



# October Update 2019

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Rico Goedjen

As the daylight fades and temperatures drop, indoor play is on all our minds. Lucky for us, our very diligent VP, Joe Carter, has worked hard to keep the website up to date regarding [indoor locations and times](#). It may take a bit more planning but there is ample opportunity to enjoy this great sport over the winter. Our membership continues to grow. Thanks to all for your support; the renewal rate is the best it has ever been. Special accolades are in order for Jerry and Roxie Gottsacher who strongly encourage all their "learn to play" students (Madison Parks Program) to join CAPA. Jerry mentioned that all the sessions were oversubscribed even with many other beginner programs now available. It seems communities will need to keep providing more courts. Several new sites are under consideration; watch for more news next spring.

Over the winter our challenge is to develop more planned spring/summer activities at the three newest multiple court sites: Stoughton, Waunakee and

Middleton. If you live or play in one of these areas and are interested in serving on a committee to work on a plan, please contact any board member in person or send an [e-mail](#).

The board is in the process of planning a Holiday Party. We are looking at dates mid-week in December. Please plan on joining fellow players for a great time. It may be hard to recognize everyone not in hats and shorts! Details will be forthcoming.

The annual meeting had a record turnout at Taylor Park at the end of August. Thank you to everyone who brought snacks to share. Everything was great until the mosquitoes found us and forced a quick end to the meeting. Hope to see many of you on the courts this winter.

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## CHECK THESE OUT

[CAPA Website](#)

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## CAPA BOARD MEETINGS

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

## INDOOR PLAY

Check out the times and locations on the [CAPA website](#).

## CAPA NEWSLETTERS

Look for the CAPA newsletters four times a year in January, 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).

# DO YOU KNOW THE RULE?

By Tim Duket

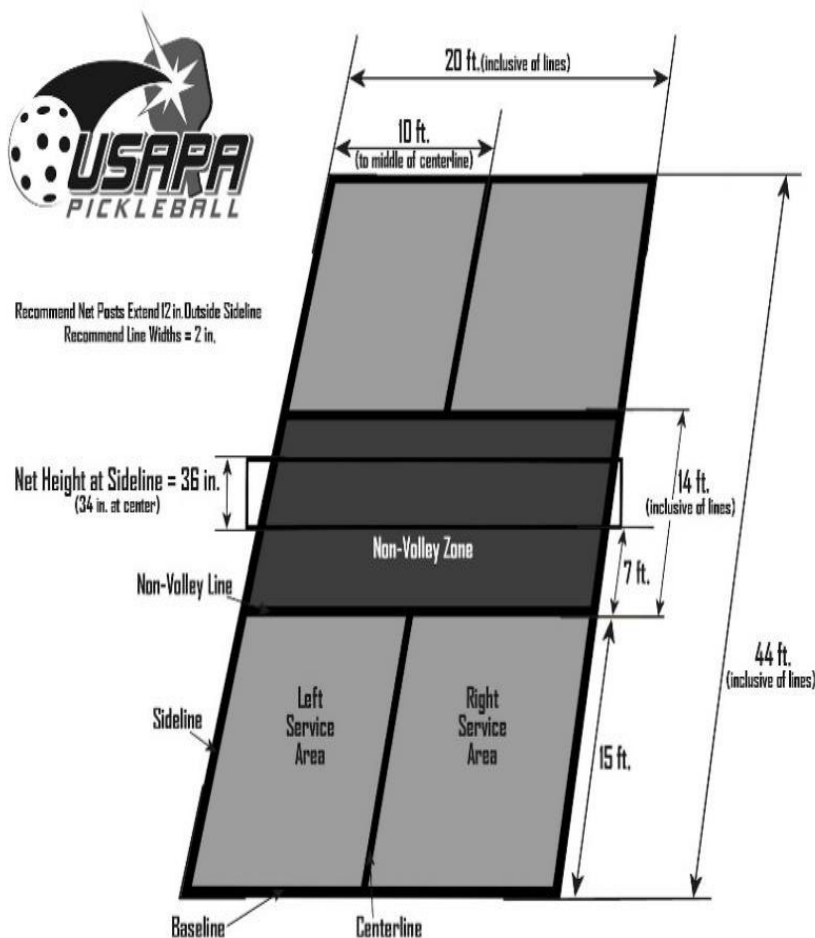
Which Official Rules Say You Can't Hit the Kitchen Line when You Serve?

A rally is started by serving the ball diagonally into the correct service court. Rule 3.A.32. defines service court as the area on either side of the centerline, including the centerline, sideline, and baseline, **excluding the NVZ** (non-volley zone). Rule 3.A.19. provides that the NVZ is the 7-foot-by-20-foot area adjacent to each side of the net and that **all lines bounding the NVZ are part of the NVZ**. The kitchen lines (more formally known as the NVZ lines) are parallel to the net, are 7 feet from the net, are 20 feet long by 2 inches wide

and inside the non-volley zones (Rule 2.B.3.). Rule 4.M. says that during the service, it is a fault against the server resulting in loss of serve if: under 4.M.6. - the served ball lands in the non-volley zone. Consistently, if your serve hits the net but goes over and hits the kitchen line (or any other part of the kitchen) it is a service fault and not a service let (Rule 4.M.8.).

