2019 ENGLISH OPEN – Newsletter Communications

Over the past few weeks we have sent out several newsletters. For your convenience, we have consolidated them into one document and put all the headings into alphabetical order!

We are sending you your fixtures list via email, there will be a copy in your goody bag and you can access it online by via: https://www.pickleballengland.org/english-open/

The most important thing to remember is: Check in at least 20 minutes before your first match is due to start AND be ready at your court 10 minutes before you are due to play.

There will be scrolling screens for you to keep an eye on the upcoming matches in case your game will start earlier or later than scheduled. We will do our best, with your co-operation to keep to the schedule!

Paddles up!

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY?
The fixtures have been done and there will be 1044 competition games played over the weekend! That equates to an average of 6 games for each player with a guarantee of 4 games for each event you have entered.

Players range from 2.0 to 5.0 rating and 14 years to 83 years proving that pickleball is a game for all ages and skill levels. This is partly what attracted Trans World Sports to want to come to our tournament and see what pickleball is all about (see more information at the bottom of the page).

ACCOMMODATION
Hopefully everyone has got their accommodation sorted already but if you haven’t, Bonnie & Ky Coffey have a couple of spare rooms available at the AirBnb they are renting, if someone wants to split the cost with them. There is a double room and a single room available. If you are interested email them on rtww2k@gmail.com.

Here is the link to some more accommodation information: https://www.pickleballengland.org/nottingham-hotel-accommodation/

The nearest camping opportunity is at Holme Pierrepoint, who will give you a 10% discount if you use the code nottsuni.

**AIR CONDITIONING AT THE VENUE**
The warm temperatures we have been experiencing might make you wonder whether the venue has air conditioning. We have been told that whilst the sports hall is not air conditioned it does have some cooling capacities within the operational build of the facility to help manage temperature. We asked the question on the hottest day of the year and was advised that the hall was still at a very comfortable temperature!

I think we might have jinxed the weather because the weather nosedived after we wrote that! Let’s hope the weather improves for this coming weekend, because there are some lovely places to sit outside the David Ross Sports Village (DRSV)

**COMMUNICATIONS**
A reminder that we will be live streaming from the Championship Court (Court 10) during the tournament. We will be streaming from the 2019 English OPEN Facebook page and sharing it to Pickleball Forum. Hashtags for the event are #2019englishopen #pickleballengland #robinhood

**COMPETITION FORMAT**
Each event will comprise round robin group games to 11 win by 1, followed by a knock out competition, first to 11 win by 2. Medal matches are to 15 win by 2.

Each game played will impact where teams finish in the table after the round robin has finished.

Table results will be sorted by number of wins, points difference, points scored and IF there is still a tie then head to head.

A defined number of teams will go through to the knockout or single elimination rounds.

The first named team is responsible for picking up the score sheet at least 10 minutes before the game starts.

The score sheet provided to teams will define whether the game is played to 11, 15 or 21 and win by 1 or 2 and whether it is 1 game or best of 3.

The winning team is responsible for entering the score on the score sheet and getting both team’s signature to agree the score is entered correctly.
Score sheets should be returned immediately to the designated ‘court monitor’ by one of the players in the winning team. The winning player has to verify that the score has been entered correctly before the court monitor submits the score to PETS [Pickleball England Tournament Software].

In the round robin matches there will be no time outs allowed. In the knock out rounds, each team is allowed a 1 minute time out per game. In the event of a medical time out, a max of 15 minutes is allowed before the team calling the time out forfeits.

In the round robin stages, teams are asked to be foot fault adjudicators for each others matches. Since the first named team collects the score card, we ask one of the second named team to stay to adjudicate the next game on your court.

20 minutes of court time is allocated for doubles games to 11 and 15 minutes for singles to 11. 25 minutes for doubles games to 15 and 20 minutes for singles to 15. 2 minutes of knock up is allowed before a game starts if required and the schedule is not running late.

Any team not arriving on court within 10 minutes of their game’s start time may forfeit the match.

In the event of a team withdrawing from the competition, all of the team’s games will be taken out of the table results.

Late arrivals – any matches forfeited due to late arrival will be scored as 11-0 but the team can continue in the competition if they arrive in time for their second match.

Medal matches will be refereed.

Gold, Silver & Bronze medals will be awarded. In the event that an age group/skill group has been added together, we will have Nickel medals for the best placed teams for each age/skill group that either plays down in age or up in skill level.

The Medal Ceremony takes place immediately after the final matches each day on the Championship Court and will be live streamed. After all medals are awarded we would like to get a group photo of all medal winners for that day.

**CALLING FIRST AIDERS**
If you are first aid trained, would you mind letting us know? That way, in the event of needing some help at any stage, we know who to ask. We do have a paramedic on site for the weekend and we are hoping that there are no emergencies.

