



NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

This is a quarterly newsletter to help keep members up to date on news and events related to the Tustin Pickleball Association.

Hope you enjoy our Newsletter



President's Message

Our 2020 Tustin Pickleball year is rapidly coming to an end. In spite of all the challenges we have all had to face with the Covid-19 pandemic and the encumbrances it placed on our opportunities to set and accomplish specific goals and objectives, we can all be very proud of the collective efforts to stay safe and healthy and continue to grow our renown Tustin Pickleball Program. Our membership has grown from approximately 300 members this year to over 1000 members. While growing by leaps and bounds, we have all been very diligent in following all the Covid-19 guidelines including wearing masks at all times (optional while playing) and maintaining the social distancing expectations required. We will continue to follow and enforce the Covid-19 guidelines as long as necessary which most likely will go into 2021. In addition to our incredible membership growth, we have expanded our playing days to include Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and finally made the necessary repairs to courts two and five. We most sincerely wish all of you and your families the most joyous holiday season and happy New Year and look forward to the potential that 2021 will provide.

The Tustin Pickleball Association is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It exists to provide a fun, healthy, recreational activity for community members, while promoting the exercise, development of skills, and the enjoyment of the game of Pickleball.

The 2021 Board of Directors!



2021 Board of Directors

From left to right: Phil Wascher, Peggy Marcantel, Patti Blood, Sheila Driscoll, Gina Stivers, Phil Dunmeyer, Albert Tjan. Not pictured: Craig Haas

Tustin Pickleball is a non-profit organization. Our organization and donors have tax-exempt benefits. The non-profit organization shall be administered by a Board of Directors (BOD) elected from the general membership.

We are pleased to announce your newly elected 2021 Board of Directors. The new Board has been voted into office effective January 1, 2021. These are volunteer positions and dedicated to keeping Tustin a premier pickleball venue. Please introduce yourself to your 2021 Board members when you see them on the courts.

President – Phil Dunmeyer

Vice President – Phil Wascher

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Labor Day Tournament

Tustin's 6th Annual Labor Day Tournament took place on 9/5/2020 thru 9/7/2020. There were 201 participants. The tournament ran smoothly under the direction of Craig Haas, Directors of Events, Competitions and Instructions, and Tournament Director Jay Unantenne. Medals were awarded to 43 teams.



Labor Day Tournament (cont.)



Member Spotlight

Chou Family

It is great to see the Chou family not only work together but play together. Diana (mom) has been a long-time league tennis player at Los Cab where they also have pickleball courts. Diana and her friends would play pickleball for fun after tennis. Around June 2020, Diana invited her sons Maurice and Matthew to play pickleball. Initially, Maurice and Matthew did not enjoy the game because they had yet experienced a higher level of the game. Once Diana met Peggy Marcantel, all of that had changed. Peggy suggested bringing the boys to Tustin Pickleball Club. Maurice and Matthew quickly realized what a challenging game pickleball could be and immediately became addicted to the game. Chloe decided to follow in on the fun in October, and



The Chou Family
 Matthew (34), Chloe (21), Diana,
 Maurice (27) and Charlie

Charlie (dad), joined the bandwagon in November. On almost any given day, one can see all five Chou family members playing at Tustin Pickleball Club. At one-point Matthew challenged himself to have the most check-ins at the club per week.

Maurice and Matthew's first game of pickleball was at one of Diana's friend's private pickleball courts. Their favorite places to play are Tustin Pickleball Club (at Currie Middle School), Tustin Veterans Park, Portola Springs Community Park (where Matthew helps coach clinics), Pasadena Allendale Park, Bobby Riggs Tennis Club in San Diego, Nellie Gail Ranch Pickleball Club and Esencia Sports Park in Rancho Mission Viejo, Los Cab Pickleball Club, and the Fountain Valley Pickleball Center. Due to the growing demand, they have decided to build pickleball courts at their office.

