

# KITCHEN KRONICLES

## PTC-Fayette Pickleball Club Newsletter

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### Club Happenings

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## We've come a long way—over 700 strong and growing!

**Currently the largest Pickleball club in the state of Georgia, our club has grown significantly since its start in 2014.**

With an inaugural group of 15 players, and the help of dedicated pickleball aficionados, our club grew to over 700 members in just 8 years! Pickleball was first introduced to PTC over 20 years ago by local resident, Marty Sandlin. Marty's neighbor introduced him to the game in 1980, when Marty was living in Florida. After Marty and his family moved to Peachtree City, he was determined to build a court in his backyard. In 1993, PTC had its first residential court. Marty taught his kids, neighboring families and friends how to play game. He also hosted an annual 4th of July tournament. Marty passed away in 2012, and his family honors his legacy by continuing to hold an annual 4th of July tournament. Marty's son Tyson, an avid pickleball player himself, still offers to teach new players the game.

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(Photos: TysonSandlin on left, Chris on right; Sandlin backyard court)

### **The following is a timeline of major accomplishments for our club.**

**2014-** The PTC Pickleball Club was formed with an inaugural group of 15 members, who played at the PTC Tennis Center. Coaches were Tyson Sandlin, Chris O'Brien, and Victor Jimenez.

**2015** Club president Patrick Cardinali and the group were able to add more dedicated play days to the PTC Tennis Center. The Kedron Fieldhouse allowed the club to tape 2 courts for Pickleball. Peachtree City allowed our club to line the courts at Pebble Pocket, 2 courts at The Bridge, and 2 courts at ClubCorp's Braelinn club. The first dedicated courts were on the Braelinn Rec Complex. basketball courts. Unfortunately, the baseline was at the edge of the cement pavement, which made it dangerous for players.

**2016** Several area tennis courts received permanent pickleball paint lines. Our club assisted with funding to paint three courts at The Bridge. Additional lines painted: four at Kedron Fieldhouse, two at PebblePocket and two at ClubCorp's Braelinn Club.

**2019-2020** PTC Pickleball Club was renamed PTC-Fayette Pickleball Club and became a 501(c)3 association. The designation allows our club to be recognized as an official sport for PTC, and part of the city's sports association. In turn, the association provided the opportunity for Pickleball courts to be built at Flat Creek. Two courts at Kiwanis park were also painted for Pickleball.

**2021** The city approved painting all tennis courts with Pickleball lines, when the courts are scheduled to be resurfaced.

**2022** The city's first public Pickleball courts (6 courts) were built at the Braelinn Recreational Complex, known as Loghouse.

**2023 Support the SPLOST vote in March!** If approved, the Peachtree City has agreed to allocate SPLOST funds for 12 new, lighted public Pickleball courts with restroom facilities. Visit the Kedron Fieldhouse or attend SPLOST meetings for a display of the proposed recreational projects.



**Coming Soon...**

-Watch for news about our next Round Robin Tournament, Pickle Madness, to be held at the Flat Creek Club courts n March.

-Friday Night Club Socials will be returning in April.

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**Sidelines.....**

**Questions and Comments**

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**Q:** Any updates on replacing the court lights at the Flat Creek Club?

**A:** The matter requires underground wiring and new equipment. Our board has been in contact with ClubCorp management, who have informed us that the approval and timing will come from ClubCorp’s corporate office in Dallas. Be sure to utilize club surveys to request changes and updates, and/or contact ClubCorp’s corporate office directly. Please provide positive, constructive feedback.

*Please submit your questions and comments on our club website, under “contact us”. Be sure to note that you would like your information shared in the newsletter.*



**The Peachtree City city clerk has contacted our club to provide us information about the upcoming SPLOST vote, which will be held on March 21, 2023.**

SPLOST stands for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. SPLOST is a county-wide, voter-approved one cent sales tax that local governments use to fund specific capital projects. Peachtree City will be hosting the following informational sessions about SPLOST:

The Gathering Place (203 McIntosh Trail)  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023  
1:30PM

McIntosh High School cafeteria (201 Walt Banks Rd)  
Wednesday, February 8, 2023  
6PM

Oak Grove Elementary School cafeteria (200 Log House Road)  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
6PM

Come prepared to ask any questions you may have. This vote is extremely important to our club. If passed our club is allocated to receive \$ 770,000 for 12 new pickleball courts with lights and restroom facilities.

