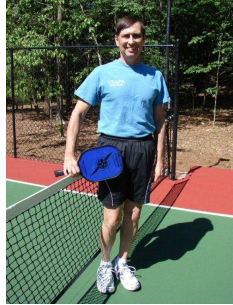


Bob Huskey , USA Pickleball Ambassador for Lee County Alabama



Bob Huskey, age 57, has been very active in sports throughout his life. His two main sports through his adult life have been golf and racquetball. He was introduced to golf at a young age, and played on his high school golf team, lettering 3 years. He continues to play golf nowadays with a 4 handicap. His racquetball career started in his late twenties. He was so taken by racquetball that playing 10 tournaments a year became the standard. During his career he won 7 individual Alabama State singles titles and 6 Alabama State doubles titles. He also won many other titles at other tournaments. He was inducted to the Alabama Racquetball Hall of Fame in 2006.

During the summer of 2007, he was reading Geezer Jock magazine and noticed that a lady who was highlighted in the magazine was a pickleball player. Not knowing what pickleball was, he googled pickleball and ended up on the USA pickleball website. He looked at the video on the website and decided to see if there were any pickleball courts in the state of Alabama . After finding that there were no courts around, he decided to build his own pickleball court, even though he had never played pickleball.



He started playing pickleball in January of 2008. Bob has now retired from racquetball to concentrate on pickleball. In late April, 2008, he made a trip to Surprise, Arizona , to see what type of pickleball was played in Arizona . He played at Arizona Traditions with, Barney and Fran Meyer, Bill Booth, Earl Hill, and many others. Since he hadn't played doubles in Alabama , the doubles he played in Arizona was a real eye opener.

He is continuing to try to promote the sport of pickleball in the state of Alabama . The city of Opelika , Alabama is building a \$32 million Sportplex. He has been working with the recreation people to see if pickleball courts could be placed between the basketball courts in the new gymnasium so that seniors could come in during the day and play pickleball.

He sponsored a pickleball demonstration in association with the Alabama Senior Olympics at his own pickleball court, and he is working with the Alabama Masters Games to see if pickleball can be included or can be seen as a demonstration sport.

Bob has practiced dentistry for almost 32 years, and has plans to continue practicing into the future, while promoting pickleball as much as he can.