The Chou family loves pickleball for the exercise, the ability to continue to grow and develop the game, and most importantly the unmatched social aspect that no other sport comes close to. Diana has worked hard in business but has been the best at keeping a good balance by playing tennis every day for the last two decades. One would call Matthew, Maurice, and Charlie couch potatoes, who have been workaholics for the past 15 years.



Member Spotlight (cont.)

Maurice and Charlie have both gotten back into shape. Matthew, who was nearing 200 pounds, is now 161 pounds. All family members have met so many amazing new friends and Matthew has reconnected with tennis friends in pickleball, whom he lost contact with for years.

The Chou family participated in several tournaments but during the difficult times of COVID-19, their tournament play was limited. They signed up for 6 tournaments in 2020 but 4 were cancelled. However, they have 14 tournaments scheduled for 2021. Matthew, Maurice, and Diana played in their first pickleball tournament at the Labor Day Tustin Tournament. Matthew and Maurice medaled silver in Men's Doubles. Maurice and Diana medaled silver in Mixed Doubles. Matthew, Maurice, and Chloe played the Las Vegas PPA Championships. Matthew medaled gold in Men's Singles, Matthew and Maurice medaled gold in Men's Doubles, and Matthew and Chloe modeled gold in Mixed Doubles, AKA as the Triple Crown. The Chou family is known for turning negatives into positives in business, life and now pickleball. The Chou brothers have worked very hard putting in 8 to 10 hours per day to make up for lost time and have been quick to fit in with the best ranked players in the world on a daily basis. With only 7 months of pickleball under their belt, Armour Pickleball and Ethika Sportswear recognized their talent and potential, and offered Matthew and Maurice a full sponsorship.



The Chou family comes from a tennis background. Matthew won two State high school championships. After working with Coach Jay, Jay was able to convert the strengths in tennis that help in pickleball and break the habits from tennis that are not effective in pickleball. Jay is one of the best coaches in pickleball.

Diana, Charlie, and Matthew were born in Taiwan. Maurice was born in Trenton, New Jersey. The Chou family moved to Irvine in 2009 after Matthew and Maurice started Mamo Company. Mamo Company has completed over 100 transactions, the property portfolio is largely shopping centers, luxury residences, high quality single and multi-tenant retail properties and premier offices. Matthew is the CEO, Maurice is the Co-Founder, Diana is the CFO, and Charlie is the Secretary.

The Chou family would love to give back to the sport that has brought fun and balance to their lives. They are planning the Masters Open with Jay to be held at Tustin Pickleball club, sponsored by Armour Pickleball, Ethika Sportswear, and Mamo Company. This will be the biggest sponsored tournament in Orange County.

Tustin Veterans Outpost

Serving the Least, the Last and the Lost is part of the Tustin Pickleball Community Outreach Program. We partnered with the OC Rescue Mission to promote mental and physical health through pickleball for our veterans currently living at the Tustin Veterans Outpost (TVO). The TVO is currently home to about 20 formerly homeless veterans and their families, which includes their spouses and children. It is approximately a two-year program sponsored by the Mission to overcome addictions, mental health, and other issues. The TVO will soon expand to house about 70 total veterans and their families. Albert and Yvonne Tjan have been involved with these veterans since the inception of TVO, about 4 years ago. They initially hosted monthly BBQ's, which subsequently incorporated pickleball as part of their monthly get togethers. They provided them with paddles and balls. Pickleball allows these veterans to get out and just "have fun" and away from their problems. Now, these veterans are excited and look forward to playing pickleball.



Before these veterans can graduate from the OC Rescue Mission, they are required to secure a job and be self-sufficient in civilian life. In order for them to accomplish this, they may need additional help. For example, one person needed a prepaid cell phone for his job search and later for his job, and another got accepted to culinary school with full scholarship, but she needed to purchase the required chef knives set. To provide this additional support, the 2020 Tustin Pickleball Board started a scholarship fund to help these graduating veterans with a \$5,000 donation derived from our tournament's profits. Our hope is to continue a perpetual Tustin Pickleball Scholarship Fund at the OC Rescue Mission through private donations from the community to help our veterans' future needs to achieve successful transition to self-sufficiency.

