

# Michigan Pickleball Newsletter

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**Guy Gordon, WDIV Channel 4 News, plays Pickleball** from Peggy Murphy Kurza  
Guy Gordon from WDIV Channel 4 News visited Beaumont Bon Brae Center in St. Clair Shores on Jan 24 shooting a segment on Pickleball. Being a racquet sports enthusiast, he quickly caught on to the game. In fact, within minutes he was enjoying a vigorous game against Tony Tewes and Bill Listman, both regular players at the Beaumont Bon Brae Center. I was his partner for the game. After the game, Guy said, "I can attest that being hit by a smash doesn't hurt. There's really little to deter you from quickly enjoying the game.

The segment was televised on Channel 4 Wed Feb 1 on the 6am News. If you missed it, you can see the segment and read the text at

[www.clickondetroit.com/lifestyle/health/Morning-Brew-Pickleball-sweeping-across-Michigan/-/2300442/8576334/-/8aeona/-/index.html](http://www.clickondetroit.com/lifestyle/health/Morning-Brew-Pickleball-sweeping-across-Michigan/-/2300442/8576334/-/8aeona/-/index.html)

It should be great publicity for all southeast Michigan Pickleball locations.

### **2012 Michigan Pickleball Party in Florida**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pickleball Party is planned at The Villages, Florida at the Truman Recreational Center for Sunday Feb 19 10am - 12:00pm. Residents and guests only. A tailgate party will be after Pickleball (BYOB). Please let Jean Bayes (352) 751-2650 or [jeanbayes@districtgov.org](mailto:jeanbayes@districtgov.org) or Tom Valentine (248) 895-7250 or [pballgoodies@comcast.net](mailto:pballgoodies@comcast.net) know if you will be there.

Flyer is found at [www.usapa.org/file/mi/2012\\_MI\\_Pb\\_Party\\_in\\_FL.pdf](http://www.usapa.org/file/mi/2012_MI_Pb_Party_in_FL.pdf)

### **Grand Rapids rep for Pickleball Outfitters** submitted by Linda Jirous

Linda Jirous has joined Pickleball Outfitters as the sales rep in the Grand Rapids area. For more information and prices call Linda at (616) 554-7441 or email her at [lindenvp@yahoo.com](mailto:lindenvp@yahoo.com)

### **Portable Nets from Pickleball Goodies** submitted by Tom Valentine

Pickleball Goodies now has 22 foot portable Pickleball nets for sale. They are comparable and have the same quality as the USAPA nets. They retail through [www.pickleballgoodies.com](http://www.pickleballgoodies.com) for \$145. Any question can be addressed with Tom at [pballgoodies@comcast.net](mailto:pballgoodies@comcast.net) or call at (248) 895-7250 after 5pm.

### **Rules Review, Rules for the Kitchen** by Dennis Dacey, USAPA Rules Chair, from USAPA e-Newsletter

This year I'll be writing a monthly column that covers different rules that people have been asking about. The first of these is the Non-Volley Zone (NVZ) Rules. This is covered in Section 9 of the International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) Rulebook. This is a rather unique rule that is specific to pickleball and often misunderstood. The best way to understand the NVZ is to think about what the words say: non-volley zone. So – you cannot volley [Ed: A shot made by striking the ball before it touches the ground] in this zone. If you are not in the zone you can volley and you can go into the NVZ

at any time other than when you volley. I want to specifically address Rule 9.C., which covers momentum. Rule 9C states: A fault will be declared if, in the act of volleying the ball, the player's momentum causes the player or anything the player is wearing or carrying to touch the NVZ or touch any non-volley line. It is a fault if the player's momentum causes the player to touch anything that is touching the NVZ, including the player's partner. It is a fault even if the ball is declared dead before the player touches the NVZ.

So, when can a player go into the NVZ after hitting the volley? Only after the player has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the referee that he is under control can he now enter the NVZ. It is not a matter of time or the number of hits that are made after the player hits a volley but it is a matter of body control. Once you stop your momentum and have control you can then enter the NVZ without it being a fault. I would recommend that anyone not familiar with the NVZ rules read and understand Section 9 of the rulebook, which can be viewed at [www.ipickleball.org/rules/pbrules-ifp.pdf](http://www.ipickleball.org/rules/pbrules-ifp.pdf)

**Seniors vs students in pickleball battle** From Jan 27, 2012 WZZM13 ABC report by Tom Clyde & Stanton Tang.

Spring Lake High School students met their match Friday morning. A group of lakeshore senior citizens visited the school to go head-to-head in the growing sport of pickleball. "It's a great thing," says 73-year old Jimmy O'Hearn. "The students love it. Seniors love it. Grandparents are telling me that now for the first time they have a game they can play with their grandkids."