Rules referenced are from the 2019 Official Tournament Rulebook.

For more details and photos go to the [USAPA & IFP Official Tournament Rulebook](#)



## VILLAGE OF OREGON JAYCEE PARK WEST UPDATE

It looks like the new pickleball courts are moving forward in Oregon! Recently, many CAPA members attended a joint meeting of the Oregon Parks Board & the Village Board where we weighed in on the new Jaycee Park West project. The original concept included 12 new, dedicated pickleball courts. The revised concept includes six new, dedicated courts with lights!

The park proposal, which was approved by both Boards, calls for the Village of Oregon to fund the entire park project under one construction phase with the caveat that the seven sports clubs raise \$500,000 by spring of 2020. Construction of the new park would tentatively start in the Fall of 2020.

The seven sports clubs to date have raised approximately \$140,000 of the required \$500,000, with 1 donor contributing \$100,000!

**Click [here](#) to support Oregon WI Pickleball Courts organized by the fundraising team**

For additional information on how you can support the newest addition to area pickleball, please contact one of the following CAPA members:

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Angie Stone, [andstone1986@gmail.com](mailto:andstone1986@gmail.com)

Mike Barone, [mbar511@yahoo.com](mailto:mbar511@yahoo.com)

## CAPA MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 membership peaked at 512 members with 93 members joining since July 1. CAPA's current membership is 428 — approximately 17% chose not to renew. Many of the new members have joined to play in the Novice groups organized through CAPA. Watch for more novice and intermediate events when the outdoor courts open up again next Spring.

Cities represented in CAPA: Madison - 199; Middleton - 44; Sun Prairie - 42; Oregon - 20; Fitchburg & Verona - 18; DeForest - 13; Stoughton - 11; Waunakee - 10; Monona & McFarland - 5; Cottage Grove, Cross Plains & New Glarus - 4; Lake Mills - 3; Black Earth, Marshall, Onalaska, & Windsor - 2; Argyle, Cambridge, Columbus, Deerfield, Eagle River, Fond du Lac, Janesville, Lodi, Mazomanie, Mt. Horeb, Portage, Prairie du Sac, Rochester, Sauk City, Tucson, Unknown, Waterloo, Waupun, Wausau & Westfield - 1.

## 2020 NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

Will be played in Madison June 23-26, 2020 hosted at Cherokee Country Club. Nearly a thousand Veterans will be coming to Madison from all over the United States to compete in any of 18 different sports. Pickleball is becoming one of the most popular. The 2018 games were held in Albuquerque, 2019 games were in Anchorage, and the 34th annual games will be played in Madison. The NVGAG is one of the most progressive and adaptive rehabilitative senior sports programs in the world. The Games serve as a qualifying event for competition in the National Senior Games in a number of competitive events. The Games are open to Veterans, ages 55 or older, who receive health care from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Competitive events include: air pistol, air rifle, badminton (singles and doubles), basketball (3- on-3, free throw), blind disc golf, bocchia (singles and doubles), bowling, cycling, field (discus, javelin, shot put), pickleball, table tennis, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, power walk, shuffleboard, swimming, and track. Local exhibition event(s) are typically offered each year. Tennis will be introduced in 2020.

The pickleball tournament will include: Mens & Womens Doubles and Mixed Doubles; Age Groups include: 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+ Volunteers and Referees will be needed. Watch for future notices for sign-up. This will be a great opportunity to support our Veterans.

# CAPA PLAYER PROFILES

## KEVIN MCPHERSON

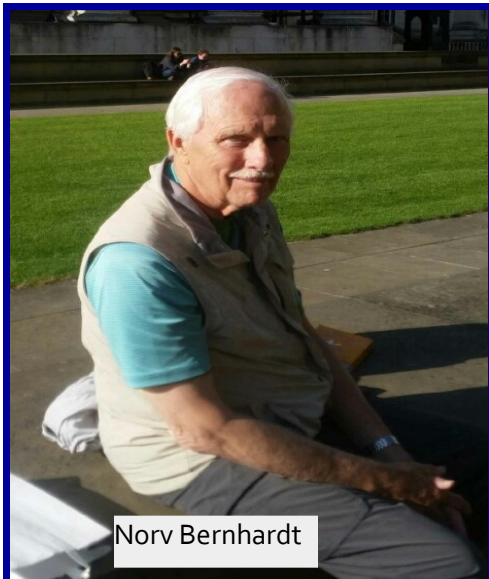
Kevin McPherson retired on January 31, 2019 and was on the pickleball court at Hitters the next day. He has been on the courts five days a week for 2-3 hours ever since. He played tennis in high school and lots of ping pong at companies he worked for and credits the other players for most of his pickleball education. Kevin grew up in Wheaton, IL which is a western suburb of Chicago. He received an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and an MBA from Northwestern. He was the Chief Financial Officer for a number of technology companies in Chicago, Silicon Valley and Madison.