Let's continue to honor and support our Veterans!

Tustin Members

We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support during this unprecedented time. In the past, playing at Tustin has always been free. Because of the strict Covid-19 requirements, we made the difficult decision to limit play to Tustin Members only.

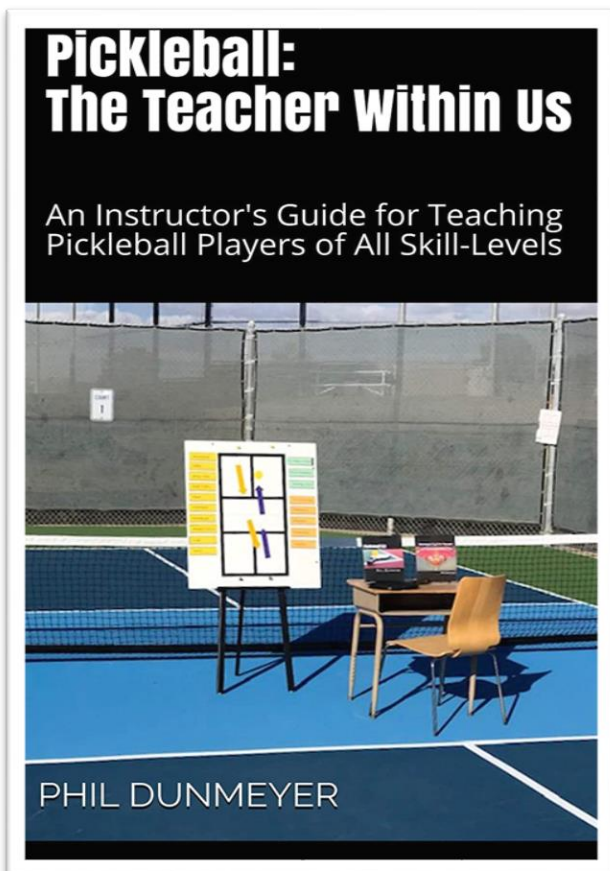
Your \$25 membership helps with expenses including equipment, bathroom facilities and insurance.

Your 2020 Membership (including those that enrolled between October thru December 2019) has been extended to the end of 2021.



The benefits of membership include club discounts on Pickleball merchandise at select websites, voting privileges, and qualifying to be a Board Member.

We have exceeded 1,000 members!



Pickleball: The Teacher Within Us

Congratulations to Coach Phil for publishing his 3rd book, Pickleball: The Teacher Within Us.

This is an instructor's guide for teaching pickleball players of all skill-levels written to provide instructors and players with a reference for providing effective teaching strategies for those eager to improve their skills and knowledge of pickleball. Key components of this resource and guide includes:

- Why Teach Pickleball:
- Teaching the Ten Shots of Pickleball by Skill-Levels
- Role of Assessment
- Breaking Down the Ten Shots of Pickleball Into Their Component Parts
- Defensive Stances
- Instructors' Equipment and Instructional Aides
- Common Errors of Pickleball Instructors

Learn from the Best!

