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PICKLEBALL NEWSLETTER

The Winter Season is Here!

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

The 3.5 Men's team played Thursday, and their match was against Pelican Isle Yacht Club at home at noon on Thursday January 30th at Challenge America. They **WON** the match by winning 2 out of 3 courts! That puts them in 7th place! Yeah! Their next match will be against Seasons at Bonita-Servivors on Thursday February 6, 2025. They are playing in the Blue Division.

The 3.0 Women's home match that was rained out last week was rescheduled against the Pelican Marsh-Pelican Picklers for Wednesday January 29th at 1pm at Challenge America. They lost 0-3 but learned that a good lob or just holding your ground at the kitchen line can

be a very effective strategy. They also wanted to thank all those who came and watched their matches. Thanks for your support. They are playing in the Green Division and are still in 8th place after the fourth week. There are nine teams in the league. They played at home (Challenge America) at 12:30am on Friday January 31st against Quail Creek- Quail Creek Kitchenettes. The team of Jean Downs/Trish Ryan lost in a third set tie breaker 15-13. I think the ladies are getting really close to winning a match! They play at Cypress Woods-Come in Hot at Cypress Woods on Friday February 7th. Come out and watch their match.

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.

I hope you enjoy the Winter Season and looking forward to seeing around the campus!

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