Check out the rest of the article as well as the video from Spring Lake, MI at [www.wzzm13.com/news/article/196687/14/Seniors-vs-students-in-pickleball-battle](http://www.wzzm13.com/news/article/196687/14/Seniors-vs-students-in-pickleball-battle)

As a side note, Jimmy O was West Michigan Sports Commission Male Athlete of the Year in 2010. (Thanks to Katy Tigchelaar via Dick Draigh for submitting this information.)

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

(also see [www.usapa.org/schedule/index.php](http://www.usapa.org/schedule/index.php) schedule for tournament details)

### **Michigan Senior Olympics (MSO) 2012 Summer Games - Sun Jun 10 - Sun Jun 17, 2012**

Rochester Older Persons' Commission, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester, MI 48307  
MSO date announcement only - exact dates and format of Pickleball games to be determined. Senior age division Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Singles and Women's Singles.  
More info to come in March 2012.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Funday Tournament - Sat Jun 16 9am**

The Cage Fieldhouse, 4110 Morrish Rd, Swartz Creek, MI  
Different partners will be drawn for each of 5 matches.

**Cost:** \$20 or \$15 for USAPA members  
More info to come.

### **2012 Meijer State Games of Michigan - Sat Jun 23 - Sun Jun 24, 2012**

New location! - MVP Fieldhouse, 5435 28th St Court SE, Grand Rapids, MI  
Tier 3 Tournament sanctioned by USAPA. This new venue will have 15 courts. Adult brackets will include men's, women's, and mixed doubles, age 19+, 35+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ and 5.0. You may enter once for Doubles and once for Mixed Doubles. Also, singles competition for boys and girls age 12 through 18, with 2 brackets in each category: ages 12 - 14 and 15 - 18. More information available in flyer at [www.usapa.org/file/mi/2012\\_Meijer\\_State\\_Games\\_Save-the-Date.pdf](http://www.usapa.org/file/mi/2012_Meijer_State_Games_Save-the-Date.pdf)  
The new site has bleacher seating accommodations for spectators. There is also an overhead balcony area if spectators care to bring their own portable seats. Please see the visitor's information of [www.stategamesofmichigan.com](http://www.stategamesofmichigan.com) for information regarding hotels, attractions, restaurants, happenings, and area maps.

Opening ceremonies are Fri Jun 22 7pm

**Cost:** Doubles: \$25.00 one entry, \$35.00 two entries; \$5.00 discount for USAPA members.  
Singles: \$10

**Registration deadline:** registration capability coming soon

For more information, please contact the Tournament Commissioner: Dick Draigh (616) 676-4747 or (616) 690-1116 (cell) or [rdraigh@aol.com](mailto:rdraigh@aol.com). Please put the word "Pickleball" in the subject line of any email correspondence.

### **Auburn Hills Summer Smash V - Fri Jul 20 - Sun Jul 22, 2012**

Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326  
Put this on your calendar! More info to come.

## CLINICS/LESSONS

### **St. Clair Shores *Free Adult Pickleball clinic* – Sat Feb 11 or Sat Mar 24 10:30am – 12:30pm**

Beaumont Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae, St. Clair Shores, MI (btn 10 & 11 Mile Roads)  
People over the age of fifty are quickly becoming addicted to Pickleball. Come and learn the basics. It's a fun game played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. If you played tennis or racquetball, you'll love Pickleball. No equipment necessary. Wear gym shoes and workout clothes, and don't forget your water bottle!

**Registration Required:** Contact Peggy Murphy Kurza, Coordinator of Community Health Education, (586) 779-7660 Mon-Fri 08:30am-04:00pm..