Tustin Unified School District

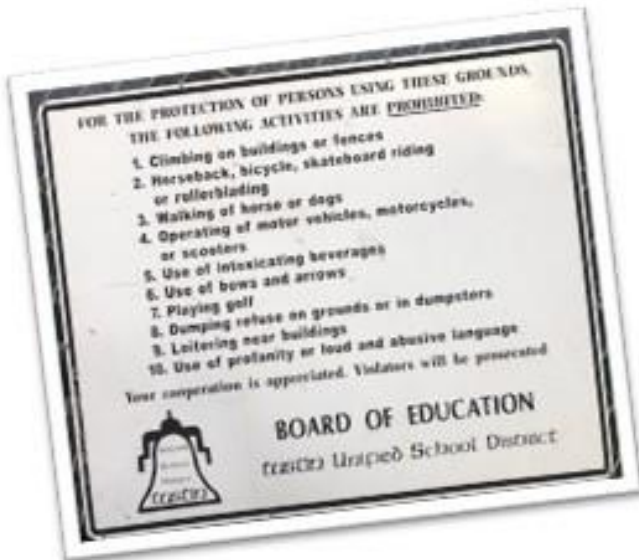
Our Tustin pickleball courts are owned by the Tustin Unified School District. We have been privileged that the school district allowed us to continue to play pickleball on their school ground for the past 10 years. We need to re-iterate some of the rules bestowed upon us as we have so many new members and some may be hearing this for the first time.

The court gates are unlocked by the school district's security team every morning and locked at night. The courts are available to the public daily and most holidays except when otherwise noted, such as special school events, or tournaments/round robins.

Our club obtains a user permit to reserve the courts for open play and special events. The permit also grants us access to the School District's bathroom/water refill station.

To maintain our reputable relationship with the Tustin School District, please adhere to the following:

1. *Abide by the School District court rules. These rules are posted on the fences outside the courts.*
2. ***Do NOT park in the School District parking lot on the weekdays, Monday - Friday!** Parking is only allowed on the street or the small lot on the east side of the courts. **Car will be towed. Membership may be revoked if parking ordinance is violated.***
3. *While in the School District building, remember we are guests. Keep the noise level down and the bathrooms clean.*
4. *No dogs allowed on school property unless approved by the School District.*
5. *Please contact a Board member, NOT the School District if you have any concerns about the courts.*



Tuesday Street Sweeping

Street sweeping no-parking hours on Service Road is every Tuesday from 7:00 – 11:00 AM. The city was contacted regarding the impact to our drop-in play held every Tuesday during this time. Here is the city's response:

Street sweeping will begin on Service Road around 7 AM with a Tustin PD officer following to ticket any vehicles parked in the sweeper's path. Once the street has been swept, typically by 7:30 AM, players may park on the street. The city has assured us that the Tustin PD officer will not make a second pass on the street to write tickets once the street has been swept. Please note Carfax St by court 1 is also scheduled for street sweeping on Tuesdays. Street sweeping on Carfax St is later in the morning. We suggest that you do not park on Carfax St during their no-parking hours.

Tustin Pickleball Logo

Tustin Pickleball shirts and masks with our Tustin logo are now available for sale on the court. What a better way to promote our Tustin spirit by proudly wearing products with our Tustin Pickleball logo!

Shirts: Short sleeves - \$15, Long sleeves - \$20, 2X and 3X – extra \$2

Masks - \$5

Any special order (e.g. size/color) can be placed at the front desk or by sending an email to info@tustinpickleball.org with your request.



Need a Ball?

The outdoor Franklin pickleballs are available at the court for \$2 each.



Retail Member Discounts

Pickleball Central – 5% off plus 5% goes back to Tustin Pickleball! Go to www.pickleballcentral.com to shop for equipment. Use CRTUSTIN at checkout to receive the discount. PLUS, Pickleball Central will donate 5% of the proceeds to our club!

HeadSweats - 25% off! Go to www.headsweats.com to shop for great visors and hats to keep you cool and dry. Use code KEEPACOOLEHEAD at checkout to receive the discount.

Happy Holidays Tustin Family!

*Wishing you and your family a Happy Holidays season!
It was a pleasure serving as your 2020 Board or Directors!*

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Vice President – Phil Wascher

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Director of Events, Competition, and Instruction – Craig Haas

Director of Facilities and Equipment – Peggy Marcantel

Member at Large – Wayne Simpson



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