



## **CEVA JULY Pickleball News** **HAPPY PICKLEBALLING!** **July 20, 2023**

Stay cool out there, fellow pickleballers, and remember to keep well hydrated, despite the humidity in the air!

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### **MORE ROUND ROBINS COMING UP SOON!** **Sign Up ASAP for 4.0 and 2.5 Round Robins** **PVCC, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

We recently had a successful 3.5 round robin, with 9 teams competing! We have two more round robins coming up:

- 4.0 is on Tuesday, July 25
- 2.5 is on Tuesday August 1st.

[REGISTER FOR ROUND ROBINS HERE](#)

In addition, we will be hosting **themed play @ PVCC on Thursday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**, as long as we don't have to use it as a round robin rain date:

- July 27 - Women's Night
- August 3 - Men's Night
- August 10 - Family Night

**Cost:** Each event is going to be \$3.00 per person to cover rental of PVCC.

Please sign up using Playtime Scheduler so we have an idea as to how many will be in attendance.

## Volunteer!

For these events we are always looking for volunteers to help manage the events. If you are interested, please reach out at [CEVApickleball@gmail.com](mailto:CEVApickleball@gmail.com).

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## SPOTLIGHT ON STEVE NICHOLS GUARDIAN OF DARDEN TOWN

If you find yourself at Darden Towe some weekday morning, be sure to send Steve Nichols a friendly wave and thank you. Steve rides his bike to the courts most weekday mornings for his daily dose of pickleball endorphins. But he is much more than just an enthusiastic player. You will often see him in between games, making the rounds of the courts, collecting items of clothing and other things for the lost and found box and picking up trash. When he sees a need, he acts on it. Last year he designed and built the ball "dams" that save many a ball from crossing between courts. Most recently he installed two sets of hooks for players to hang their gear bags from. ***So, thank you Steve!! You are appreciated!***



## ALERT!

BTW, Steve found a set of car keys at Darden Towe, to a Ford. If these are yours, please email [CEVApickleball@gmail.com](mailto:CEVApickleball@gmail.com). We've got them!



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE

The CEVA partnership with Special Olympics is well underway and already a success! We have 18 athletes registered for the program, with more than a dozen CEVA volunteers and unified partners participating and helping out.

The program meets Saturdays mornings 9 -10:30 am at Darden Towe and continues through August 19. The program will be using all 6 pickleball courts in July during this time frame and will move to the multi-use courts plus 2 dedicated courts in August. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help and or be a unified partner, email us



at [CEVApickleball@gmail.com](mailto:CEVApickleball@gmail.com). Thank you to everyone for their support of this great program!

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## USTA GENDER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENTS August 19 - 20

USTA single gender pickleball tournaments are happening in August!

- Women's start August 19 at Glenmore
- Men's start August 20 at Darden-Towe

Winning teams qualify for national event in Atlanta, GA!

**[MORE INFORMATION ON USTA GENDER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENTS](#)**

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# IN THE PINK TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

CHARITY EVENT  
SEPTEMBER 29 - 30

Registration is **OPEN** for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual *In The Pink* Tennis and Pickleball charity event to support essential women's health and wellness programs at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital. Three clubs are donating their pickleball court space this year:

**Friday, September 29** - Pickleball in Pink at Glenmore and Farmington

**Saturday, September 30** - Pickleball in Pink at Greencroft

Last year, your generosity raised \$30,000 that went directly into programs at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital to support patients and families by making possible FREE programs to help women prevent, diagnose, treat, and survive breast cancer. From breast health screenings to wigs and scarves to a 12-week survivorship program, the programs you support help women heal their bodies and their spirits. Many of these offerings would not exist, let alone be free, without community support through events like *In The Pink* to bring comfort and healing to women and families on their cancer journey.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

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## USTA PICKLEBALL LEAGUE CONTINUES at Greencroft Club

The USTA team league has been such a success this summer, it is going to come back for the fall! It will be held at Greencroft Club on Sundays, and will be very similar to the summer team league concept - with the exception that it will not be an advancing league (regionals/nationals), though still competitive play. It is expected to run Oct-Nov.

**Stay tuned - More info will be available soon!**



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## 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

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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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