### **Rochester - Free 50+ Beginner Pickleball Lessons -**

Wednesdays 09:30am – 10:30am and Saturdays 07:00am – 08:00am

Rochester Older Persons' Commission, 650 Leticia Drive, Rochester, MI 48307  
There is no need for a partner and OPC provides all equipment. FREE for anyone 50 or older. Upon the completion of the beginner lessons on Wednesdays from 9:30am – 10:30am, you are invited to stay for Beginner/Mentor Games from 10:30am - 11:30am. For more information, contact Trina VanderArk at [Trina\\_VanderArk@opcseiorcenter.org](mailto:Trina_VanderArk@opcseiorcenter.org) or (248) 608-0295

### **Auburn Hills *Beginning Instructional Pickleball* -**

Session B 08:30am – 09:30am Wednesdays, March 7, 14 & 21 (3 sessions)

City of Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326  
Learn the basics of playing Pickleball before joining Auburn Hills Beginner/Intermediate play on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Cost:** \$6.00 Resident / \$9.00 Non-Resident

**Registration deadline:** Mar 6, 2012

For more information, contact Lia Hosinski, Fitness Coordinator, Auburn Hills Senior Services (248) 370-9353

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

<http://www.usapa.org/tournamentnews/index.php>

### Michigan Senior Olympics Winter 2012

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Men's Doubles MD_55-59_60-64	David Sabino Gordon Statz	Alex Shirshun Gary Zepke	David Manni Richard Rudi
MD_55-59	MSO GOLD- David Sabino Gordon Statz		
MD_60-64	MSO GOLD- Alex Shirshun Gary Zepke	MSO SILVER- David Manni Richard Rudi	MSO BRONZE- Charles Dominick Ronald Yurgo
MD_65-69	MSO GOLD- Thomas Decker Shooter Woods	MSO SILVER- Michael Namm James Perrine	MSO BRONZE- Louis Carrio William Walker
MD_70-74_75-79	William O'connor Michael Riley	Walter Popyk Hans Spata	
MD_70-74	MSO GOLD- Walter Popyk Hans Spata		
MD_75-79	MSO GOLD- William O'connor Michael Riley		

Women's Doubles WD_50-54_55-59_65-69_70-74	Jane Kuta Patricia Secen	Laura Horvath Pamela Mackowski	Bonnie Otis Dusanka Radovic
WD_50-54	MSO GOLD- Laura Horvath Pamela Mackowski		
WD_55-59	MSO GOLD- Jane Kuta Patricia Secen	MSO SILVER- Michele Geda Grace Namm	
WD_65-69	MSO GOLD- Bonnie Otis Dusanka Radovic	MSO SILVER- Sharon Salamon Bonnie Shellnut	MSO BRONZE- Marika Blumerick Julie Sayers
WD_70-74	MSO GOLD- Bobbi Bonace Clara Gamble		
Mixed Doubles MX_50-54_55-59	Patricia Secen Gary Zepke	Michele Geda David Sabino	Laura Horvath Charles Dominick
MX_50-54	MSO GOLD- Laura Horvath Charles Dominick		
MX_55-59	MSO GOLD- Patricia Secen Gary Zepke	MSO SILVER- Michele Geda David Sabino	MSO BRONZE- Terry Statz Gordon Statz
MX_60-64	MSO GOLD- Grace Namm Michael Namm	MSO SILVER- Jane Kuta Alex Shirshun	MSO BRONZE- Jacqueline Ingram David Manni
MX_65-69	MSO GOLD- Bonnie Otis Thomas Decker	MSO SILVER- Dusanka Radovic William Walker	MSO BRONZE- Marika Blumerick Terry Trassati
MX_70-74_75-79	Judy Huston Frank Palazzola	Sharon Salamon Hans Spata	Clara Gamble Robert Doumanian
MX_70-74	MSO GOLD- Judy Huston Frank Palazzola	MSO SILVER- Sharon Salamon Hans Spata	
MX_75-79	MSO GOLD- Clara Gamble Robert Doumanian		
Women's Singles WS_50-54_55-59	Patricia Secen	Bethany Mosshart	Laura Horvath
WS_50-54	MSO GOLD- Laura Horvath		
WS_55-59	MSO GOLD- Patricia Secen	MSO SILVER- Bethany Mosshart	MSO BRONZE- Pam Mackowski
WS_60-64_65-69	Grace Namm	Julie Sayers	Marika Blumerick
WS_60-64	MSO GOLD- Grace Namm		
WS_65-69	MSO GOLD- Julie Sayers	MSO SILVER- Marika Blumerick	MSO BRONZE- Dusanka Radovic
WS_70-74_75-79_80-84	Clara Gamble	Sharon Salamon	
WS_70-74	MSO GOLD-		

