequency over the winter months. Feel free to ask any current board members if you have additional questions about the commitment.

Incumbents are eligible to be nominated and elected to additional terms. Send an email **by Tuesday, July 31** to either [Joe Sokal](#) or [Rico Goedjen](#), to be included on the ballot.

Please plan to attend the annual membership meeting on Wednesday, August 29th at 6 PM at the Jaycee Shelter, 275 N. Perry Pkwy, Oregon, WI. The CAPA bylaws state that only those who attend the meeting can cast a ballot. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the time of the meeting.

Current Board Members:

Rico Goedjen - President
Joe Carter - Vice President
Warren Luehring - Treasurer
Pat Fleming - Secretary
Karen Jerg - At Large
Mike Barone - At Large
Joe Sokal - At Large

CAPA BOARD MEETINGS

CAPA Board Meetings are open to the public. Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month in August, October, and December. Time and location noted in the Agenda on the [website](#).

CAPA ANNUAL MEETING August 29, 2018, 6 PM

Jaycee Shelter, 275 N. Perry Pkwy, Oregon. Everyone is invited!

CAPA NEWSLETTERS

Look for the CAPA newsletters four times a year. The last edition in 2018 will be available in October.

If there is anything you would like to see included, please let us know by emailing pickleball@capareapb.com.



Do You Know The Rule?

By Joe Carter

Portable nets

You are playing with a portable net with a horizontal metal bar and metal center support base. The horizontal bar is on your opponents' side of the net. Your opponent hits the ball, it strikes the top of the net and falls on your side, but as it falls, it hits the metal bar through the net and deflects. Is this a repayable "let" or is it a fault?

The applicable rule states:

11.L.5. When net systems have a horizontal bar that includes a center base: If the ball hits the horizontal bar or the center base before going over the net, it is a fault. If the ball goes over the net and hits the center base or the horizontal bar or the ball gets caught between the net and the horizontal bar before touching the court, it is a let and will be replayed.

Given that the scenario above is not clearly addressed within the rule. We escalated it to the USAPA Rules Committee. Their ruling is: "It would be a let, as the rule only states that the ball goes over the net and strikes the bar or foot, therefore it's a let." Note: This applies to any metal part of the net system excluding the outside support posts.



Paddle touching the net

You charge to the net to return a short drop shot from your opponent. After the ball bounces you hit the ball and it hits your opponent in the chest. Then your paddle touches the net.

The question is: Is the ball dead as soon as it strikes your opponent or is it a fault because you touched the net with your paddle AFTER the ball struck your opponent? It's not a momentum fault but what's the answer?

7.F. (Faults) A player, a player's apparel, or a player's paddle touches the net system when the ball is in play.

The key words here are: "when the ball is in play." In this scenario, the ball becomes dead when it struck the opponent. The net touch is after. Therefore, there is no fault from the paddle striking the net.

Check out this Madison area pickleball [player](#) and CAPA member who made the front page of the USAPA web site.



The Wisconsin Senior Games were played June 9-10 at Hitters. Pictured above are CAPA members who were present at the time of the photo. Tournament was by age groups: 50-59, 60-69, and 70-79.

PADDLES NEEDED



Do you have a pickleball paddle that you are not using? CAPA is putting together clinic/training bags for members to use when conducting lessons or leagues and is in need of pickleball paddles. If you would like to donate a paddle to this cause please contact [Joanne](#). Donors will receive three new balls. Thank you!!

Skill Development

The vast amount of Pickleball players fit the social description; they play doubles and enjoy the company of others while getting mild exercise and enjoying the competition. They start by tapping a few back and forth across the net before continuing into mild play. They cannot improve their skills primarily because they don't want to take the risk of new shots and strategies as they do not want to disappoint their partners.

The best way to improve your skills is to take your partner out of the equation and learn and participate in clinics that teach skill drills. Drilling should be a regular part of your Pickleball program. CAPA offers several skill development clinics that are based upon learning drills that teach and reinforce proper shots and strategies that are then incorporated into games designed to apply them.

YouTube is another great place to get exposed to drill exercises on shot development and game strategies. Last summer I organized drill groups at Garner Park on the west side and Heritage Heights Park on the east side in a selfish effort to work on my own game and it was a very rewarding experience. These drill groups started early when court demand was low and most folks were still watching the news and drinking coffee in their slippers. After a summer of drilling for an hour twice per week and teaching clinics for intermediate players, I think that a good ratio of drilling to playing time is 1:3 which gives me 30 minutes of drilling time and 90 minutes of playing time for a 2 hour workout. Keep an eye out for CAPA clinics this summer for fun and free opportunities to learn about drills that will improve your skills. Take the time to learn drills and incorporate them into your playing sessions.

