



## **January/February 2026 Newsletter**



**- Valentine's Day party details inside -**

**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 rewinding 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.



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**

Tina Quillen 07  
Mikelle Heredia 09  
Lynette Uranga 09  
Judy Silva 10  
Katilyn Tilley 10  
Joyce Reed 10  
Michael Pierce 10  
Myrna Salinas 11  
Dennis Bettencourt 11  
Jordan Ong 14  
Olga Thomsen 15  
Priscilla Raymondo 17  
Aundria Brown 17  
Bob Croft 22

Israel Mendoza 26  
Anna Leigh Waters 26  
Rhonda Capella 28  
Alisa Satterlee 29  
Jason Lee 30  
Sergio Quinones 31  
Pam Bezemer 31  
Dana Smith 31

### **February**

Reana Collins-Hill 01  
Josiah Robertson 02  
Brent Winn 04  
Athena Weddle 06  
Garrison Bennett 07

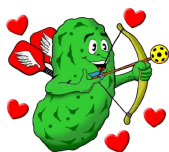
Lorenzo Castenada 08  
Luis Cardoza 12  
Cory Allyn 12  
Brian Wynn 15  
Amanda Lang 16  
Cheryl Hewitt 22  
Chearl McKee 24  
Carlos Valdivieso 24  
Debra Hauber 24  
Karen Hurlbutt 25  
Sherrie Malcolm 25  
Rich Tapley 26  
Jennifer Wessel 27  
Ben Bolin 28  
Carol Tan 28



## 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!**

[PBVis.org](http://PBVis.org)



### Pickleball Visalia Steering Committee

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