

# Nacogdoches Old Town Pickleball

## Dinkin Around Town

### Nacogdoches, Texas



**Welcome to Dinkin Around Town!**

The Nacogdoches pickleball community continues to grow every week here in Nacogdoches. What started out as a few people playing at the C L Simon Recreation Center on three courts, has grown significantly to over 150 members. The generous donation of a local resident opened the door for the expansion of pickleball play in our community by rehabilitating Maroney Park courts. Going from three courts at the Rec Center to 12 repaved courts at Maroney Park gave people the opportunity to expand recreational and competitive play. Banita Park has six multi-use courts, two of which are dedicated to pickleball with permanent nets. Not long after Maroney Park courts were dedicated a competitive league was formed. That league has continued to grow the membership consistently ever since. A 50+ league was subsequently formed to enhance retirees game play. Seeing the growth and the opportunity to enhance the pickleball community even more, a Pickleball Committee was formed.

As our community continues to grow and so much information is generated, the need to have a single source that accurately captures information about local activities from its pickleball community members was needed to provide news on events, both recreationally and competitively from its community; as well as, give updates on projects/events from the City, and the Nacogdoches Pickleball Committee. It will also be a place to recognize individuals' contributions to our community, list celebrations, and other life events.

Thank you Bryce for the picture to use in this newsletter.

October 4, 2023





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## Labor Day Round Robin Bash

Old Town and Nacogdoches Pickleball hosted a Round Robin Labor Day Bash on Monday, September 4 in an effort to collect money to put toward the installation of barrier fencing at Maroney Park. A total of \$435 was raised. Fifty-six players participated in the event playing 11 rounds to finish. Congratulations to the winners and all who completed the 11 rounds in the heat of the day.



## Nacogdoches Pickleball League

As of this date Nacogdoches Pickleball League has grown to 160+ members. Thursday nights at Maroney Park have been designated as official League Night by the City. Competitive league play continues to be popular and is growing with as many as sixty participants competing on Thursday evenings. To register to play in the League go to Global Pickleball Network.com to create a profile and register. No fee required to play. Must be 18+ to participate.

## Old Town 50+ League

A 50+ Fall Pickleball League opened on Wednesday, September 20 at 9 am at Maroney Park. The League will play five weeks of competitive play with the sixth week holding a championship match for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The League is being held in partnership with Nacogdoches Parks and Rec and Nacogdoches Old Town 50+ Pickleball Club. Entry fee is \$20.



## Committee Corner

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to have information added to this newsletter feel free to contact any of the Committee members listed below.

Bryce McLeod, President  
Mike Shapaka, Vice-President  
Joe Aguilar, Treasurer  
Miles Bradshaw, Legal Rep.  
Cheryl Hansen, Secretary/Senior Representative  
Stephanie Bradshaw, Member-at-Large/Court Placement Committee Lead  
Peyton Burton, Member-at-Large  
Kerr Fairley, Member-at-Large/Projects  
Anita Harris, Member-at-Large/Events  
Jordan Jackson, Member-at-Large (remote)

## Opportunities to Participate in Upcoming Events

To sign up for the following events contact Anita Harris.

- Walk in the Christmas Parade 12/9/23 (tentative).
- Help decorate the Old Town Pickleball Float for the Christmas Parade.

Remember to save your cracked balls for the Christmas Parade. Anita and Missy are collecting them.



# Court Placement Committee

In an effort to make league play an enjoyable and a competitive experience for players, the Committee created a sub-committee at its September meeting to review league court placement each week using a system suggested by a Committee member.

This system looks at placing players in “pods” according to their skill level and then moving them up or down courts according to \*their ratio of points won divided by points possible (their winning percentage).” New players are placed according to their GPN rating.

Here are the grouping pods:

| Group | GPN Level Guide |
|-------|-----------------|
| A     | 4.00 and up     |
| B     | 3.50 – 3.99     |
| C     | 3.25 – 3.49     |
| D     | 3.00 – 3.24     |
| E     | 2.75 – 2.99     |
| F     | 2.50 – 2.74     |
| G     | 2.49 and down   |



Following twelve weeks of play \*\*\*the top 4 players will play in a Championship match played the same as the three (3) games of match play. The Champion is the player with a total of points closest to 45.\*

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If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Court Placement Committee listed below.

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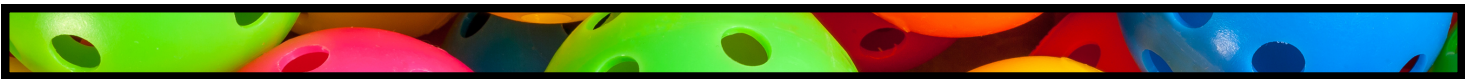
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