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Dear Parks & Rec Commission,

I'm writing today "For PublicComment" regarding the Womens Pickleball Play at the Yountville PB courts.

I wanted to do a huge SHOUT OUT for Myrna David who has supported me (and so many others) through my introduction to Women's Pickleball beginning with beginning lessons through YvilleParks & Recreation beginning pickleball lessons from June 2023. Mimi was also involved in my beginning lessons.

Since that time, she has been a continual and ongoing support and welcoming my PB play in Yountville through offering continued beginning Pickleball lessons/support until she and Mimi both said I was ready to beginning Women's Intermediate play. I was nervous to play with the Intermediate Ladies on their scheduled play days Tuesday/Thursday form 9-11, but with their encouragement I began play there and am now a full confident intermediate ladies player having TONS of fun and making NEW friends and a sense of community support with all the ladies that play on the Ladies Tuesday/Thursday play days.

I actually live in St. Helena and we now have courts here, but the OPEN PLAY schedule makes it very difficult to find others to play with (especially with support, encouragement and a sense of community). Myrna is always finding PB instructors that will come and do a one hour clinic for the Intermediate Ladies so that we can continue to grow and improve our game. This has been a fun, easy, free and fantastic way for us all as a Women's Group to continue to learn and improve. Thank you again Myrna.

Most recently, in fact for this Thursdays Women's 9-11, Myrna has organized a special skill building play for us to improve our game. Myrna also coordinates a very special covered dish picnic at Yountville Park every year that has become a tradition for us.

There are many community benefits that come with us gathering as women on these two days at the Yville Outdoor PB courts, as one of our player organized a demonstration of how to use the emergency recitation equipment (attached to bathroom at Outdoor PB courts) by the local fire department. These firemen trainers also played a little pickleball amongst themselves the day of this training to help us keep safe. One of our players also started a list of names and emergency contact numbers for our regular players that we would know who to call in case of emergency as well as encouraged fellow players to keep identify contact information in their backpacks.

I could go on and on, but I am hoping you can hear the benefits of this type of SCHEDULED PLAY for the Women's Intermediate Players and the COMMUNITY that has sprung out of it.

And quick FYI, Myrna and I are discussing enhancing the Beginning PB Scheduled Play (Tuesdays at 11AM) by offering a bit of friendly coaching for those NEW to the game. This is such a good way to help support and bring along beginning women & men into understanding the rules of the game and how to keep score and enjoy "game play" instead of just hitting the ball back and forth. A lot more FUN. ***We also always encourage safety, warming up, and well as proper footwear (court shoes) to new people in a siupportive way. Myrna recently held a meeting to talk about how to more smoothly invite beginners and help integrate them into where they feel comfortable playing. And also reminding our group, that ONE court is always open for others to play on while we are playing and to be welcoming, inviting and accommodating as soon as we notice others would like to play.

We recently circulated a video from PB experts talking about and updating us all on the NEW pickleball rules for

2024. We circulated this so we could all be on the same page about these new rules.

I have played about 6 times at Los Flores to get a sense of the difference of OPEN PLAY as well as this very special Intermediate Ladies PB SCHEDULED PLAY, and I can see how it has its benefits, BUT what is offered in this particular SCHEDULED PLAY where Myrna keeps so many things “cooking” for us, and invites us to keep things “cooking” as well, is very very special and unique.

Please take this into consideration when making any decisions about our Scheduled Play times, and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have, or if I can come to any meetings to speak in person or meet with anyone that would like.

AND....NOT TO FORGET, TO THANK ALL OF YOU at Younville Parks & Recreation for ALL the ways you are making Younville Pickleball and its outdoor location one of the most aesthetically pleasing and physically supportive environments. Umbrellas (they work soooo well, and they are keeping us from overheating), the beautiful concrete slab, the benches, extra chairs, the trash cans, the signage, I could go on and on.

We’re even talking about doing some Pickleball Skill Training using the ping pong table as someone suggested that could help with our game. We would use our pickleball paddles and pickleballs on the ping pong table.

And by the way, I am a huge Yville Community Center GOLD TICKET fan and participant (my husband too), and that was the doorway to my first beginning pickleball lesson indoors. Then we signed up for the once a week beginning pickleball lessons OUTDOOR with Mimi in JUNE 2023. Absolutely HOOKED. I love the Zumba, and the Golf Lessons (adore Justin) we did the Archery lessons w/Gold Medal Senior Olympic winning instructor) and some strength and stretch and yoga. Fabulous Instructors. I’m always inviting and encouraging other PB players and who ever will listen about your fantastic Gold Ticket program and ALL of its amazing choices.

You’re the ABSOLUTE BEST!!!!

In deepest respect, appreciation and gratitude. You and Pickleball and Community make my life so much better, really!

Kathleen McCreedy

P.S. FYI, I have sent a copy of this to some of my besties (I don’t have emails for all of them) that I thought would appreciate seeing my letter to you. I have put their email in the Cc: line of this email.

P.S.P.S. Dear PB besties, please feel free to forward my email to those who you feel would like to read it (I don’t have emails for everyone).