



# June 2022 Newsletter

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## Hello and Goodbye

by John Vaught

I know many people have joined me in thanking Gary for his past work as president of the Burke Centre Pickleball Association. He is one of the reasons why we have dedicated space and time to play in the Burke area and we have all benefited. Gary, best of luck on your new adventures (which hopefully includes more pickleball!).



In the interim until a new president is elected I will be working with the board to determine what is working well and areas that we can improve. If you have suggestions or would like to let us know what you enjoy please feel free to send an email to [burkepickleball@gmail.com](mailto:burkepickleball@gmail.com). In the meantime, please let your neighbors in Burke know about us!

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## Are You Our Next Social Coordinator?

We are looking for someone to help us coordinate occasional social events. Let us know if you are interested!

# The Challenge Court



We are bringing the Challenge Court back! For those that want to test themselves against other advanced players, here is how to get the challenge court going - set up a net and a paddle queue specifically for that court and follow these rules (will adjust the rules as we learn more):

- The paddle queue is only for the challenge court. The regular paddle queue will be for all other courts.
- The doubles team that wins continues as partners till they lose or win two in a row, at which point they will leave the court and two new teams will start a game.
- If there is more than one doubles team waiting then the game will be played straight to 9 points; *not* win by two. This way games move quickly for that single court.

**Remember** - good sportsmanship and a social game is our ultimate goal! We hope that by adding the Challenge Court it will increase the fun but not the drama.

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## Tip of the Month

The fastest way to improve your game is to go with this one mindset - ***in pickleball you aren't trying to hit winners!*** This may sound counter-intuitive but the court is small and the ball can move quickly. This means that making a good shot is far better than trying to make a great shot. Generally the team with the fewest errors wins! Here are three easy suggestions to quickly improve your game:

1. **SIMPLE:** Simple serves that go in are better than fancy serves that go out.
  2. **MIDDLE:** Hit it down the middle of the court! It confuses the opponents, makes them reach, and it's hard to hit it out of bounds.
  3. **SOLID:** When hitting a ball that lands inside the court, swinging hard at a ball rarely goes well - you are more likely to hit it out than hit a winner. A short, simple movement can still press your opponents on the small pickleball court.
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See more at the [Burke Centre Pickleball Website](#)