	Sharon Salamon		
WS_80-84	MSO GOLD- Clara Gamble		
Men's Singles MS_50-54_55-59	Kevin Friesen	David Sabino	Gordon Statz
MS_50-54	MSO GOLD- Kevin Friesen		
MS_55-59	MSO GOLD- David Sabino	MSO SILVER- Gordon Statz	
MS_60-64	MSO GOLD- Alex Shirshun	MSO SILVER- Gary Herndon	MSO BRONZE- Gary Zepke
MS_65-69	MSO GOLD- Michael Namm	MSO SILVER- Thomas Decker	MSO BRONZE- Louis Carrio
MS_70-74_75-79	Robert Doumanian	Kenneth Peacock	William O'connor
MS_70-74	MSO GOLD- Kenneth Peacock	MSO SILVER- Hans Spata	MSO BRONZE- Walter Popyk
MS_75-79	MSO GOLD- Robert Doumanian	MSO SILVER- William O'connor	MSO BRONZE- Michael Riley

***Congratulations to all tournament participants!***

## PLACES TO PLAY

(see [www.usapa.org/ptp/index.php](http://www.usapa.org/ptp/index.php) for more Michigan places)

<p><b>ANN ARBOR</b> Scarlett Middle School 3300 Lorraine, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 <a href="http://www.aareced.com/reced.home/reced.adultsports/adult_pickleball">www.aareced.com/reced.home/reced.adultsports/adult_pickleball</a> &gt; Must be 16 or older &gt; Three (3) courts indoors &gt; All levels of players welcome; equipment available to use &gt; \$5 at the door (please bring exact change), OR &gt; \$4 online (<a href="http://www.aareced.com">www.aareced.com</a>), or &gt; \$40 punch card for ten plays (buy at gym with cash, check, credit card) Contact Karen Draves at <a href="mailto:draves@aaps.k12.us">draves@aaps.k12.us</a> or (734) 994-2300 x53254 if you have questions.</p>	Fridays	06:00pm – 08:00pm
<p><b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b> Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School Field House, 3456 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 &gt; \$3 per person &gt; No age or residency restrictions &gt; Drop in format on 8 indoor courts  &gt; Tuesdays only have training and orientation available to new players &gt; Thursday evenings for High Intermediate and Advanced Skill players only. This session is only for players who have attained skill at this level. Any questions, contact Jim Luzod (248) 855-2676</p>	Tuesdays > ends Apr 24	11:00am – 01:00pm > Play for all levels > Training and orientation available to new players
	Thursdays > ends Apr 26	11:00am – 01:00pm > Play for intermediate and experienced players with well developed skills
	Thursdays > ends Mar 29	07:30pm – 09:30pm > Play for high intermediate and advanced skilled players. High caliber games are played.
<p><b>CLINTON TOWNSHIP</b> Senior Adult Life Center Gym 40730 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Twp, MI &gt; Come enjoy a competitive, but fun brand of</p>	Thursdays	11:30am – 01:30pm

