# **Pickleball Newsletter**

Please find below the 2025 MEMBER NEWSLETTER which is our way of informing the pickleball membership (300+ and growing) all that is going on at the UWM Sports Complex relative to pickleball.

**Glen Paraskevin** 

**Scott Robbins** 

**Kerry Seward** 

**Mary Spearman** 

**Steve Sack** 

Patrick Woo

George Zhu

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# **Michigan Senior Olympics**

One of our biggest news Michigan items is that UWM Sports Senior Olympics Complex hosted the MI Senior Olympics pickleball tournament. It was a great weekend at the Complex as we had 215 folks participating in Men's and Women's Doubles/Mixed Doubles & Singles play across a variety of age groups and they had dozens of spectators cheering them on!

We recognize and congratulate the (24) pickleball members who participated in the event (listed below) and we are proud to highlight the medal winners:

David Abraham John Blake Hans Bolte Dana Clarke Amy Dawidowicz Dean Linenberg Pete Dawidowicz Tracie Moonen Mike Fitch **David Horne** 

**Delilah Howse** Marina Ivanov David Krivan Dennis Liagre Tom Murphree Sandy Murphree

**Drop In** 

We continue to run our weekday morning general drop-in from 9a-12n. However, to support our "novice plus" segment we've created a drop-in session just for them that runs Tuesday/Friday afternoons and it's a big hit. As Steve Sack likes to say, "it's always 70 degrees

with no wind at the Complex" so come join us.

## **Court Reservations**

We have streamlined how we book and manage court reservations and now have a dedicated team member (Christina) managing this process. We hope that you have seen improvements in both response time and ease of booking a PB court, but feedback is always welcome.

# **Member Appreciation Night**

This event was created to celebrate and thank our membership for their patronage. The last event had 70+ members (along with family & friends) enjoy a fun filled evening which included:

- **Pickleball Mixer**
- Time with a UWMSC PB Pro to sharpen their game
- Custom t-shirt •
- Food/Beverages for all attendees •
- **Raffle Prizes**
- Steve Sack's talk about the state of pickleball at UWM Complex



We are hosting our next Member Appreciation Event on 5/18! Save the date!

### **Member Benefits**

We are constantly looking for ways to enhance member benefits so stay tuned, but they now include:

- Member only appreciation nights
- Exclusive rental of our PB Lobster machine
- Discount for drop in play
- Discount for court reservations
- Preferred status for leagues and DUPR rating nights

# **Pickleball Leagues**

One of our most popular offerings is our pickleball leagues (they fill VERY quickly) and we get many questions about leagues from our picklers. Know that we have increased the number and structure of our leagues to better serve our members. We heard the demand for an "advanced" and hyper competitive league but also recognized the need for a "novice plus" league – to date we have 120+ folks playing in our leagues (listed below)!

#### INTERMEDIATE

Sunday Evening

This is our most popular league and features more experienced players who know the game and understand the basics (dinking/resets/drop shots and serves in play etc.)

Roster size is 40+ players.

#### ADVANCED

Wednesday Evening

This is a very competitive league featuring some of the most skilled players at the Complex and geared to the 3.75+ player.

Roster size is 30+ players.

### **NOVICE PLUS**

Thursday Afternoon

This league is geared to those looking for a friendly setting where you can continue to grow your interest in the game. The focus of the league will be spirited play, but you should at least know the basics of pickleball.

Roster size is 40 players.



Cameron

# **Lessons & Clinics**

Some of you may be familiar with our pro, Michele Kowalkowski (who is a US Open gold medal winner!). Michele and her colleague, Cameron Billes, hold a variety of clinics/lessons at the Complex and all the info on how to book clinics/lessons can be found on our website.

# Website & Social Media

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We have made improvements to both PB dedicated content on the Reimagine Recreation website along with the content we post on our social media extensions. Follow us!



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### **Mission Statement**

Lastly, we realize that the Complex is unique and unlike dedicated PB clubs. Usually when you play PB here you feel and hear the energy of many young athletes playing after school sports, so last-minute court reservations can be hard to come by. To that end, we thought it would be wise to share our mission statement - *Our primary mission is to provide a safe, youth focused environment, allowing young people to grow and prosper through sports.* 

To our PB members – all of us at Reimagine are very proud of the PB community we have created (over 5200 folks have played pickleball here since we opened the Complex less than three years ago!). You, our loyal members, are a major part of that community – so from all of us at Reimagine – thank you and good pickling!









