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# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome!

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

Hope you enjoy our Newsletter.

## 2024 Spring Edition

The 2024 Board of Directors is dedicated in keeping Tustin as a premier pickleball venue and to continue to grow our renown Tustin Pickleball program.

Below are the highlights of our spring season, covered in this edition of our newsletter.

- On April 2nd, we successfully launched our new social media presence for the Tustin Pickleball Association with a new Facebook Page and Group, and an Instagram account.
- On April 7<sup>th</sup>, fixed mixed partners competed in our first pickleball ladder event of the year.
- In April and May, we completed our inaugural Team Challenge event with club members competing in a mixed team format over 3 consecutive weeks.
- Over Memorial Day weekend on May 26<sup>th</sup>, over 100 club members from 3.0 to 4.5 level, competed in our first round robin event of 2024.

Upcoming events and activities planned for this summer:

- Registration is now open for our next ladder event on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, with separate men's and women's divisions. Format will be fixed partners who will move up and down the ladder together based on wins and losses.
- Our second annual members appreciation lunch will be held at the courts on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am to 1pm.

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.

## Save the Date! August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Members Appreciation Lunch, 11:30am

On Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> we will be serving up Jersey Mike's subs, chips and drinks at the courts, which will be free for all Tustin Pickleball members.

Organized play (and restroom access) will be extended from 7-11am to 7am to 1pm that day, so that members can stay, play and have lunch starting around 11:30am. The picnic area in the TUSD parking lot near the courts will be used for this event. More details will be communicated in the weeks ahead.

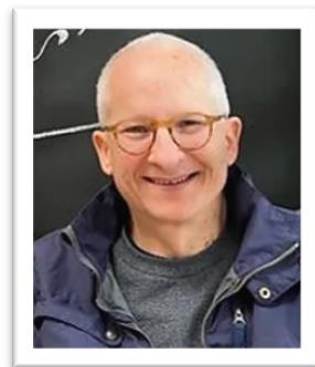


Members Lunch 2023

## Greg Goodman Appointed as Director of Facilities & Equipment

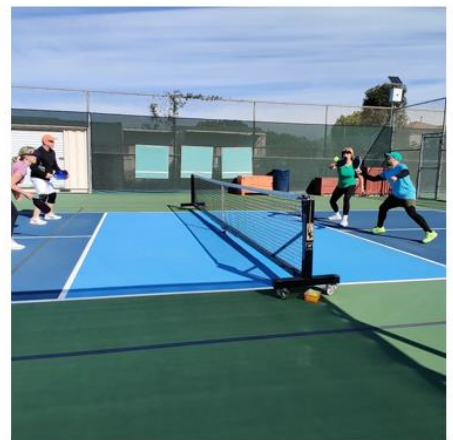
Greg Goodman has been appointed to fill the vacant Director of Facilities & Equipment position on the Tustin Pickleball 2024 Board of Directors.

Thank you Greg for volunteering your time to serve our membership!



## Tustin Pickleball Spring Ladder Event, April 7th

Our spring Tustin Pickleball ladder event was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Men and women participants played together in a series of matches where they had an opportunity to move up or down courts as they won or lost games. The event turned out to be a great day of fun and competition for all. Congratulations to all the medalists!



## April 7<sup>th</sup> Ladder Medalists



### Low Intermediate (3.0) Division

Gold - Makenzie Lee & Eric Lee

Silver - Cynthia Garvin & Kevin Lamb

Bronze - Jenny McMasters & Garrett Squires



### Intermediate (3.5) Division

Gold - Thao Tran & Christian Vaccaro

Silver - Judy Wu & Bill Frisz

Bronze - Noon Polnamin & Bill Kearns



### Advanced Intermediate (3.5+) Division

Gold - Pam Gertz & Mark Gertz

Silver - Ashlyn Martin & Alan Piercy

Bronze - Patty Spallone & Dan Osborne



### Advanced (4.0+) Division

Gold - Debbie Thai & Justin Thai

Silver - Huang Qian & Charles Peng

Bronze - Lisa Sigaty & Sid Crossley

## Team Challenge I Event, April-May

Our inaugural Team Challenge was a great success! Mixed teams battled for gold over 3 consecutive weekends with the finals held on May 5th. Thank you to all participants and congratulations to all the medalists!



