



# February Update 2018

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Rico Goedjen

Hope everyone is having a good winter season of play. Many of our members have headed south and are enjoying regular outdoor play. Others have traveled in the Midwest to take part in local tournaments. There seems to be no let-up in the growth rate. Lucky for us, if all goes well, several new outdoor facilities will be available to accommodate the demand.

In anticipation of these new sites, the CAPA Board has authorized a committee to begin planning events that can be incorporated by interested groups in coordination with the various city parks administrations. If you would like to get involved in the discussion please contact [me](#).

On another topic, as our organization grows and more competitive events take place, members have asked about clarity in player rankings. While the Board has had numerous discussions, we have no clear solution as of yet. We will continue to help players understand what skill set they need to attain to play at each level. CAPA endorses the IPTPA Skills Rating program for those who wish to attain a formal rating. As a courtesy for all involved, if an event has a skill level qualifier, please use your best judgement before entering. Going forward we expect to have events to accommodate all skill levels. Again, if you are interested in helping plan and schedule play opportunities of this type, contact [Joanne](#).

Look for newsletters quarterly with a monthly update of current socials, tournaments and clinics. We will prepare a calendar of deadlines that will allow everyone to get relevant information to us so that it can be included. If you want to stay more connected, Facebook and our website are full of helpful information.

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## CAPA JANUARY PICKLEBALL & PIZZA SOCIAL A SUCCESS

CAPA's first annual winter Pickleball & Pizza Social was held on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Hitter's in Middleton. Forty-nine pickleballers attended and enjoyed pizza, soda, camaraderie and good play. We are planning to do this again on March 11<sup>th</sup> and hope that you can attend. We want to thank all who helped as well as Hitter's and Joel Tennison for accommodating us.

## Mini Dink Challenge Tournament January 27<sup>th</sup> at Hitter's

Sixteen players participated in a 6 game round robin tournament. Games 1,3,and 5 were dink games and games 2,4, and 6 were regular games. Congratulations to the first place finisher Sam Kubly with a perfect score of 66 and our second place finisher Frank Durham with a score of 60. Both players received a free play pass for Hitters. There were 3 players that won all their dink games. Congratulations to Pat Fleming, Sam Kubly and Marilyn Annucci.



# PICKLEBALL RULES UPDATE

The **USAPA 2018 Official Tournament Rulebook** was just released and the new rules went into effect beginning January 31, 2018. The changes focus primarily on verbiage clarifications and sanctioned tournament rule enhancements; however, here are a few **new** rules:

- 3.A.36. Underhand** – The player's arm must be moving in a forward and upward arc with the palm turned upward or downward. *This applies primarily to the serve. This change was added to include the backhand serve.*
- 4.A.2.** The service motion begins with the server's arm movement initiating the swing, backward or forward, to contact the ball. *There was no previous definition for the start of the service motion.*
- 4.A.9.** If the serve clears the net or hits the net and then touches the receiver or the receiver's partner, it is a point for the serving team. *Previously, a ball that hit the net, and then a receiver, was a let.*
- 11.L.5. Portable Net Systems-** 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. *Previously, a ball would continue in play that had hit the horizontal bar after clearing the net on the receiving side.*

Check these out!

[CAPA Website](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

#### CAPA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

295

MEMBERS OF CAPA

55

NEW MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER

PLEASE  
HELP  
SPREAD THE  
WORD AND  
ENCOURAGE  
PLAYERS TO  
JOIN CAPA.  
THANK YOU!

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership continues to grow. The sport continues to attract new players every day. And people find the social aspects to be the most fun part of playing pickleball. CAPA's events are really fun and a healthy way to get together with all of your pickleball friends.

Current membership is 295. We have grown by **55 new** members since September. And representation comes from nearly 30 different communities around Greater Madison. Be sure to check out our **website**.

Our growing membership is a strong indicator to our local communities to respond in kind with great new park facilities — read more about that in the **New Court Update** on page 4.

