



January/February 2026 Newsletter



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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!

Valentine's Event. Pickleball Visalia announces a special FREE event for it's members on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2026, 10:00am-1:00pm at Plaza Park Pickleball Courts, featuring pickleball lovers games and Pizza! Wear your red/pink fun outfit. Please RSVP by 2/10/26 at PBVis.org under Valentines.



City of Visalia Senior Games Pickleball Tournament will be held April 18-19, 2026.

Registration opens on 1/1/26. Check Visalia Live & Play website for more info.

Picklebrawl Scramble at Plaza Park **2/24/26 - 3/25/26**: Tuesdays: 8:00-10:00am Level **3.0**,

10:00am-12:00pm Level **3.5**, 5:30-7:30pm Level **2.5**, and 7:30-9:30pm Level **3.0**.

Wednesdays: 5:30-7:30pm Level **3.5** and 7:30-9:30pm Level **4.0+**.

Registration Starts 2/9/26 7:30am

Contact Laura Lewis @559.901.2032 for more info.

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Register



Gate Rehab at Plaza Park Pickleball Courts



When the PBVis committee faced the need to replace or repair the Plaza Pickleball Courts gates, they were initially staring at quotes ranging from \$4000-\$5000. With stewardship of club funds top of mind, the committee decided to think outside the box. Instead of opting for the costly full replacement, they crafted a clever solution: keeping the existing gate frames, ditching the chainlink, and using durable, PVC-coated tarp material instead. The result? A functional, cost-effective fix that came in at just \$331 (three hundred thirty one dollars), which also covered replacing the self-closer mechanism on gate 4/5. This innovative approach not only saved the club thousands of dollars but also showed the power of creativity and resourcefulness in making the most of what you already have.

Recent Events Recap

Over the past few months, we hosted two successful DUPR events that enabled 124 players to establish a DUPR rating.

Pickleballoween 2025 brought together 50 enthusiastic players for an unforgettable experience. Costumes, delicious food, creative games and laughs!

The Generations Tournament, featuring 20 teams of an adult and child, was a phenomenal success. Outstanding sportsmanship and some parents who were humbled by the abilities of their young athletes left a lasting impression on all who attended.

The PBVis General Club Meeting gave members the opportunity to discuss club business and finance while also taking part in a demonstration on rewrapping paddle handles.

Tips and Tricks

Unforced errors are the key to winning, the less you make the more you'll win. Keep the ball in play and wait for your opponent to make a mistake.



Trivida

Pickleball court is 20'x44' with the net being 34" in the center. The Kitchen (Non-Volley Zone) is 7' on each side of the net.

Pickleball Courts Coming to Visalia

4 New Courts at Recreation Park: City of Visalia Engineering Dept. is working on the design. 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 Summer 2026.

And 4 more courts....The City Council will receive a proposal from Jason Glick, Parks Director, recommending the incorporation of four pickleball courts as a feature within one of the new community parks. The park's site is currently designated as the Pearl Woods Property. The property is located between South Lovers Lane and road 148, just south of East Cherry Avenue. Groundbreaking is set for spring 2026 and completion projected for Fall 2027.

Plaza Park Court Resurfacing: planned for late Spring 2026, after the Senior Games.

American Pickleball 15 indoor courts project seems to be back on track with an expected open spring 2026.

Happy Birthday Wishes to our January/February Players

January		February	
Tina Quillen	07	Anna Leigh Waters	26
Mikelle Heredia	09	Rhonda Capella	28
Lynette Uranga	09	Alisa Satterlee	29
Judy Silva	10	Jason Lee	30
Katilyn Tilley	10	Sergio Quinones	31
Joyce Reed	10	Pam Bezemer	31
Michael Pierce	10	Dana Smith	31
Myrna Salinas	11		
Dennis Bettencourt	11		
Jordan Ong	14	Reana Collins-Hill	01
Olga Thomsen	15	Josiah Robertson	02
Priscilla Raymondo	17	Brent Winn	04
Aundria Brown	17	Athena Weddle	06
Bob Croft	22	Garrison Bennett	07

Member Spotlight



In a wonderful display of pickleball spirit, John, Johanna, Mike, Anita and Brent volunteer their time to help others learn the fast-growing and much-loved sport of pickleball. Their dedication not only introduces new players to the game but also creates an atmosphere of encouragement, fun and connection. Laughter, teamwork and positivity fill the courts as players gain confidence and discover just how fun pickleball is. Thanks to their efforts, participants leave not only with skills but also with new friendships and an excitement for staying active. Beginner Pickleball sessions are held at Plaza Park on Monday nights at 6:00pm and Thursday mornings at 8:00am. These sessions are great opportunity for anyone interested in learning the game in a friendly and supportive setting. There is no fee to join in the fun, just bring a paddle and wear court shoes! John, Johanna, Mike, Anita and Brent exemplify the true spirit of volunteerism giving their time, energy and enthusiasm to help others thrive. A heartfelt thank you to these five incredible pickleball players for helping grow the love of pickleball, one game at a time.



**Don't forget to RSVP for our
Valentine's Day Party!**

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