## Team Challenge I Results

### Division I - Advanced Intermediate / Advanced Level



Champions (Gold Medalists) - Good Guys!  
Cody Nguyen, Gene Forsythe, Reha Duzel, Patty Spallone



Silver Medalists - Dink Dynasty  
Steve Krongold, Rosanna Chen, Nikki Chew, Thomas Hazen



Bronze Medalists - Above Average  
Brett Schumm, Sunny Yu, Judy Wu, Jay Yen



4th Place - Team D  
Samantha Waters, Tim Wang, David Purdom, Julie Mazo

**Division II - Low Intermediate / Intermediate Level**



Champions (Gold Medalists) - Killer B's  
Curtis Condon, Jennifer McMasters, Yolanda Solis, John Musgrave



Silver Medalists - Hold the Pickles!  
Rob Hutchinson, Jone Hsia, Shirley Song, Robert Cho



Bronze Medalists - Task  
Arvind Kumar Venkateswaran, Tinus Sonsma, Sandy Jung, Kathie Nielsen



4th Place - The A Team  
Julie Cho, Ivonne Roca, Daniel Standish, Weihong Chen

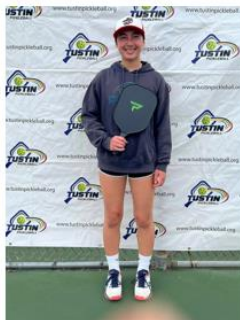
# Tustin Pickleball Round Robin Event, May 26th

It was a great day of fun, friendly competition. Everybody played with a different partner in each game to earn the most wins on their court. Thank you to all participants and congratulations to all the winners!

