



July/August 2026 Newsletter



Happy 250th USA!



National Pickleball
Day August 8th



JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



Support Your Courts • Meet Great People • Be Part of the Fun



Membership Period: July 1 – June 30



Annual Dues: \$25

Upcoming Events!

Mini Skills Clinic, July 30, 2026, 7:45 AM – 9:00 AM, Plaza Park

Back by popular demand! Join us for our 2nd Mini Skills Clinic, where you'll rotate through stations and learn tips, techniques, and strategies from experienced players and instructors. Whether you're looking to improve your consistency, shot selection, or court awareness, there's something for everyone. Limited to the first 48 members who register. Member only event.

Sign Up: PBVis.org → Events → Mini Skills Clinic

National Pickleball Day Celebration August 8, 2026, 7-11am Paddles Up Potluck Breakfast. The Pickleball Farm – Hanford, 6635 5th Ave, Hanford, CA What better way to celebrate National Pickleball Day than with friends, food, and pickleball?!

A special thank you to Theresa Dias, who has graciously offered her beautiful facility with 5 courts, to Pickleball Visalia for this special event.

Bring your paddle, your favorite breakfast dish to share, and your Pickleball Visalia spirit as we celebrate the sport we love! Members only event.

Sign Up: PBVis.org → Events → The Pickleball Farm

COURT CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hey Pickleball Visalia crew — we need a few court heroes 🦹🏻🧹



WHEN DO WE CLEAN?

Thursdays around 12:00 PM
We clean a couple of courts at a time during lower traffic hours — so not all courts are closed at once.



WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR

Can you give a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon once or twice a month? No lifetime contract. No signing in blood.

The Plan: We're building 3 rotating teams of 3 people

🌟 **LET'S KEEP OUR COURTS GAME-READY!** 😊

Pickleball Courts Coming

4 New Courts at Recreation Park: Latest info... construction expected to start September 2026.

2 Courts at the new park between South Lovers Lane and RD 148, just south of East Cherry Ave was approved by City Council.

Plaza Park Court Resurfacing: originally planned for spring 2026.... Currently out for bid.

Dill Dinkers, the new indoor facility located at 700 S. Bridge St. Exterior painting starting soon, Marquee sign going up, court surfacing is scheduled to begin July 6th. Membership pricing details will launch on their website July 1, 2026.

Three Rivers Golf Course, 3 courts now open.

What We've Accomplished Together: July 2025 – June 2026

300 Members | 11 Major Events | Countless Volunteer Hours

Membership Growth

Continued growth in club membership and participation — 300 members strong!

Welcomed new players through beginner clinics and community outreach.

Court Improvements

Upgraded gates at Plaza Park and other court enhancements.

Continued advocacy efforts for additional public pickleball courts.

Community Events

Hosted member-only social events, including our Valentine's Day Party and Halloween Celebration.

Organized DUPR events, Skills Clinics, and CPR Training.

Increased opportunities for members to learn, compete, and connect.

Volunteer Support

Members volunteered countless hours teaching beginners, organizing events, maintaining equipment, and supporting club activities.

Our instructor-led clinics and training programs were made possible through volunteer involvement.

Building a Stronger Voice

Worked with Parks & Recreation and City leaders to represent the needs of the pickleball community.

Continued planning and advocacy for future court development and improvements.

Brand Recognition

Everyone looks so sharp in their Pickleball Visalia gear!

Looking Ahead

As we begin another year, we're excited to continue growing the sport, strengthening our community, and working toward more courts and opportunities for players of all skill levels.



Thank you to every member, volunteer, instructor, and supporter who helped make this year a success! Together, we're building something special.



Happy Birthday Wishes to our July/August Players



July					
CJ Flores	02	Eri Miya	27	Bob Babcock	12
Monica Strickland	03	Hector Ferrer	27	Johanna Coyne	12
Dominic Mena	03	Katie Alaniz	27	Marilyn Carlson	13
Mike Parks	03	Jon Lewis	27	Jeremy Chavez	15
Sander Valyocsik	04	Becky Martin	27	Edna Blackhurst	15
Leanna Lopez	05	Michelle Lapp	27	Kristina Garcia	16
Kathy Tapley	06	Mary Jane Caudillo	29	Andre Gaston	16
Rick Guerra	06	Dave Sturges	30	Sarah Palmer	16
		August		Kendall Zeman	17
Cassandre Castillo	07	Ted Williams	?	Kelly Rother	18
Janey Parker	08	Don Brown	01	Sherrie Castro	19
Michael Anthony	08	Yong Choi	02	Efren Castro	20
Elsa Marquez	10	Betty Gillespie	04	Peggy Carter	21
Jason Salinas	11	Eduardo Quiroz	05	Sabine Konrad	22
Anna Leigh Ballew	14	Brooks Norton	05	Annie Nelson	26
Brook Gonzalez	15	Manuel Azevedo	05	Johnny Vue	26
Dave Williams	15	Jody Graves	06	Michelle Gostanian	26
Tana Elizondo	16	Janet Hamar	07	Ana Martinez	29
Kim Loehner	16	JC Chamberlain	08	Jillian Romine	29
Mary Gray	21	Colin Lew	10	Jackie Croft	29
Andrew Van Dellen	23	Jenny Stewart	10	Candee Peters	30
Barb McConnaughey	23	Hilary Williams	11	Colette Jewel	31

Steering Committee Election Update

The Pickleball Visalia Steering Committee Election was held in May 2026, and we're pleased to announce that all current officers will continue in their roles for the upcoming two years. We also welcome our new Vice-Chair, Crecia Plaughter, and look forward to her leadership and contributions.

A special thank you goes to our outgoing Vice-Chair, Bill Roache', for the countless hours, dedication, and energy he devoted to helping make Pickleball Visalia the thriving community it is today. Bill's willingness to volunteer his time, support club activities, and help guide our organization has been greatly appreciated by players throughout our community.

Please join us in thanking Bill for his service and welcoming Crecia into her new role. We look forward to another exciting year of growing the sport, strengthening our community, and continuing to make Pickleball Visalia a great place to play.

Pickleball Visalia Steering Committee

Chair	Joyce Reed	General Officer	JC Chamberlain
Vice Chair	Crecia Plaughter	General Officer	Brent Winn
Secretary	Sarah Palmer	General Officer	Tony Fox
Treasurer	Bob Croft		