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NEWSLETTER

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Events To Join

Membership Applications due Jan 1st

Newbie Mixer Jan 4th

Friday Night Lights Jan 10th

Sun City Challenge Jan 25th

COURT ETIQUETTE

"Common sense and consideration can go a long way."

- When entering the courts, take a moment to **be aware of the activity**. Observe the numbers of players and how many paddles are in the holders. Review the paddle rotation guidelines.
- **Be considerate when placing four paddles** in a holder when there are open holders on nearby courts. If you want to play with just your friends, and the courts are busy, perhaps a later drop-in time might work better for you.
- **Observe the level of play** prior to placing your paddle on a designated court. Have you reviewed the court designation guidelines?

One person practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it."



PICKLEBALL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Club members gathered in Ugly Sweater attire for the December 14th Mixer. Along with sporting their holiday spirit, they each brought an unwrapped toy for the young Marine families of Twenty-Nine Palms. Thank you Sandy Berk for bringing the holiday spirit to us! And, thank you to all that brought toys. Mother Teresa said it best! "It's not how much you give but how much love we put into giving."



The Pickleball Board wishes you and yours a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year. May you all find laughter and camaraderie on the courts. There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.

LINE CALLS

IS IT IN OR OUT?

This is a tough question ... and really shouldn't be. However, to answer this question, I think that we all have to consider that very few of us make deliberate 'bad' calls but rather call what we think we saw. I have attached the Official Rule Book for your reference. Line calling is in Section 6 on pages 30-32. I would suggest that you reference Section 6.C.6. to 6.C.8. Also, 6.C.3. clearly states that a player may NOT claim a replay on an unsure line call but rather if the call cannot be CLEARLY made, the ball is IN.

Rule 6.C.6. states that a player shall not call a ball out UNLESS they can clearly see a line between the ball and the line as it touches the ground. Not all players on a court can clearly see the ball land depending on their own position and thus the perspective from which they are watching.

In pickleball, a ball is considered "in" if it touches any line on the court, except for the kitchen line on a serve. A serve that hits the kitchen line is a fault.

If two partners in doubles can't agree on whether the ball is in or out, the ball is considered in. Thank you to Julie Sribney for her contribution on this article.

<https://usapickleball.org/docs/USA-Pickleball-Official-Rulebook-2024-v1.pdf>