## Round Robin Winners - Women's Divisions



Court 1  
Helane Cohen 3.0



Court 3  
Danielle Gertz 3.0



Court 4  
Sandy Jung 3.0



Court 5  
Sheri Cook 3.5



Court 6  
Connie Smith 3.5



Court 7  
Julie Cho 3.5



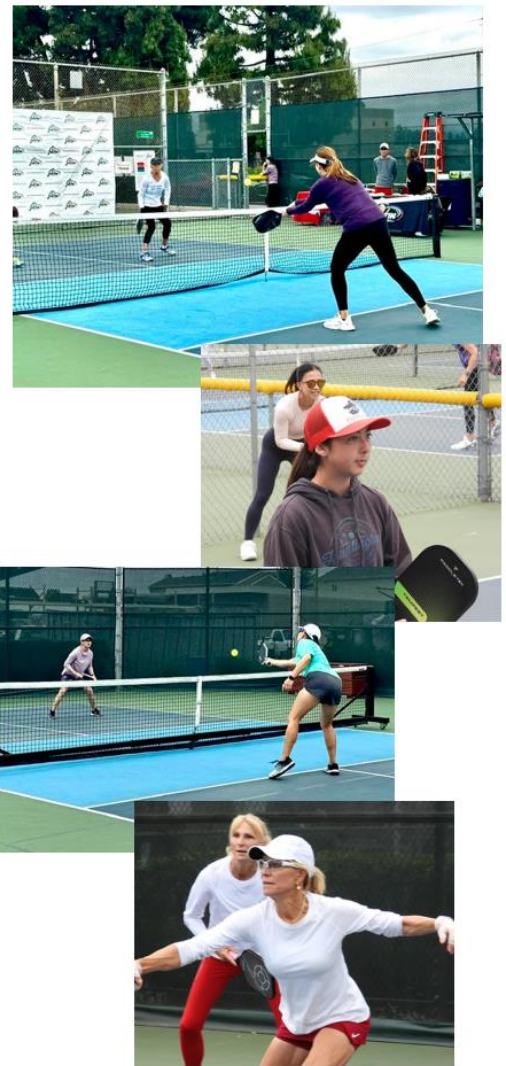
Court 8  
Judy Wu 3.5+



Court 9  
Yeaj Lee 4.0



Court 10  
Bonnie Goodman 4.5

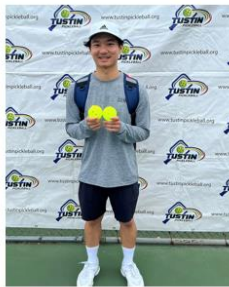




## Round Robin Winners - Men's Divisions



Court 1  
Pat Welch 3.0



Court 2  
Nick Mikami 3.5



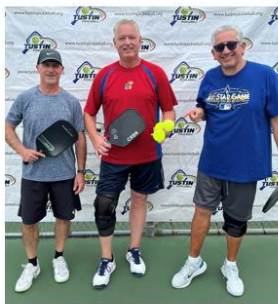
Court 3  
Kris Shimamoto 3.5



Court 4  
John Musgrave 3.5



Court 5  
Kamlesh Jagad 3.5+



Court 6 (3 way tie!)  
Mark Gertz, Paul Brown,  
Nick Jara 3.5+



Court 7  
Vince Miranda 4.0



Court 8  
Cal Nguyen 4.0



Court 9  
Nate Tsai 4.5



Court 10  
Tom Van 4.5



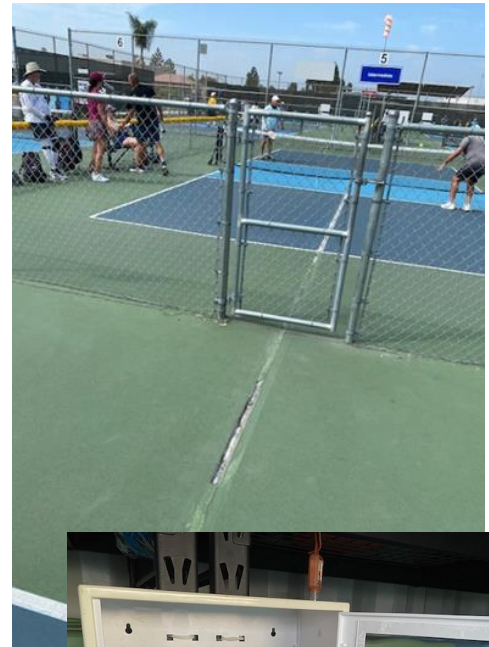
# Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Red, white, and blue were the colors of the day as members paid tribute on this day of remembrance.

