

# PICKLEBALL

The sport of Pickleball was developed in 1965 by Washington State Congressman Joel Pritchard at his home in Bainbridge, WA. As he returned home from an afternoon of golf, he noticed that his family was just sitting around the home with nothing fun to do. Although he did not have badminton racquets at the home, he decided that the old asphalt badminton court in his backyard was a perfect place to create a tennis-like game using ping-pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball. This new game of Pickleball was a hit with his family and it continued to grow in popularity as an activity that brings families and the community together.



In 2013, the City of Santa Clarita recognized the emerging trend of Pickleball as an opportunity to provide residents with a new

recreational experience. The City's Club 50 program offered Pickleball as a drop-in activity in the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Gymnasium twice a week. Participation in this activity exceeded expectations! Players throughout the community came together to play Pickleball and also built relationships through the program. In 2015, Pickleball expanded into an "Open Play" program, allowing players of all ages and abilities to experience this growing sport.

As the popularity of Pickleball increases, the City of Santa Clarita has introduced new facilities and program opportunities to accommodate this expanding need. The City currently offers a total of 10 permanent Pickleball courts throughout Santa Clarita. These include four outdoor courts at Bouquet Canyon Park, two indoor courts at the Newhall Community Center, and four indoor courts at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Gymnasium. The outdoor court play is on a first-come, first serve basis, while scheduled "Open Play" programming is on the indoor courts.

For more information on Pickleball, please contact the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Gymnasium at **(661) 250-5758** or visit [santa-clarita.com/Recreation](http://santa-clarita.com/Recreation).



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Join us to play one of the fastest growing sports in Santa Clarita.

Pickleball is a cross between badminton, tennis and ping pong.



## Santa Clarita Sports Complex Gymnasium

20870 Centre Pointe Parkway

**4 Indoor Courts with Lines!**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$3 per player / \$2 per player 55+ yrs.

## Bouquet Canyon Park - 28127 Wellston Drive

**4 Outdoor Pickleball Courts!**

Play Anytime

No Cost

## Newhall Community Center - 22421 Market Street

**2 Indoor Courts with Lines!**

Monday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$3 per player / \$2 per player 55+ yrs.

**NEW!**

For more information, please call:

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