



CEVA JUNE Pickleball News NEW PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

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A couple of new-to-Charlottesville pickleball opportunities are coming up quick, so we're sending out the June newsletter a little early. Act soon or you'll miss the registration deadlines!

Happy Juneteenth! Happy LGBTQ+ Pride Month!

BOAR'S HEAD ADVANCED PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONS' COURTS! STARTS JUNE 15, 6:00 PM

Boar's Head will begin its first summer season of **Champions' Court**, a bi-weekly event where participants play multiple timed rounds of pickleball. After each round, the winning team will advance to the next highest court while the losing team will move down to the next lowest court. Partners split after each round. For example: If you and Ben Johns beat Cole and Anne Leigh Waters in one round, you and Ben now play against each other on the next highest seeded court. Cole would face off against Anne Leigh on the next lowest court. Winner up, loser down, Split!

Each round will last 10 minutes. Once time is called, participants will have a 1-2 minute break until the next round begins.

The final top 3 teams will receive "Champion Points" as well as a brand new strip of overgrip the night of the event! At the end of the season, the top performers (players with the most Champion points) will win prizes such as a new paddle of choice, gift cards, apparel and more!

Non-members must **pay \$10 prior to the event** registered for.

Members will have a \$5 charge billed to their accounts.

You are not required to play in all six events. There isn't a minimum number of events you must participate in.

Skill level requirements: 3.75 and above

For more details on the program and to register, click [here!](#)

INTRACLUB SOCIAL LEAGUE STILL NEEDS YOU!

We still need a few volunteers to help with the Intraclub Social League on:

- June 21
- June 28



THE ASK:

- Show up at Darden Towe Park to welcome the players, offer them balls to use, and answer any questions.
- Play starts at 6 pm
- Please drop us at note at CEVApickleball@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you so much!

COMPETITIVE PICKLEBALL LEAGUE IS COMING TO CHARLOTTESVILLE STARTS JUNE 18 FOR 7.5 AND 9.0 TEAMS! Greencroft Club

The US Tennis Association (USTA) and yes, you read that correctly, is putting together two competitive pickleball leagues to run for about 6 weeks as part of a pilot program. Matches will be played at the Greencroft Club in Ivy, which has 8 dedicated pickleball courts. USTA has been running competitive tennis leagues for decades and is using their organizational experience and the Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating (DUPR) system for pickleball to establish a fun but challenging opportunity for league play!

The league will run from **June 18 to August 13** and there is a fee of \$52. Players can put together their own teams, and teams can be as small as 4 players or as large as 10. Four players (2 men, 2 women) are required as a minimum, but adding more players can ensure that vacations etc. do not interfere with the team's ability to play each week. Matches will involve playing the best 2 out of 3 games for gender doubles and then mixed doubles. Third games will only be played if each team takes a game in the match (a tiebreaker game would then be required). This means a minimum of 4 games will be played and up to 6 may be played.

Teams are broken into two skill level groups: 7.5 and 9.0. In order to play in the 7.5 league, the total of any two players on the team cannot exceed 7.5. The same is true for 9.0. So, a 7.75 team will play in the 9.0 league. Scores are recorded and entered into the DUPR system so that player ratings can be updated. By the end of the league, everyone will have a DUPR skill rating based on the matches played.

The schedule for the league is **June 18 – August 13** and as follows:

- Starts on **Sunday, June 18** (the first week is social play/team practice, subsequent weeks are season match play):
 - **5-7 pm: Adult Mixed 7.5 Combo**
 - **3-5 pm: Adult Mixed 9.0 Combo**

Please register your team before June 18! Match play schedules will be developed/posted for the following week.

The top 2 area teams will head to a regional competition and the regional winners will continue on to a national competition to be held in Las Vegas.

[More information and signup is available here.](#)

KEY REC CENTER CHANGE IN HOURS FOR THURSDAYS

Starting next Thursday, June 15, Key Rec Center hours for indoor pickleball play change from afternoon to evening on Thursdays ONLY. All Key Rec Center hours starting June 15 will be:

- Monday thru Wednesday (2:15-5:00 pm)
- Thursdays (6:00-8:50 pm)
- Fridays (2:15-5:00 pm) are Seniors (50+) only
- Saturdays & Sundays (1-3:15 pm)

See the [CEVA website](#) for additional indoor and outdoor play opportunities in the central Virginia area.

MEMORIAL DAY SPRING FLING & PICKLEBALL SWAP MEET



WAS A PICKLING SUCCESS!

The first **Pickleball Swap Meet and Spring Fling** was very well attended, and we saw paddles and shoes and gear flying off the courts! We hope you all a great time and appreciated having an opportunity to try out some paddles and maybe go home with something new, or at least new to you!

The Spring Fling Intro to Pickleball was also well attended! We saw multiple courts of all new players trying out the great sport, and some of them left with a new/used paddle to take home, woo hoo! We hope you all had a great time, and we'll have another intro to pickleball session again soon.



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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