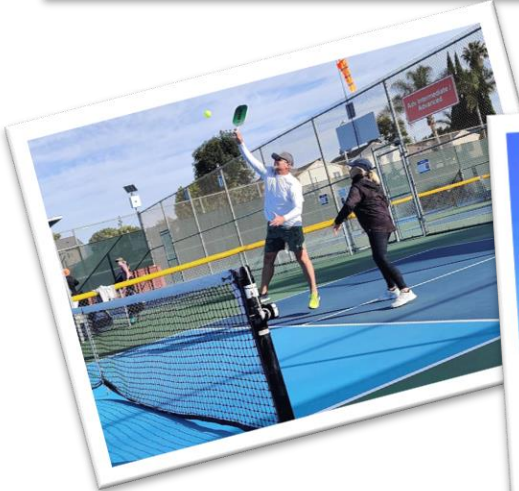


# Facilities Update

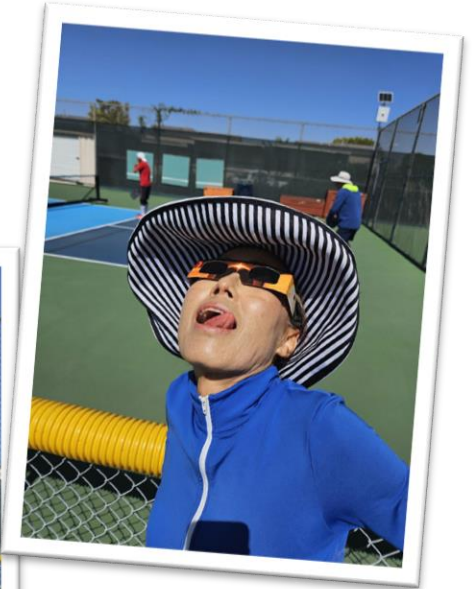
- In February, the club provided a donation to TUSD to repair the expansion joint (crack) that runs through courts 2 and 5. A contract was signed with the construction company and TUSD to proceed with the project. Due to the heavy rain season, the project was delayed to allow the saturated foundation to dry out. Weather permitting, TUSD is now targeting to complete this project by end of July.
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
  - The club has an AED device located in the storage shed that is accessible during club hours in the event of an emergency.
  - The AED is a medical device designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to restore normal heart rhythm to victims of sudden cardiac arrest.
  - We have purchased new AED pads and have entered into an agreement to have our AED inspected by TUSD on a monthly basis. In addition, we have contracted with the AED Institute for a basic AED Maintenance Program that will provide automatic reminders when our AED pads need to be replaced.
  - An AED sign has been installed outside the shed.
- We now have four rectangular, retractable, rotatable umbrellas that can be used to provide sun shade on courts 1, 2, 4, and 5. These umbrellas (stored in the shed) are available for check out by members during organized play hours.
- In March, TUSD maintenance trimmed the tree branches overhanging the north parking lot.
- In May, a new net was installed on court 6.



# What happens in pickleball...



# ...Stays in pickleball



## Member Spotlight

### Dan Osborn

Say hello to Dan Osborn. Originally from Ohio, this golden bachelor now calls Irvine, Ca home. Prior to discovering pickleball, Dan enjoys badminton, squash, tennis and table tennis. During his freshman year in Cornell, he was on the tennis and squash team. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in intramural badminton and sailing. His table tennis accolade includes being a quarter finalist against the top US players in several other major tournaments like the Great Lakes Open in 1972. At the 1988 US Open table tennis tournament he won the biggest cash prize event, a very competitive handicap tournament based on ratings.

His hobbies include woodworking and playing the piano. At a 1990 estate sale, he bid against jazz performer Buddy Guy and acquired Liberace's concert grand Steinway. After the Liberace movie came out, he sold it in 2013. His vacation travel takes him to Asia where he has visited the Potala Palace in Tibet and the Bridge on River Kwai in Thailand. His other escapade includes going to parties at the Playboy Mansion. Yup! That's what I said, playboy mansion, lol. After 40 years in the financial services sector, he's 10 years into retirement and loving it.

As he was searching for an indoor activity during the winter months in Ohio, a friend suggested pickleball at a YMCA. Well, that became an addiction. So much so he became a USAP member and a PPR certified coach. He found Tustin Pickleball through the internet. He also plays at Santa Ana High School and Laguna Woods. He enjoys Tustin's open play courts and finds it to be the best. He also likes the members because they are welcoming and very friendly. He's also a bronze medalist in the 3.5+ division of our Ladder Event in April of this year. Dan has been playing pickleball on and off for 5 years and I'm sure he will continue for many more years.

A man of quiet dignity and competitive nature it's no wonder his favorite quote is engraved above the players entrance at Wimbledon. "If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two imposters just the same." R. Kipling.



## Upcoming Events

(Subject to Change)



- Members Only (Free!) Round Robin Event, Sunday, July 21, 7:30am-Noon
  - Men's & Women's Divisions, all levels
- Members Appreciation Lunch, Saturday, August 10, 11:30am-1pm
- Team Challenge II, Fall 2024, Dates/Times TBD
- Halloween Party, Saturday, October 26, 7-11am
- Veterans Day Event, Monday, November 11, 7-11am
- Thanksgiving Potluck, Saturday, November 23, 7-11am

For more information, go to our website at [www.tustinpickleball.org/upcoming-events](http://www.tustinpickleball.org/upcoming-events)

# Code of Conduct

Due to a number of recent incidents at the courts, we would like to remind everyone of our Code of Conduct, which exists to create a safe and respectful environment for all players. Our Code of Conduct is fundamental to our success as it serves as a framework for appropriate behavior and helps ensure that everyone who plays at Tustin Pickleball (members as well as drop ins) understands the expectations and consequences of their actions. Our Code of Conduct is available at the check in desk and on our website at [www.tustinpickleball.org/code-of-conduct](http://www.tustinpickleball.org/code-of-conduct).



