



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KITCHEN

From the President

Hi fellow picklers.

Welcome to this our 2nd newsletter, read on to get an update on our exciting new sponsors, the successful social event, the mini competition and recent and upcoming tournaments.

Our membership numbers continue to grow and even though we are in full on winter the numbers turning up to each of our sessions is still strong. So good on you all.

The level of play across the club is getting stronger and I wanted to say thanks principally to Loretta for the time that she has spent with the people who have been playing in the 11-1 sessions on Saturdays and Sundays. It is great to see that the skills sessions are really paying dividends.

As always we as a committee are looking at how best we can run the various sessions and it is great that some of you are thinking about it as well. We do welcome any ideas and feedback that you provide. So please continue to do this and where ever possible we will try to adjust what we are doing to make it better. One issue we do have is how to keep mixing up a session so you don't always find yourself on the same court playing with the same people. Its amazing how even though we have the paddle rotation system you find that you are always going back to the same court. So have a think about it.

As previously advised we from July onwards we will have added two new sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons so look out for them. In addition the school has advised us that there will be a couple of dates into the future where the hall will not be available to us so we will remove those sessions from Spond as soon as we find out.

In addition we are still negotiating with a local sporting club to try and set up some outdoor courts. If it all comes to fruition we hope that by the end of winter we will be able to offer another option, to accommodate our growing club.

So read on for more information and we hope you are coping with the cold weather. Remember a game of pickleball will soon warm you up, and make you forget all your worries.

SPONSORS

We are pleased to announce that we now have two sponsors for our club. Luke Campbell and Tim Cain on behalf of **Neville Richards Real Estate** agreed to support our club with a generous donation of \$2000. They are a long established company and have branches in Drysdale, Portarlington and St. Leonards. So if you are planning to buy, sell or just want a valuation on your property, then give them a call.



Then who better to sponsor a pickleball club than a "Pickle" company! We have managed to get **Dillicious Pickles** to become our 2nd sponsor, giving us a monetary contribution and also a discount on their products. Dillicious Pickles is the 3rd largest Australian owned Pickle Company, started in 2018 by a young couple, James and Liza Barbour. Their factory is in Cheltenham and they produce gourmet American style dill pickles, using only Australian produce. James has kindly given us our own discount code **DRYSDALE25**. This discount will get you 25% off their pickles and sauces from their online shop at www.dillicious.com.au.

Would you believe that the global Pickle Industry is worth more than \$14 billion. Must be lots of pickles being eaten!



SOCIAL EVENT

McGlashan's/Farm Dog Brewing Co

We had our 2nd social event, on May 19 at McGlashans Winery. 54 members, partners and friends attended and a great night was had by all. The club provided some pizzas and cheese platters to share and there were also 10 lucky door prizes. Hope to see more of you when we have our next get together.



MINI COMPETITION

The 5 week mini comp held on Saturday morning was a great success. There were 6 teams, (of 4 players) competing against each other. The standard of play was excellent. Everyone has improved so much, and playing competitively brings out another dimension to your game. It is a great experience, especially if you are planning to play in tournaments in the future. The 3 top teams, at the end of the 5 weeks, received gift vouchers to spend at Bellarine Wholefoods.

We will be running another, two competitions starting in August so keep your eye out for the email asking for nominations.



TRIVIA

1. In the USA 67% of picklers are male and 33% are female. Whereas at Drysdale /Clifton Springs the numbers are the reverse of this.
2. Official pickleballs must have a minimum of 26 holes and a maximum of 40. How many holes do ours have?
3. In the world of pickleball you don't "lose" a match, instead you "pickled" a match.
4. The most popular word used to describe Pickleball world wide is :FUN . I think we can all agree with that.

TOURNAMENTS

On the June long weekend, Lea and Roy Preece had success at the Tasmanian Open. Lea won a gold medal in the 60+ Womens doubles, and Roy won a bronze medal in the singles for 60+ men. Lea and Roy also won the silver in the 60+ mixed doubles. Congratulations to you both.

Also on the June long weekend the Battle of the Borders, between NSW and Victoria was held. 3 of our members were chosen for the Victorian team, which was a great honour. They were Mel White, Mal Williams and Tess Lapham. Mel White was chosen as Captain of the 50+Womens team. NSW ended up winning the contest and took home the Golden Paddle. But to top off the weekend, Tess was awarded the MVP for the Open Victorian Women. Congratulations to all of you.

In the recent Queensland Open Patrick Dockhorn and Jenny Climas Dockhorn took out the gold medal in 50+ mixed doubles <2.5. such a good effort congratulations.

Coming up in October is the Adelaide Masters Games, where Pickleball is one of the sports. A large group of us are going, so consider joining in. Anyone can play, as there are rankings from beginners to Open, and it is divided into age groups as well. There are options of gender





RULES & ETIQUETTE

As we all know Pickleball is a social sport and it is as much about interacting as it is about physical activity and winning. We have so many new players coming into the club and there are often questions around what a player should or should not do. So we have posted some etiquette tips from the Pickleball Australia Association Newsletter June 2023 to help you.

Line calls can be a point of contention in Pickleball - they shouldn't be. A key feature of Pickleball is that it is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy to ensure fun, competition and a sense of fair play.

Most games do not have a referee, so agreement about line calls is essential and calls should be made promptly and loud enough to be heard by

the players and officials - hand signals can be used in conjunction with the verbal call. A ball is "OUT" if it does not land in the required court space (Rule 3.A.18)

The opponent gets the benefit of the doubt on line calls - if it cannot be called "OUT" it is "IN" (Rule 6.D.3). A player or team MAY (not a requirement) ask the opponent's opinion on a line call and, if the opponent is asked for an opinion it must be accepted. Spectators should not be consulted (Rule 6.D.4)

Balls should not be called out unless a clear space is visible between the ball and the ground as the ball hits the ground and the call must be made before it is hit or becomes dead. In doubles play if one player calls the ball "IN" and the other calls it "OUT" it is "IN".

Any call while the ball is still in the air is considered player communication. At the end of a rally, a player can overrule a partner's line call to "IN" to their disadvantage (Rule 6.D.12)

IF IT IS NOT OUT IT IS IN.

The Non Volley Zone(NVZ) line is a special case - the serve must clear the NVZ line - if the ball touches the NVZ the ball is "OUT"

The rules are not onerous to read - the main rules consist of 42 A4 pages at 14 point and 1.5 spacing - about the size of a pre-teen book <https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/official-rules/>

You will find information relating to scoring, sportsmanship, welcoming and playing with new players, making line calls and more.

You will find this information in the Files section in the main toolbar on the our Spond home page.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please contact Fiona Bond (0429 066 441) with any snippets you would like included in the next edition of "Whats Happening in the Kitchen"