

TITLE: EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAM UPDATE

All PPPA E&T programs are free to all PPPA members in good standing. In addition, Beginning Lessons are free and available to Non-members.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Beginning Round Robin

This program is new for beginning members and will include introduction to round robins and instruction during play.

- Who: PPPA members that are new to Pickleball or who have just finished Beginning Lessons.
- Where: Monument Valley Park Courts
- When: on Fridays 2 - 4 PM starting Friday 5/13.
- How to sign up: Email Dan Lovelace @ dano1@q.com to get on the Sign Up Genius list.

Beginning Ladder Play

This program is for our members who are not sure what to expect from the Ladder play program. It will provide them with the knowledge needed to move into the Regular Ladder Play program.

- Who: PPPA members who are not familiar with Ladder Play
- Where: Monument Valley Park Courts
- When: starting the week of 5/15.
- How to sign up: Email Dotty Lardie @ dottylardie@gmail.com

ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS:

Round Robins

This program runs most of the year with time off for the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays.

The Sign Up Genius (SUG) program is used on a first come first served basis. An invitation from SUG and your coordinator goes out the day after the Round Robin for that level plays. More on signing up in SUG below.

Round Robin Schedule

Location: Monument Valley Park - 2-4:30 pm

- 2.0 Monday - contact Paula Buczak paula599577@yahoo.com to be added to the 2.0 list.
- 2.5 Thursday - contact Terry Sloan tsloan1@gmail.com to be added to the 2.5 list.
- 3.0 Wednesday - contact Karen Mogge klmogge@comcast.net to be added to the 3.0 list.
- 3.5 Tuesday - contact Martha Marreel mdmarreel@gmail.com to be added to the 3.5 list.

Location: Bear Creek Regional Park - 2-4:30 pm

- 3.5 Thursday - coordinator needed – contact Dan Lovelace dano1@q.com to be added to the 3.5 list.
- 4.0 Tuesday - contact Dong Nguyen dpncos@gmail.com to be added to the 4.0 list.

SUG Sign Up Information:

- Create an account in the [SignupGenius.com](https://signupgenius.com) website.
- Contact your level coordinator and provide your email, they will send you an invitation to sign up on the appropriate date and time.

- Click on the signup icon and enter your name and any additional information required, then click on submit for the player or alternate lists.
- A confirmation email will be sent to your email.
- Capacity for each RR is limited, so be patient and keep trying. The RR program is one of our busiest programs.

Beginning Lessons (PPPA membership **not** required and Free)

- Lessons begin Sat. May 7 thru Oct. 1, 2022. Sign up to participate is required. Email Mary Koch @ pmk35918@gmail.com
- These lessons are at Wasson Academic Campus courts located at 2115 Afton Way from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturdays. You will receive a confirmation email from Mary Koch.
- Thanks to all the returning instructors and to the new instructors for participating in their training on April 30th.
- Participation is limited in this program to 24 players per week.
- Paddles and balls are provided for use at the lessons.
- Due to the demand for these great and informative lessons, participants are limited to 1 free lesson.

Guided Play

- Guided Play will begin on Sunday May 15, 2022 at the Monument Valley Park courts from 2-3 pm. Sign up with Sherry Fairchild @ sdfairchild@mac.com
- Guided Play (GP) is intended to be the next step after students complete a Beginning Lesson with PPPA and join the association.
- GP will provide them 2-3 opportunities to play regular games with instructors on the court to provide help and feedback.
- The next step for most players is to find some new players of similar levels and continue to play together at their own schedule.

- Most of the players will join the Beginning Round Robin on Fridays to develop their PB skills before moving on to the 2.0 Round Robin.

Skills and Drills Leader Steve Ridings

- No scheduled dates for this program as of this Blast.

Ladder Play Leader Pamela Doane pamdoane1@me.com

- Ladder Play is ongoing, weather and holidays permitting.
- This program has been at PPPA for many years and remains a mainstay of our training.
- This is for players 3.0 and above that like more intense competition.
- The time and location is determined by the Ladder Play participants.
- We may institute a refined ladder for players that are not familiar with the concept who are looking to improve their skills and play more competitively at a 2.5 - 3.0 level.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE LEADERS,
COORDINATORS, INSTRUCTORS, AND VOLUNTEERS THAT
MAKE ALL OF OUR PROJECTS POSSIBLE!**

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