## **Tustin Pickleball Code of Conduct:**

Tustin Pickleball was founded with a commitment to Respect, Integrity, Sportsmanship, and Accountability. In this spirit, we welcome all to these courts—regardless of gender, place of origin, ethnicity, religion, political belief, economic status, or ability.

To play here, it is expected that you:

1. Abide by the International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) rules and regulations.
2. Be a “Pickleball Ambassador.” Treat everyone with courtesy and respect. Be especially welcoming and helpful to newcomers and visitors.
3. Respect the Tustin Pickleball facilities and property. Keep them clean and in good working order.
4. Pitch in. Help to set up and tear down whenever possible.
5. Strive to positively reinforce and influence other players. Encourage their growth, promote teamwork, and emphasize fun.
6. Accept responsibility for any guests you bring to the courts. Make sure they abide by these rules.
7. Be respectful of players engaged in play and strive to avoid interfering with their play.
8. Promote good sportsmanship and fairness in all aspects of play—line calls, accommodating waiting players, playing with players of a lower or higher skill level.
9. Refrain from giving unsolicited coaching or advice, or criticizing another player’s skills.
10. Dress for safe and enjoyable play. Wear appropriate (for Pickleball), and non-offensive attire. Shirts and court shoes are a must.

Finally, anyone who engages in physical or verbal behavior that threatens the health, safety and/or physical and mental well-being of others, including the use of profanity, alcohol, tobacco and/or drugs, will not be tolerated.

Failure to abide by this Code may result in immediate removal from the courts and, possibly, disciplinary action by the Tustin Pickleball Board of Directors.



# “Tustin Pickleball Drills” Program

Our Tustin Pickleball Drills program continues to grow and evolve. We now have around 90 participants and are conducting sessions 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, from 6:45 to 7:30am.

The objective of the program is to provide novice and intermediate players a chance to work on different aspects of their game. Through repetition, players can create muscle memory for each type of shot (similar to how golfers spend time at the driving range) and improve their overall skills set. A different shot is worked on each week, such as forehand and backhand groundstrokes, dinking, volleys, resets, lobs, and third shot drops.

Tustin Pickleball Drills are available only to Tustin Pickleball members, and are free of charge. Signups are limited to 4 players each session, and are managed using the TeamReach app. The TeamReach app allows us to create an event calendar, manage the sign-up process, and create a waitlist.

If you have any questions or would like to join the program, please text our program director Carl Cheng at 914-263-8226.

## Drill Leaders



Carl Cheng



Bonnie Goodman



Sidney Vianna



Kurtis Eng



Terry Wong

# Tustin Pickleball Gear

Tustin Pickleball gear is available for purchase at the check-in desk at the courts.

We have an assortment of t-shirts (long and short sleeve), hats, sweatshirts, embroidered patches, keychains, and water bottles for sale. Some examples are shown below. Please inquire at the check in desk for available items, styles, sizes, and colors.

A4 Cooling Performance Crew,  
N3142 / NW3201 (\$20)



Bella + Canvas Unisex Heather CVC  
V-Neck Tee, 3005CVC (\$20)



Port Authority Dry Zone  
Cap, C838 (\$15)



OTTO UPF 50+ Cool Comfort Performance  
Stretchable Knit Cap, 19-1256 (\$15)



## Tustin Unified School District (TUSD)

Our Tustin pickleball courts are owned by the Tustin Unified School District (TUSD). We have been privileged that the school district allowed us to continue to play pickleball on their school grounds for the past 13 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 use permit to reserve the courts for open play and special events. The permit also grants us access to the School District's restroom/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. **Cars 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. *No Smoking on the courts!*
6. ***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 and School Lane is every Tuesday from 7:00am to 11:00am. 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 7:00am with a Tustin PD officer following to ticket any vehicles parked in the sweeper's path. Once the street has been swept, typically by 7:30am, 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.

