



**FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

# **PICKLEBALL NEWSLETTER**

The Winter Season is Here!

We are in the eighth and final week of the Winter Pickle Season for our traveling teams! We have two travel Pickleball teams in the Leagues for Pickleball league.

The 3.5 Men's team played Valencia Trails-Drop Shots at Valencia on Tuesday February 18 at 1pm and lost 0-3. They then played Quail West-Ballers at home at noon at Challenge America and lost again 0-3. Their last match of the winter season is at Colliers Reserve-Nothing but net at 12:30 at Colliers Reserve. Come out and see them play!

The women's 3.0 team played at Hunters Ridge-Dinking Divas at 11:30 am on February 21st. Finally, Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner! They won the match 2-1 with Zinno/Ryan winning 15-0, 15-3 on court 1. Then on court two, Williams/Howenstine won 15-1, 14-15 and in the tie breaker 15-8! They play their last match on Friday the 28th at Quail West-QW Net Results at 1pm. Go over to Quail West and cheer them on since it is right next door!

Both teams will play their home matches at Challenge America in Bonita Springs. The address is 28120 Race Track Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. If you are free come and see them in action!

Hopefully with the passing of the renovations to Worthington Country Club we will have our own Pickleball courts in 2026 or 2027. Many people are playing Pickleball on the community courts when invited or if they live in that neighborhood. Ask around and you might find a place to play in Worthington this winter. Please remember to check out the renovations plan and hopefully vote to get Pickleball courts in Worthington!

I have worked out a deal with Challenge America for court rentals of \$15/hr for one court (you can have as many players as you want to use this court for the time you reserve). You can reserve as many courts as you wish or a longer playing time when you call them. 239-663-1813. If you are a YMCA member or become one in Bonita Springs (off East Terry Street just east of 75) they have courts, you can rent and play on if available.

As of now we will have at least one team playing in the Spring league (Women's 3.0). The Spring travel leagues start March 10, 2025, and end May 10, 2025, and for both the Men and Women, they only play two courts in the Spring. The Men's 3.0 play on Mondays, Men's 3.5 play on Thursdays, the Women's 2.5 play on Tuesdays and the Women's 3.0 play on Fridays. If you wish to have a team in any of these leagues, the team must be registered by March 3, 2025. Let me know if you need to get courts reserved for home matches but they would be at Challenge America again and each team should be able to get their own courts reserved.

I have set up a Pickleball community get-together on Thursday night March 27th at 5:30pm at the Cabana with reserved seating and eating off the menu. To celebrate pickleball in Worthington. Please RSVP to me no later than March 24th at [2tahughes@gmail.com](mailto:2tahughes@gmail.com).

I hope you are enjoying the Winter Season and looking forward to seeing around the campus! Tom [2tahughes@gmail.com](mailto:2tahughes@gmail.com)

