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Here is the latest update for the Pickleball Club:

**Communication Methods for Members:** There are several ways to stay informed about our pickleball club. These include email blasts, the website ([sccflpickleball.club/](http://sccflpickleball.club/)), Team Reach, Sign-up Genius, and the bulletin board at the courts. Please take advantage of each one of these valuable assets to enhance your pickleball experience!

**Annual Membership Dues:** If you have not paid your dues for 2025, you are delinquent. Please remit your renewal dues of \$25 by mailing a check made out to SCC Pickleball Club to P.O. Box 5761 Sun City Center FL 33571. If you are receiving this email and no longer want to be part of the club, please respond to this email and we will remove you from the roster.

**Inter-Community Fun Play:** A new initiative between our club and Valencia Lakes Pickleball will be starting in mid-February. If this concept is popular, we may expand it to other 55+ communities, but for right now it will be only SCC and Valencia Lakes. A schedule of play will be available on Team Reach on a first-come, first served basis. Play will rotate between locations, men's and women's play, and beginner/intermediate levels and intermediate/advanced levels as designated on Team Reach. For instance, the first session will be at Valencia Lakes on February 12th from 11 am - 1 pm for Men at the Intermediate/Advanced level. Then on February 19th from 11 am - 1 pm at SCC the session will be for Women at the Beginner/Intermediate level. Each session is a one-time event, so no long-term commitment like a league or ladder. See Team Reach for details.

**Ladders:** A 6-week ladder is about to start and is open to all members. It begins on Monday Feb. 3rd and runs through Monday, March 10th. Games will begin at 4 p.m. each Monday. Ladders is a fun way to test yourself against similarly experienced players and to challenge yourself as you move up the ladder. Please select a sign-up slot below and we'll see you on the courts on Monday, Feb. 3rd!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4CADAB22AAF85-54581506-winter>

**Want to Save Money?:** Pickleball Central has a program where club members can get 5% discounts on items purchased online by using our club's code. If you apply code CRSCCPC (not case sensitive) to your purchase, not only will you personally save 5%, but 5% of your purchase price will be sent to our club for us to use to purchase balls or other items for our club.

**Court Usage Committee:** This committee is looking for a few volunteers to help make some important recommendations to the board. Topics to be addressed are club hours, open versus closed group play, club-sponsored groups, etc. If you want to volunteer, please contact John Orton.

**Old Ball Machine Auction:** The old ball machine will be auctioned off since we have a brand new one. It is not working but could be repaired. You can see it this Saturday at the ERNE demo to check it out. If you are interested, submit your bid by putting it in the suggestion box at the courts by the end of February.

**FunFest:** The festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th from 9 am to 2 pm. There are several ways you can help.... volunteer to work at the booth (sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board), make a donation of cash or provide items that can be raffled off, or just come by the booth that day and have one of our world-famous naked burritos!

**ERNE Demo:** In conjunction with this Saturday's Lunch at the Courts social, a demonstration of our ERNE ball machine will be held. Once you get certified as a user, it is available for check out.

**Super Bowl Bonanza:** On Sunday, February 9th a Super Bowl Bonanza at the courts will be held. In addition to playing pickleball, there will be corn hole available to play and super bowl squares available for purchase at \$1 per square. Burgers will be provided, and we ask those who participate to bring a tailgate type of food to share with the group.

**Pickleball Clinics:** The schedule of clinics for February is now available on Sign-Up Genius. Contact Greg Eisman at 985-285-6267.

**Calendar of Events:**

Saturday, January 25th	ERNE demo/Lunch at the Courts social (9 am to 12 pm)
Sunday, February 9th	Super Bowl Bonanza (2 pm to 4 pm)
Friday, February 14th	Valentine's Day social (6 pm to 8 pm)
Tuesday, February 25th	Pizza Night social (6 pm to 8 pm)
Saturday, March 8th	FunFest (9 am to 2 pm)
Monday, March 17th	St. Patrick's Day social (6 pm to 8 pm)
Wednesday, March 19th	Spring Membership Meeting (6 pm in the Caper Room)

See you on the courts!!