

October Newsletter

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Michigan Pickleball Newsletter October 2009

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DROP-IN INFORMATION:

TROY COMMUNITY CENTER GYM, 3179 Livernois, North of Big Beaver
50+Pickleball Drop-in Play (partners not required)
Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Friday 10:30am - 12:30pm
Sunday 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesdays is ongoing Free for fitness center members.
Daily Pass fee \$7 resident/ \$8 non-resident employee/ \$10 non-resident
Purchase a 10 visit punch card and save \$\$\$
Resident \$50 NR Employee \$70 NR \$80

Fridays is ongoing Free for fitness center members.
Or \$3.00 per person pay at the Fitness Control Desk

Sunday Starts Sept. 13 through Dec. 13 6-8 pm \$5 per visit pay at Fitness Control Desk
Doors are locked at 6 pm, please be on time.

Any questions call Elaine Torvinen at 248-524-3484

OXFORD TOWNSHIP, Lakeville Elementary School on Lakeville Rd. in Oxford.
We offer on Monday nights from 6-8 pm at for \$5 per person. This time is specifically for the older (45+) adult. If there are any questions, please contact Becky Paquin at Oxford Township Parks and Recreation 248-628-1720. beckypaquin@oxparkrec.org

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PICKLEBALL "walk in" program began Tuesday, October 13 at the Andover High School fieldhouse, 4700 Andover Rd in Bloomfield, 10:00 am to noon. The program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays into early Spring. The "organized ladder" began October 14, 10:15 am. and is now at Lahser High School. Intermediate and advanced skilled players and subs are still needed. Contact Nancy Robertson, 248-229-9047 for details.

Players attending the walk in program should enter at the parking lot gate (it is marked as an exit) with the small security building, turn right and park facing the curb bordering the east side of the parking lot. This is the designated area for players attending Pickleball play at Andover High School.

ROCHESTER FAMILY PICKLEBALL CLUB at Rochester Adams High School on Saturdays 2 - 4:30 is growing with players of all ages.

NEW SITE: Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae, St. Clair Shores (between 10 and 11 Mile roads, off Jefferson) Days: Every Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the gym Fee: \$3 Drop-in or \$10 Five-class punch card. USAPA Ambassador there is Peggy Kurza, Coordinator, Community Health Education - 586-779-7660 Margaret.Kurza@beaumont-hospitals.com In January, another day will be added -- Tuesdays from 10:30 am - 12:30 p.m.

Referee training opportunities:

A Pickleball officiating and referee training class will be held at the Bloomfield Andover HS fieldhouse the last Thursday of each month through the month of April. The first class is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 10:00 AM in the Bloomfield Andover HS fieldhouse, 4200 Andover Rd, Bloomfield Mi 48302. Don Ritter will present both the classroom and on-court aspects of training. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice learned officiating skills on the same day. Please call Jim Luzod, 248-855-2676 or email jamesluzod@hotmail.com to confirm attendance.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS IN THE AREA:

November 13-14 Turkey Tourney in Auburn Hills, registration deadline November 9th
http://usapa.org/file/mi/Auburn_Hills_Turkey_Tourney_2009.pdf

December 11 Skills Drills and Crazy Mixed Up Doubles at Rochester OPC, limited to 32 people, signup soon,
http://usapa.org/file/mi/Skills_Drills_AND_Crazy_MixedUp_Doubles_Tourney.pdf

December 20 Troy Holiday Smash 50+ Pickleball Tournament, registration deadline December 11, http://usapa.org/file/mi/Troy_Pickleball_Tournament_Dec_20_2009.pdf

December 27 Troy Intergenerational Pickleball Festival, registration deadline December 18, http://usapa.org/file/mi/Troy_Holiday_Intergenerational_Festival_Dec_27_2009.pdf

January 25-27 Michigan Senior Olympics at Auburn Hills and Rochester OPC, registration deadline December 14,
<http://www.michiganseniorolympics.org/Portals/0/2010%20Winter%20Registration.pdf>

CELEBRATE

Family fun and fitness day

North Central Michigan College in Petosky is 4th Annual Family Fun and Fitness Day which will focus on pediatric obesity. Listed among the sports and activities for the November 7th event is PICKLEBALL. The value of our sport for all ages is gaining recognition. For more information go to:

<http://www.petoskeynews.com/articles/2009/10/15/news/doc4ad71ec85deb3110419786.txt>

CONGRATULATIONS

Pat Sullivan from Royal Oak took the Gold medals in 65+ Mixed Doubles and 55+ Women's Doubles B at the recent Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah. **JoAnne Tressler** from Toledo, Ohio took the Bronze in the 65+ Women's Singles. Way to go, Pat and JoAnne !!!!

NEW AMBASSADORS IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN:

Peggy Kurza 586-779-7660 Grosse Pointe Woods

Anita Marcus 248-335-2214 West Bloomfield

REPORT FROM THE USAPA BOARD ON GOALS

The Board's goals for 2010 include the following:

Project Gym – Every facility with a gym is a target for Pickleball - recreation centers, schools, churches, YMCA's, JCC's, senior centers, indoor tennis facilities, etc. This means reaching out to the Recreational Professionals that manage these facilities so Pickleball can be "mainstreamed" as a regular offering just like volleyball and basketball. Partnering with these professionals can be done one-by-one and/or in larger groups at the local, state, and national conferences they attend. Specific best practices and packages to create these partnerships with Recreational Professionals are described in detail in the new USAPA How-to Group.

Project Youth – Young adults and secondary education students are targets for this initiative. Increasing the number of younger players in the 2010 National Tournament will be an important metric of the success of this project. The USAPA sends dozens of promotional DVDs out to schools; Ambassadors will be asked to follow-up with these contacts to see how we can help promote Pickleball as a Lifetime Sport. Mixed Generation events that focus on families and friends can be emphasized. Getting Pickleball into more State Games will be part of this effort. The best practices that relate to achieving these goals are being developed and tested within the USAPA How-to Group.

USAPA NATIONALS

The Nationals will take place in Arizona November 2-8. There will be a number of Michigan (or ex-Michigan or part-time Michigan) players participating. Among them are: Bob Cary, Sue Cary, Dan Clemence, James Hackenberg, Yvonne Hackenberg, Marilyn Holladay, Doug Kant, Mark Karwas, Larry Kraus, Dick Manasseri, James McIntyre, Laura Patterson, Joyce Staffen, Bud Stefanko, Pat Sullivan.

PLAYERS (ESPECIALLY NEW ONES) WANT TO KNOW:

Over a dozen players a week ask "Where can I buy a paddle?" Tom Valentine is our local answer to that question. He even travels to spots in SE Michigan to let players try a variety of paddles before they buy! <http://usapa.org/file/mi/pballgoodies.pdf>
