

“Pickleball” Really, - Yes indeed...

Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, (out Seattle way), by three dads, Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell and Barney McCallum. All of whom were simply looking for a way to entertain their bored kids who had grown tired with the usual summertime activities. Having wandered over to the badminton court, they lowered the net, gave each child a table tennis paddle and a whiffle ball and said have fun. The game of hitting the ball back and forth over the net became so much fun that it was played daily. However; two problems existed. One-what do we call this new found game. Two- every time the ball bounced, the family dog, (AKA) Pickles, would chase the ball down and run off with it. With all the children screaming for Pickles to give back the ball....., it was not long after that the game adopted the name Pickleball.

While there is another theory as to how the game got it's name, we will leave that to those fact finding people and their search engines. For me - there is no other explanation.

What to look for:

Check out future editions of the Kitchen Kronicles for announcements relating to special events, activities, tournaments and programs designed to create even more Pickleball Buzz within Fayette County.

Programs such as - Pickleball for Kids; Pickleball for adults; Pickleball for families; Pickleball for seniors; and Pickleball for health, etc.

Sizzlers from the Kitchen:

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States and according to USAPA (USA Pickleball Association), there are over 3.3 million players in the United States and pickleball is being played in all 50 states.

Pickleball Points to Ponder:

It's easier to prevent bad habits than to break them?

Ask Christine - ??

Many times when playing, an errant ball from one court will cross over on to other courts. Is there a rule for what happens if play is interrupted during a rally?

Although there is no official rule on this, it is common courtesy to yell, “Ball on Court” or simply calling a player's attention to such. This will stop play and avoid any risk of injury. If a player plays out a point and is disgruntled with the call...may I suggest finding another partner?

What we need:

Your input...

Have a story or anecdote relating to pickleball; send it to us. Questions on rules, etiquette, humorous fun facts, personal highlights, send it to us. This is your newsletter.

Coming Soon:

Club member profile