<p>Pickleball.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Two (2) indoor courts</li> <li>&gt; Must be 55 or older</li> <li>&gt; Must be a member of Clinton Township Senior Center. No drop in charge for members.</li> </ul> <p>Lifetime memberships (one time) costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$50 for a Clinton Township resident</li> <li>\$70 for a Clinton Township resident couple</li> <li>\$80 for a non-Clinton Township resident</li> <li>\$140 for a non-Clinton Township resident couple</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Pickleball and many other senior citizen activities and programs are no charge for Clinton Township Senior Center members.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, call Wanda Vasko at the Center at (586) 286-9333 or Don Kolke at (586) 293-8592 or <a href="mailto:donkolke@wowway.com">donkolke@wowway.com</a>.</p>		
<p><b>FRASER</b></p> <p>Fraser Senior Activities Center, 34935 Hidden Pine Dr (on the southwest corner of Hidden Pine Dr and 15 Mile Rd about one block west of the Meijer store at 15 Mile and Utica Rd).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 2 courts with newly painted lines!</li> <li>&gt; We target 55+, but 50+ is okay to learn to play</li> <li>&gt; Fraser member cost is \$1; non-members \$2</li> <li>&gt; Membership cost is \$25 lifetime</li> </ul> <p>For more information, contact Brian Kay (586) 296-8483 or Don Kolke at <a href="mailto:donkolke@wowway.com">donkolke@wowway.com</a></p>	<p>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays</p>	<p>10:00am – noon</p>
<p><b>OXFORD TOWNSHIP</b></p> <p>Oxford Elementary School, 109 Pontiac St., Oxford, MI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 3 courts</li> <li>&gt; For adults 50+</li> <li>&gt; No residency or membership restrictions</li> <li>&gt; \$3/person</li> <li>&gt; Drop in games played on a rotating basis</li> <li>&gt; Equipment is always available to use</li> <li>&gt; No Pickleball when Oxford Schools are closed</li> </ul> <p>Any questions, please contact Becky Paquin at Oxford Twp. Parks &amp; Recreation <a href="mailto:beckypaquin@oxparkrec.org">beckypaquin@oxparkrec.org</a> or (248) 628-1720</p>	<p>Mondays</p>	<p>06:00pm – 08:00pm</p>
<p><b>SAGINAW</b></p> <p>Salvation Army, 2030 N.Carolina St (at State St.), Saginaw, MI 48602</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; One (1) court using the USAPA portable net system</li> <li>&gt; No residency or membership restrictions</li> <li>&gt; Please call Jerry to verify that someone will be available to play.</li> <li>&gt; Playing fees are very reasonable for our group. We split the gym fee on Saturdays.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, call Jerry Barz (989) 860-4427</p>	<p>Saturdays</p>	<p>11:30am – 02:00pm</p>
<p><b>ST. CLAIR SHORES</b></p> <p>Beaumont Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae, St. Clair Shores, MI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Drop in \$4 or punch card 10 sessions for \$20. Your 1st session is free.</li> <li>&gt; Must be 50 or older</li> <li>&gt; All levels of play welcome. No reservations required.</li> <li>&gt; 2 courts</li> <li>&gt; You can make a court reservation and bring your own players. \$20 per court for 1 ½ hours. Call Peggy for available times.</li> </ul> <p>Any questions, contact Peggy Murphy Kurza, Coordinator of Community Health Education, (586) 779-7660 Mon-Fri 08:30am-04:00pm.</p>	<p>Thursdays</p>	<p>10:30am-12:30pm</p>
	<p>Thursdays</p>	<p>07:15pm – 08:30pm</p>
	<p>Fridays</p>	<p>04:30pm – 07:00pm</p>

<b>TROY</b> Troy Community Center Gym 3179 Livernois, Troy, MI 48083 > Four (4) indoor courts > Drop in format; All equipment is provided. > Free for fitness center members. > Fees for non-members payable on entry at the fitness desk > Wednesday night Daily pass fees are \$7 resident (or \$5 with a 10 punch card) \$10 non-resident (or \$8 for 10 punch card) if not fitness center member > Friday morning special fee for seniors \$3/person if not fitness center member Any questions, contact Elaine Torvinen at (248) 524-3484.	<b>Wednesdays</b> > Open to 18 years old and older	07:00pm – 08:30pm > Free for fitness center members > All others, daily pass fees apply.
	<b>Fridays</b> > Must be 50 or older	10:30am – 01:30pm > 10:30am-11:30am is for <i>beginners</i> > 11:30am-01:30pm is for <i>intermediate to advanced players</i> > Free for fitness center members. > All others, \$3/person
<b>TROY</b> <b>until Apr 27, 2012</b> Troy Community Center Gym 3179 Livernois, Troy, MI 48083 > Four (4) indoor courts; > Drop in format with advanced players on west courts, beginning players on east courts > Must be 50 or older > New players welcome > Pay and sign waiver in the North gym before playing > \$4/residents and \$5/non-residents All equipment is provided. Any questions, contact Elaine Torvinen at (248) 524-3484.	<b>Fridays</b>	05:00pm – 07:00pm
<b>Warren</b> Warren Community Center 5460 Arden Ave., Warren, MI 48092 > Two (2) indoor courts; > Drop in format > Must be 50 or older > New players welcome > \$1/residents and \$2/non-residents Any questions, contact Gary Settak at <a href="mailto:gstrainboy@wowway.com">gstrainboy@wowway.com</a>	<b>Mondays</b>	10:00am – noon > <i>beginners</i>
	<b>Fridays</b>	09:00am – noon
<b>YMCA of the Blue Water Area - AOA (Active Older Adults)</b> 1525 Third St., Port Huron, MI 48060 > Two (2) indoor courts > Free for Members; \$35.00 for Non-members > We target active older adults...55+, but all ages are welcome. Our Tuesday afternoon session is a beginner level and it is growing > Sign up at the front desk. For more information, contact Carol Lippincott, <a href="mailto:clippincott@bluewaterymca.com">clippincott@bluewaterymca.com</a> or (810) 987-6400 Voicemail #290	<b>Tuesdays</b>	07:30am – 09:30am
	<b>Tuesdays</b>	Noon – 02:00 pm
	<b>Thursdays</b>	07:30am – 09:30am