#### CAPA BOARD MEETINGS

CAPA Board Meetings are open to the public. The next one is February 21. After that, meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month in April, May, June, July, August, October, and December. Time and location noted in the Agenda.

#### CAPA NEWSLETTERS

Look for the CAPA newsletters four times a year. Future editions in 2018 will be available in April, July and October.

If there is anything you would like to see included, please let us know by emailing [pickleball@capareapb.com](mailto:pickleball@capareapb.com).

Check out this  
pickleball  
[promotional](#)  
[video](#)  
from the CBS  
Early Show.



# New Court Updates

**Stoughton:** The bids came in under budget and should be ready mid-summer if the project gets on the contractor's schedule and the weather does not delay. There will be six new dedicated courts.

**Middleton:** The proposal was approved by the Parks Commission, the next steps are budget and Council approval. There will be 8 new dedicated courts in the plan with shaded seating and wind screens. They should be ready by late summer/early fall if all goes well.

**Sun Prairie:** The new courts should be ready by June 1<sup>st</sup> if all goes well and the weather cooperates. Upon completion there will be four courts in a row.

**Waunakee:** There is no new information, but indication is for construction this summer

As mentioned in Presidents message, a committee has been started to begin plans for play at the new locations. If any one would like to develop a schedule of potential events for late summer please let Rico know.

## Tournament News



Representing the Madison area at the Iowa State Games (photo on left): (L-R) Mike Derr, Steve McKenzie, KaSandra Gehrke, Karen Jerg, Warren Luehring, and John Lange

John Lange won bronze in mixed doubles 19+

Karen Jerg & Warren Luehring won gold in mixed doubles 65+

KaSandra Gehrke won gold in women's doubles 19+

Karen Jerg won bronze in women's doubles 50+

Warren Luehring won gold in men's doubles 70+

For players listed singly, they were partnered with players from outside the CAPA area.



Congrats to Barb Cotter (pictured on left) and Mary Waitrovich (second to left) who won silver in women's doubles 3.0 in the Venture Out All City Tournament, Mesa, AZ

Congrats to Jill and Scott Smith who won bronze in mixed doubles 4.0 55+ in the East Naples Winter Classic in Florida



Palm Desert, CA Senior Pickleball Tournament (pictured above)

Sherri Steinhauer and her partner won double gold in the Women's open and the Women's 4.5/5.0, age 50-59

Sherri and Mike Barone won silver in mixed doubles 4.5/5.0, age 50-59



# CAPA PLAYER PROFILES



## MARY ERDMAN

Mary took up pickleball in the spring of 2014 after almost twenty years of playing tennis in the Madison area leagues. She became interested in pickleball as an alternative to tennis after struggling with knee problems. She plays pickleball three to four times a week at Hitters, Prairie Athletic Club and Garner Park. She enjoys pickleball because of the fast pace of the game and it's longer playing times. Overall, Mary thinks pickleball is a fun way to get exercise and start the day..



## JEFF BARKLEY

Jeff is a retired DNR Forester. He is married to Bobbie and has one daughter and five grandchildren. He started playing pickleball when Warren Luehring asked "Wanna play?" Warren caught him peering down from above at the Prairie Athletic Club (PAC). He borrowed a paddle and was off and running. Warren and Karen Jerg, both CAPA Board Members, have been the ringleaders in promoting pickleball in the Sun Prairie area. Jeff says he will be forever grateful to the two of them for introducing him to the game and for their friendship. Jeff primarily plays at PAC, Wyndham Hills and sometimes Hitter's. He enjoys the social aspect of the game and meeting new people. He has developed a whole new circle of friends since he started playing. He says he has always enjoyed racquet/paddle sports and pickleball provides a decent workout while being slightly kinder to aging joints. He said there aren't many sports that can feed that competitive spirit as you get older and allow you to compete with people quite a few years younger. Jeff has competed in the Wisconsin Senior Games, some local PAC tournaments, and the Rockford Spring Swing. When he's not pickleballing you might find him fishing or golfing.