When Kevin is not on the pickleball court he is involved in several organizations. He is a board member at the Lussier Community Education Center and runs two organizations providing recreational opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities - Just4Fun bowling and LOV @ the Movies.

Kevin's first goal in retirement was to get in better shape as he said he had over 100 pounds to lose.

Pickleball gets a lot of the credit for helping him lose the first 65 pounds and he knows it will be a big part of losing the next 50, or so. What was missing for him the last 40 years was exercise that was fun.

Pickleball has filled that void for him and introduced him to a group of great people.



Norv Bernhardt



Kevin McPherson

## NORV BERNHARDT

Pickles, the dog, was responsible for it in 1965, the sunbelt athletes began to experience it in the early 2000's and Norv Bernhardt - with the help of his wife, Carrie - introduced it to Madison adults in 2008. They realized the sport would be fun for all ages and skill levels. Currently, hundreds of people play pickleball in parks, gyms and tennis clubs in Madison and area communities. Norv began by calling on indoor tennis clubs and the Y's asking to use their facilities to set up some courts. He tried Madison Metropolitan School District. Finally, he went to the Salvation Army on whose board he served. With a tepid yes, Norv began the task of taping three pickleball courts at the Salvation Army's basketball facility on Darbo Drive. He and Carrie purchased six plastic buckets, PVC piping, some netting, balls, and a few paddles. They made holes through the pipes to thread the nets and put the poles in the buckets surrounded by stones to hold them up. Alas! They were ready to go.

The Salvation Army opened the gym three days a week from 10-12 except for food basket drives and holidays. The Bernhardts invited friends and after a few quick lessons the fun began. Among the early players, several have won awards in competitions. Others have made lifelong friends and have benefitted from the wonderful exercise.



## DINKING IN THE DELLS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

For it's first year, the Dinking in the Dells Pickleball Tournament has to be deemed a success. The women's doubles had to be dropped because of lack of players however the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles were very competitive. There was a great turnout by CAPA members - and even better play! Hank Weiss and Robert Lauer won the Men's Mixed Doubles with Tim Olson and Bob Shanahan coming in 2nd (all CAPA members). Connie Kielty and Jim Halberg won the Mixed Doubles with Barb Cotter and Greg Logan grabbing 2nd (again all CAPA members). The winning teams got a jar of pickles each. Fun was had by all and here's to an even better turnout next year. Enjoy those Pickles Connie, Jim, Robert and Hank. They were well earned!



Do you know  
who was called the  
"Pied Piper of Pickleball"  
in Madison Magazine?  
If you missed it,  
check out the [article](#).

**Look who got engaged...**  
**It's a pickleball love story.**  
**Click on the link to**  
**Pickleball Magazine**  
**and scroll to page 88.**  
**Congratulations to the love birds!**

## PICKLEBALL AND PIZZA WITH GOVERNOR TONY EVERS AND FIRST LADY KATHY EVERS

On Saturday, August 24, Pickleball and Pizza with Governor Tony Evers and First Lady Kathy Evers took place at Wyndham Hills Community Park in Sun Prairie. The Governor and First Lady Kathy were each presented with a pickleball paddle with their likeness on it by Neil Friedenberg, owner of ProLite Paddles in Port Washington. Governor Evers was also presented with a caricature likeness by local artist and CAPA member John McGee of Sun Prairie. The Governor and First Lady Kathy tried out their new paddles and played a couple of games with CAPA members. The Governor has been practicing pickleball on the driveway of his residence with Kathy, who many of us know is a pickleball player and a CAPA member. The event was attended by about 100 pickleball and non- pickleball players. About 50 players played pickleball throughout the morning. CAPA members Warren Luehring and Jeff Barkley presented an introduction to pickleball for new players at the event. All enjoyed pizza provided by Pizza Ranch of Sun Prairie and water from Walgreens, courtesy of CAPA member Jill Smith. This community event was also sponsored by the City of Sun Prairie Parks and Recreation Department, Capital Area Pickleball Association and TDS. The event was filmed by the Sun Prairie Media Center, station KSUN and photographed by Focal Flame Photography.





## THE BIRTHPLACE OF PICKLEBALL

As many of you know, Bainbridge Island, WA, lays claim to the origin of pickleball. Most specifically in Barney McCallum's driveway.

During a sisters and cousins getaway, Jan Carter recently visited the island and while there, sought out the source of pickleball legends and did find the museum and their local courts.

Jan is shown below next to a banner announcing Bainbridge Island's first Founder's Tournament held this past summer drawing around 265 players. [Click here](#) for more information about the tournament.