Please consider attending one of these meetings to get all the information you need and more importantly **make sure you get out to vote on March 21, 2023. VOTE YES !!!!~**  
Your 2023 BODs



## Notable Rule Changes for 2023

**No More Chainsaw One-Handed Spin Serves** USA Pickleball outlawed what was referred to as the “chainsaw serve” (which was where a player would use his or her non-paddle hand or the paddle to impart spin on the pickleball before hitting the serve).

*4.A.5. Manipulating the ball to add spin during the release of the ball is not allowed. Some natural rotation of the ball when it is released is allowable but the server must not impart manipulation or spin prior to striking the ball to serve. This applies to the volley serve and the drop serve.*

**Clothing DOs and DONT’s.** Matching your outfit to the Pickleball color is now a DON’T. *Section 1 encourages players to avoid wearing apparel that approximates the color of the ball. The Tournament Director retains the right to require an apparel change during a non-chargeable time-out.*

**Hold On a Sec –I need to shed a layer of clothing!** You started the game with a fleece jacket, gloves and hat. 20 minutes later, you’re sweating. Can you take your jacket off during the match? Yes.

*Equipment Time-Out (10.D)*

*Players are not required to use a regular time-out for equipment adjustments or changes necessary for fair and safe continuation of the match. The referee will call an equipment time-out of a reasonable duration.*

### **Stopping the Game for a Wrong Score.**

If the wrong score is called, correct it fast, or wait until the end of the rally.

*4.K. If the wrong score is called, the referee or any player may stop play before the return of serve to correct the score. It is a fault to stop play after the return of serve to identify or ask for a score correction. It is a fault to stop play to identify or ask for a score correction when the score was correctly called.*

**Who Served That?** You’ve been there. You just had an epic point battle that had you all over the court. After the point ends, you forget whose turn it is to serve.

*(4.B.8) Player questions about correct server, receiver or position remain allowed before the serve is hit. A generic question by the server such as “Am I good?” is considered to encapsulate both the correct server question and the correct position question, and the referee will answer both questions. In non-officiated play, a player may ask the opponent the same questions and the opponent must respond with the appropriate information.*

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**The APP projects over 40 million people playing pickleball in the year 2030.**

The Association of Pickleball Professionals (APP) has unveiled the 2023 APP Pickleball Participation Report, a study conducted by YouGov on behalf of the APP. The report shows that pickleball, America’s fastest growing sport, has enjoyed even higher growth than previously thought, with **14% of adult Americans (36.5 million people), playing pickleball at least once in the 12 month period August 2021 to August 2022; and 8.5 million people playing pickleball eight times or more in the same period.**

The rapid rise of Pickleball looks set to continue, with 45% of the 36.5 million total players saying they plan to play pickleball more often in the next six months than the previous six-month period.

Now, pickleball has to be viewed as one of America’s favorite sports,” commented Tom Webb, Chief Marketing Officer of the APP. “In 2020, a pandemic year, previous reports stated that over four million people picked up a paddle to play pickleball\*, with that number reportedly growing to over five million in 2021\*. Those numbers appear to have been conservative, but what the APP’s report shows is that the popularity of pickleball has exploded. Pickleball courts continue to be built and installed nationwide, and people from coast to coast are trying the sport for the first time, and immediately falling in love with pickleball. In addition to the APP, we now have the PPA, MLP, & PPA Futures Leagues, offering 2023 Atlanta area events— 5/17-21 PPA, 9/21-24MLP, 9/27-10/1 APP.



## PICKLEBALL TRIVIA

**Which sibling team holds the current record for the Longest Pickleball Rally?**

- A) Riley & Lindsey Newman?
- B) Ben & Collin Johns
- C) Angelo & Ettore Rossetti

*Trivia Answer: C-The Roseetti brothers, who set the Guinness World Record for longest pickl;eball rally in 2021, playing for six hours with 10,046 consecutive shots.*

In addition to setting world records, they are raising money for charitable organizations through their foundation Rally for Charity. They have raised over \$100,000 for Save the Children.