Let's play soon, David Mott

NEW COURTS IN MIDDLETON



The official dedication of the eight new courts at the Harvey John & Lucille Taylor Memorial Park in Middleton took place on July 2nd. Great weather and a great turnout of over 70 players made for a very festive event. Remarks and ribbon cutting were followed by cake and refreshments. Pickleball Pros Dave Weinbach and KaSandra Gehrke provided a tutorial and exhibition and one court was used for those interested in trying the sport for the first time. While many in the crowd were regular players, several residents from the adjoining apartments made their way to the courts. Play continued until just before sunset. Many thanks to the New Courts Committee that was responsible for the planning of this event and for all those in attendance who made the event significant. The city representatives in attendance greatly appreciated CAPA's assistance. In the next week or so we hope to meet with the recreation department and set a schedule for these courts.

Other projects in the Area:

Sun Prairie approved a four court expansion in mid-June. The site has been surveyed but no dirt has been moved yet. The expectation is for the courts to be ready by the end of August. CAPA and other Sun Prairie players made a strong showing on the evening of the vote for the four court option.

Stoughton has been delayed by drainage concerns on one end of the courts. The engineer is leaning towards putting a drain in near the northeast corner of the court and connecting it to the storm water sewer. Players can still expect a finished project in the next few months.

Waunakee is still in the plans but no timetable has been established. The site is ready for asphalt.

Oregon has begun the planning of a major project at the current Jaycee Park and CAPA members are making a strong case for pickleball courts as part of the project. More information on this site will be coming when a timetable for the site is established.

Garner Park has wind screens on order. Installation has been delayed by a very busy contractor. Exact date is unknown at this time.

Help is Needed

The Taylor Park courts in Middleton did not have wind screens or a center isle access lane in the budget but added these features on suggestions from CAPA members. Please consider making a tax deductible contribution payable to **Middleton Public Lands, Recreation & Forestry Department** to help cover these additional features which make the courts a great place to play. Donations in any amount will help and may be sent to:

City of Middleton Finance Department
Taylor Park Pickleball Fund
7426 Hubbard Ave
Middleton, WI 53562

Photos from the dedication of the eight new courts at the Harvey John & Lucille Taylor Memorial Park in Middleton can be seen on the next page. Thanks to Mike Derr for taking the pictures.



More Pickleball Fun for the Ladies Oak Street Courts in Oregon, WI

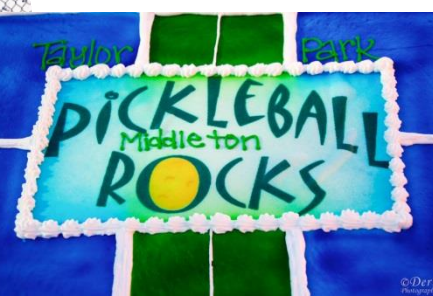
Please come and join the ladies for playful games of pickleball on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 8 AM. All ages and levels are welcome. No equipment necessary except for your sense of humor! We supply paddles, balls and instructions for beginners.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathie Martin at 608-333-7511 or Nancy Johnson at 608-575-0048.

See you on the courts!

Harvey John & Lucille Taylor Memorial Park in Middleton

Pictures from the Dedication of the Eight New Pickleball Courts



CAPA PLAYER PROFILE

Cathy Ricciardi

I was introduced to the game of pickleball at the Waunakee Community Center where five other members and I learned the game via YouTube videos and by trial and error. We were immediately hooked! Our small group of six quickly expanded to more than thirty players. I play 4-5 days a week at Garner Park, Hitters, and the Community Center. I feel so fortunate to be a member of a pickleball community that supports the expansion and commitment to this awesome sport!

I have received countless benefits from participating in pickleball play. These include keeping physically and mentally active and making wonderful new friendships along the way.



Article of Interest

Submitted by Kate Dalby

This was an interesting article about the varied sports backgrounds of pickleball players. It was the advice at the end from Chris Evert's father who was also her coach on what she did wrong when she lost to Billie Jean King at the 1973 Wimbledon Championship. Simply, she didn't "bend her knees and step into the ball". Good pointers for pickleball players too and something to focus on when trying to improve your game.

CAPA MEMBERS REBATE REWARDS

PickleballCentral.com provides two 5% discounts to club members. 5% goes to the purchaser, and 5% goes back to the club in the form of a coupon rebate which is issued in February for the club to use for equipment. The discount code can be found under the Members Only page on capareapb.com. Forgot the member-only access code? Email pickleball@capareapb.com.

Thank you, members!