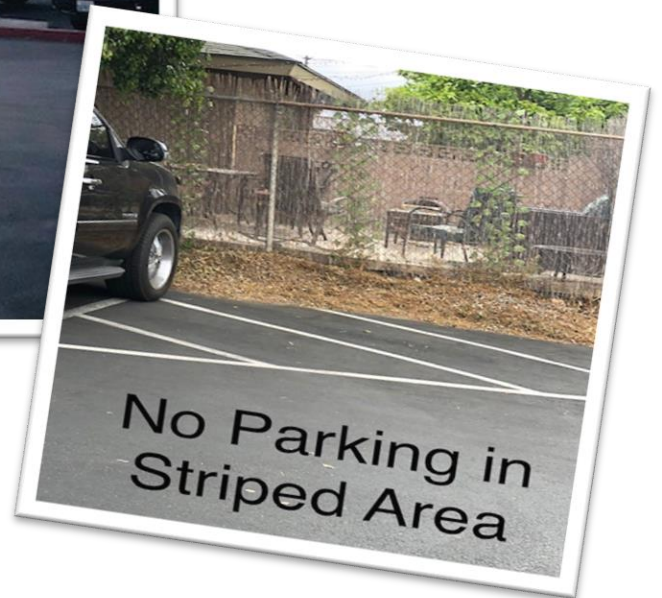
## TUSD Maintenance Parking Lot and Restroom

There is NO PARKING ALLOWED in the TUSD Maintenance and Operations parking lot adjacent to the pickleball courts on Mondays thru Fridays, from 6:00am to 3:30pm. The Tustin school district will have your car towed.

TUSD maintenance requests that there is no drop off, U-turns, or drive throughs in the parking lot. Also, members should not drop off passengers along the right-side curve (marked as a red zone) going from Service Road to School Lane. This is a very dangerous blind spot for westbound vehicles. Also, there is no parking in the striped area in the parking lot behind the courts. Cars have been ticketed and may be towed.

The restrooms are available to Tustin Pickleball members from 7:00am to 11:00am only, on organized play days, Mondays - Saturdays. Members should not ask TUSD employees to open the restroom door outside of these hours.

We are fortunate to have a great partnership with the Tustin Unified School District. They have made several accommodations to work with Tustin Pickleball and not following their rules and guidelines can and will jeopardize our program's existence.



## 2024 Membership



Thank you for your support. Your membership fee helps pay for Tustin Pickleball's expenses such as permits, court usage fees, equipment, restroom access and insurance.

Membership is for the calendar year, January - December.

The benefits of membership include club discounts on pickleball merchandise at select websites, voting privileges, qualifying to be a Board Member, and participation in club sponsored events, such as round robins and ladder tournaments.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to another great year in 2024.

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## Retail Member Discounts

**Pickleball Central** – 5% off plus 5% goes back to Tustin Pickleball! Go to [www.pickleballcentral.com](http://www.pickleballcentral.com) to shop for equipment. Use CRTUSTIN at checkout to receive the discount. Pickleball Central will donate 5% of the proceeds to our club!



## Suggestion Box

Got a suggestion for making your Tustin Pickleball even better? Here are three ways to share your awesome ideas:

- Send an email to [info@tustinpickleball.org](mailto:info@tustinpickleball.org)
- Share your idea with any Board Member at the courts
- Drop your idea in the suggestion box on the check in table by court #8

## Lost and Found

Items not claimed will be donated to Goodwill or The Salvation Army on a quarterly basis. Last chance to claim your items will be March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.

### Website

[www.tustinpickleball.org](http://www.tustinpickleball.org)

### Email

[info@tustinpickleball.org](mailto:info@tustinpickleball.org)

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/groups/tustinpb](http://www.facebook.com/groups/tustinpb)

### Instagram

[www.instagram.com/tustinpickleball](http://www.instagram.com/tustinpickleball)

**Be safe, be courteous, and have fun!**

## **Your 2024 Board of Directors, Tustin Pickleball**

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