



September/October 2025 Newsletter



**Pickleball Visalia would be delighted to have you join
our club. \$20 annual dues supports club activities,
financial costs, and court maintenance.**

It's Happening!

Picklebrawl Scramble at Plaza Park **9/9/25–10/8/25**: Tuesday, 7:00-9:00am Level **3.0**, 9:00-11:00am Level **3.5**, 5:30-7:30pm Level **2.5** and 7:30-9:30pm Level **3.0**. Wednesday, 5:30-7:30pm Level **3.5** and 7:30-9:30pm Level **4.0**. Contact Laura Lewis @ 559.901.2032 for more info or to sign up as a sub.



DUPR Night at Plaza Park, brought to you by A-Train and Pickleball Visalia! **10/17/25** 6:00-9:30pm. Entry Fee: \$15. Pickleball Visalia Club Members will receive priority registration! Another great reason to join Pickleball Visalia! 64 players max. Registration starts 9/1/25. Contact Jon Bray, Pickleball Visalia General Officer @ 559.393.5245 <https://forms.gle/oFJQZT4DDvXnF5Yt6>



Pickleballween at Plaza Park, brought to you by Pickleball Visalia **10/31/25** 6-8:00pm. It's time to get your ghou! on! Bring a screaming good Halloween-themed potluck item, like caramel corn, apples, deviled eggs, or candy. Get creative and enter the pickleball-themed jack-o'-lantern contest for a chance to win a prize. Show off your spirit with a pickleball themed costume for a chance to win a prize. Oh, and we need 4 cakes/pies for our pickleball courtwalk games, please let me know if you can supply one. Contact Joyce Reed, Pickleball Visalia Chair @ 559.901.0445

Mark your travel Calendar! Our local powerhouse, Monique McAlister, has been selected by the DMV Picklers team in the US Legends Pickleball League. Competitions: September 19-21, 2025, Indianapolis, IN. October 17-19, 2025, Hatboro, PA. December 5-7, 2025, Baltimore MD. January 9-11, 2026, Robbinsville, NJ.



In 2019 at age 12, Anna Leigh Waters was the youngest pickleball player to turn pro. August 20, 2025 she threw out the first pitch at the Chicago Cubs Game

Parks News

Planning is underway for the 4 new courts at Rec Park..... The proximity of several underground main lines to the current courts has posed a challenge in terms of location. The most probable location will be one court added to the west side of the current courts and three courts south of the current courts, where the basketball court is currently located. It is anticipated that they will be ready for court surfacing in the spring 2026, allowing for the simultaneous resurfacing of Plaza pickleball and tennis courts.

On September 9th, the commission will review designs for two of the three new community parks, after which they will be sent to the City Council for review, roughly six months before going to bid. A Mini-pitch court and pickleball courts are in the community parks design. The Eastside regional Park plan is being revised and it is possible that phase one will include pickleball courts. A "needs study" will be conducted before the plans become more finalized. Needs study and recommendations can take 18 months. Air conditioning for the Rec Park Gym is expected to be installed in the winter.

Tips and Tricks

Focus on Placement Instead
of relying on power,
prioritize accurate shot
placement that forces your
opponent to move or hit
awkward shots.

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the next newsletter?



Stay Hydrated, Stay Sharp

Pickleball Courts Coming to the Valley

Visalia

Recreation Park, 4 lighted outdoor courts \$470,000

Plaza Park, court resurfacing \$85,000

Special Thanks to Visalia City Council and Parks and Rec

American Pickleball, 15 indoor courts, café, workout area, pro shop

Planned Opening December 2025

Tulare

Centennial Park, 4 tennis courts will be lined to accommodate pickleball

Los Banos

Ag Sports Complex, 9 outdoor courts



Happy Birthday Wishes to our September/ October Players



Kim Eggert	Sept 03	Stacie Walters	Sept 27	Dan Sear	Oct 17
Heather Avila	Sept 05	Henry Serrato	Sept 30	David Satterlee	Oct 17
Kim Pickrell	Sept 11	Jason Andrada	Sept 30	Shelly Venema	Oct 17
Charles Incremona	Sept 13	Felicidad Rangel	Sept 30	Laura Lewis	Oct 18
Millie Verhoeven	Sept 14	Kevin Walters	Oct 03	Colette Mathewson	Oct 20
Micki Prins	Sept 15	Dan Evans	Oct 03	Mary Wadsworth	Oct 24
Kelsey Ingoldsby	Sept 16	Jill Dembroff	Oct 09	Debbie Sturges	Oct 24
Valerie Brown	Sept 20	Debbie Barnes	Oct 09	Sam Spano	Oct 28
Kerry Cardoza	Sept 20	Beth Smart	Oct 12	Carlos Recinos	Oct 29
Kathy Ashford	Sept 21	Monique McAlister	Oct 13	Jana Monson	Oct 30
Mike Anderson	Sept 22	Linda Brandt	Oct 14	Jess Salgado	Oct 31
Kay Houghton	Sept 24	Wende Richards	Oct 15		

Member Spotlight



Upon arrival at Plaza Park Pickleball courts, players are warmly greeted by Dink, The undisputed queen of the Plaza Park Pickleball courts. This whiskered wonder is also known as Dinkers, Pickle or Court Cat. With her purr-fectly charming demeanor and adorable little face Dink has everyone wrapped around her paw. Dink's the ultimate court hog, but she's so cute, nobody minds. She spends her days lounging in vacant chairs, catnapping in the sunbeams that stream across the courts and bringing smiles to everyone's faces. And when it comes to making line calls, Dink's the top cat – she positions herself under the net for optimal viewing. She's the epitome of feline happiness, and we're all just lucky to be part of her entourage.



Community Outreach

We currently have a request for volunteers who would like to help special needs people learn pickleball. If you would like to participate, contact Bob Croft, Pickleball Visalia



Pickleball Visalia Steering Committee

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