



CEVA Pickleball News Happy April Showers!

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Happy April, Pickleball Players – it seems every Saturday has brought rain in recent months, so our first annual Spring Fling & Pickleball Swap Meet has been derailed! Pickle not, however, we have a plan! Read on to learn more ...

There's also new events coming so save the dates on your calendar, and we're looking forward to hosting "Special Olympics" Demo Day for our future freewheeling pickleballers! Learn more below ...

Don't forget to send in your winning tournament photos to [CEVA Pickleball Club](#) so we can post to the website and share in your victories! Also, check out the [local play opportunities](#) and [upcoming tournaments](#) on the website.

Indoor play continues at Agnor Hurt Elementary School through the end of the school season, so enjoy that option a little while longer; Key Rec Center continues to be a wonderful indoor option as well -- check out the [CEVA website](#) for details.

Read on for more good stuff!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS DEMO DAY COME HELP on SATURDAY April 29, 10 am - 12 pm Darden Towe Park, Cville, VA

Central Virginia Pickleball (CEVA) is partnering with the local Charlottesville area Special Olympics to introduce the sport of pickleball to area Special Olympics athletes through a Demo Day on Saturday, April 29 from 10 am-12 pm at Darden Towe (rain date May 6). CEVA members will be playing and demonstrating the sport on several courts while other CEVA volunteers will be talking with Special Olympics athletes about rules, court movement and strategies. Athletes will later be invited to join in to try the sport.

We're looking for a few more volunteers/players to:

- Demonstrate the game
- Talk with Special Olympics athletes about the rules and play
- Maybe play some games with them at the end.

[Email CEVA](#) if interested in helping out. It'll be a blast!

MEMORIAL DAY SPRING FLING & PICKLEBALL SWAP MEET SAVE THE DATE! May 28, 9 am - 12 pm (rain date May 29)



April showers have not been our friend when it comes to our first Pickleball Swap Meet and Spring Fling! So we're going to try for Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 28, with Memorial Day Monday being our rain date, if needed.

This will be held at Darden Towe Park pickleball courts. **Watch for email confirmation a few days before the event.** As before, bring out your gently used pickleball gear -- paddles, shoes, clothing, bags-anything pickleball and bring it down to sell or swap! It can be one item or a whole box. Tables will be provided and set up on the courts between the tennis and pickleball courts. It should be great fun!

All transactions will be direct from seller to buyer; i.e., you as seller make payments arrangements with the buyer directly (no cash change provided).

SPRING FLING: In addition to open play, an introduction to pickleball class will be offered 9-10 am. So bring your pickleballer wannabes with you, set them up with a paddle, and we'll help them get started!

CHARLOTTESVILLE INTRA-CLUB SOCIAL LEAGUE STARTS MAY 10

Our intra-club social league was so well attended last year that we're doing it again -- this is a competitively social play experience, and team scores will not be recorded. Participating clubs include CEVA Pickleball, Greencroft, Boar's Head, Glenmore, and Farmington. Players sign up through their league captain (Kayla Johnson is captain of the CEVA team), and there are 4 tiers of play: A: 3.5+ players, B: 3.5 players, C: 3.0-3.5 players and D: 2.5 - 3.0 players. Players will play at a different club each week, and the schedule will be posted to the CEVA website when finalized. [Sign up now](#), and look to the website for more details!

FOOTHILLS CHILD ADVOCACY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT June 3-4 Greencroft Club 575 Rodes Drive, Cville, VA

Save the date for this fundraiser pickleball tournament at Greencroft Club on June 3 and 4 (rain date June 10-11).

For more information and to register:

[FoothillSCAC.org/events](https://foothillscac.org/events)

USE OF DARDEN TOWE COURTS DURING PEAK TIMES

Beginning in May, Albemarle County Parks and Rec will be using the two multi-use courts (where pickleball can be played using portable nets) on Saturday mornings for tennis lessons. This activity is anticipated to run through July. This means that on Saturday mornings there will only be the 6 dedicated pickleball courts available and Saturday mornings are often quite busy. Because of the reduction in available courts during this time, we ask players to be considerate when the courts are very busy and completely rotate off the courts after a game to allow the next 4 waiting players to come on. This process can be expedited through use of the paddle holder system - we currently have one installed at the courts on the fence closest to the parking lot, and more holders are on the way (more on paddle holders below). Once the tennis lessons are over, pickleball will again be able to expand to all 10 courts on Saturday morning, and so the standard policy of limiting play time for 2 hours during busier times should not be an issue.

Paddle Holder System: There is a the paddle holder by the fence near the pickleball entrance for waiting players to put their paddles in, which currently holds 8 paddles. If you are waiting to come onto a court, please place your paddle in the paddle holder; the four paddles closest to the pickleball entrance will be first.

If players on the court see the paddle holder in use, rotate off when you finish your game to allow waiting pickleball players to come on (calling out "COURT!" loudly will help alert waiting players and keep things moving quickly). If you want to continue to play with the same people you just came off with, place your 4 paddles together as a group in the paddle holder so you can come on together again.

Please do not reserve court space by placing paddles on the ground near the courts, or in the chainlink fence; others who are waiting will not know your system. Use the paddle holder system, and look for more of them soon. Please pass the word about use of the paddle holders so everyone can have a fair chance to play when the courts are busy.

Additional Nets: There are 3 portable nets currently available at the Darden Towe courts, with a 4th net arriving very soon. With these, the 2 multi-use courts can be converted into four additional pickleball courts during busy times when tennis players are not on the courts (permanent pickleball lines are already on the multi-use courts). When you finish your games using these portable nets, if no one else is waiting for them, please move them to the far side of the tennis courts. WORD TO THE WISE: in order to keep the net system from collapsing into a wreck, please move them on and off the courts by having three people pick the net system up at the base to move – one on each end and one in the middle. Do not try to “slide” the net system onto the court as this can damage the court surface, and the net system will likely come apart into a wreck that can be difficult to put back together if you have not done it before.

Thank you!

HOW TO FIND PLACES TO PLAY AND PEOPLE TO PLAY PICKLEBALL WITH WHILE TRAVELING

Bringing along your paddle is a great way to add fun and meet new folks while traveling. Pickleball is a uniquely social sport and it is not surprising that mobile apps and online programs have been designed to allow players to find each other wherever they go.

The USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) has the oldest such program - **Places2Play**, and is quite robust. You can access the program on your computer at <https://www.places2play.org/> or more conveniently, grab the app to put on your phone at the Apple Store or Google Play.

Pick your location of interest, and two categories will pop up - *Top Recommended* and *All*. You can see the location on a map, get directions, find a contact person, hours of play, public or private, whether fees apply, and an idea of how many players typically use the facility. It is a definite recommend to reach out to the contact person to make sure the info is current and it is nice to introduce yourself so when you do arrive at the courts, someone is happily expecting you!

Another program has also come along, **PicklePlay**. The website is <https://pickleplay.com/>. It too has a mobile app accessible from the Apple Store or Google Play that allows searching for court/play locations. It does not appear to have quite as many placed identified, but using both apps should provide a very thorough search. Have fun and stay healthy with pickleball while you travel, and share your wonderful adventures when you get back!

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