Being prepared is important to us, so if you are first aid trained, please email us on englishopen2019@pickleballengland.org asap.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**
In the last newsletter we shared the menu for the tournament dinner. We should have also asked for players to let us know if you have any dietary requirements for the tournament dinner. Please email us on englishopen2019@pickleballengland.org with any allergies/dietary requirements.
The Clubhouse cafe would also like to know high level numbers of vegan and gluten free players so that they can ensure they have sufficient supplies for the weekend. Can we ask you to email englishopen2019@pickleballengland.org if you think you might want to purchase snack/meal options from the conveniently located cafe at then David Ross Sports Village.

**EVENT FORMAT**

All players are guaranteed a minimum of four games in each event that they play in. This will be in the form of a round robin followed by a single elimination bracket. The round robin will be used to seed teams and not all teams from the round robin will progress to the single elimination bracket, so it is really important to do as well as you can in the round robin! Some categories have been combined where necessary to ensure that players each get the minimum number of games.

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**FINDING YOUR WAY TO THE DAVID ROSS SPORTS VILLAGE**

The University of Nottingham have a great ‘Getting Here’ section on their website: [https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/visitorinformation/mapsanddirections/universityparkcampus.asp](https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/visitorinformation/mapsanddirections/universityparkcampus.asp) We have marked up the attached map of the university campus to show where the David Ross Sports Village and Orchard Hotel is located. We have found the easiest entrance to approach these building is via the West Entrance as the Orchard Hotel is signposted.
**FILM MY MATCH CHAMPIONSHIP COURT**

We are creating a Championship Court on Court 10 which will be sponsored by our filming partner, FilmMyMatch, who will live stream all of the matches played on that court throughout the event. Established in 2012, FilmMyMatch uses the latest technology to capture the excitement and passion of live sporting events and showcase the talent that exists from grassroots to elite level. They work with a wide range of sports and organisations including governing bodies (e.g. English FA and Scottish FA) and independent schools (e.g. Manchester Grammar, Cheltenham College) as well as over 2000 grassroots sports teams across the UK in the last 5 years. FilmMyMatch Director, Dave Roe, said: “We are thrilled to be working with Pickleball England to showcase the sport to a wider audience in the UK and beyond. Although the sport is in its infancy in this country, it has a loyal and growing base of participation and we are excited to help fulfil its huge potential over the coming years.”

**FLOOR PLAN OF THE DAVID ROSS SPORTS VILLAGE**


Ignore Level C, the top floor – all our activities will be taking place on level A, ground floor and Level B, first floor.

On Level A, check in will be in reception [8 on floor plan].

Games will be played in all 4 sports halls [10,11,12,13].

Sports massages will be in the Physio room [6].

Food and drink will be available all day in the Club House Cafe [19]

Toilets, changing rooms and lockers are also noted on the floor plan.

On Level B, the Conference Room [24] will be the Players Lounge. Some snacks will be available, together with phone charging station, place to eat any food you bring with you, games…….

The viewing gallery overlooking all the courts seats 190+ [29 on the floor plan]

**FREE CLINICS THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

On Thursday afternoon Jon Moore will be providing coaching for groups of players. The clinics will be at 3pm and 4pm. If there is a lot of demand we will add a final one for 5pm.

On Friday morning, we will have Seymour Rifkind (Rif), founder and President of the IPTPA and WPF and Steve Paranto providing clinics for players. Rif and Steve are delivering the IPTPA Teach the Teacher training on the Thursday. Jon Moore who has been providing clinics at some clubs during August will also be providing a clinic. The Clinics will start at 11am. There will be a focus area for each clinic and you can sign up to the focus area that you would like to work on.
Focus Area 1 – Serve, Return & 3rd Shot Drop

Focus Area 2 – Dink Strategies

Focus Area 3 – Volleys, Drop Volleys and Smashes

If there is a lot of demand, we may be able to do an additional clinic at 12 noon. There is no booking process – first to arrive, get the places!

GETTING TO THE VENUE
By Car, the post code for the venue, the David Ross Sports Village (DRSV) is NG7 2RD. We talked about parking in newsletter #2 (link at bottom of this newsletter) Just four miles from Nottingham city centre, DRSV and the Orchard Hotel are just 10 minutes from J25 of the M1, 20 minutes from East Midlands Airport, with direct trains into central London.

The post code for the Orchard Hotel is NG7 2RJ.

BONUS! Players staying at the Orchard Hotel can also enjoy free access to the state-of-the-art gym and 25m swimming pool at the DRSV. Free, superfast Wi-Fi with a maximum bandwidth of 1Gb is available throughout the hotel.

By Train, it is recommended that you use the Trainline website to plan your journey: https://www.thetrainline.com

NO MORE CHANGES, PLEASE!
The last few days there have been a flurry of emails requesting changes. Please note that the fixtures have now been made so we can’t accept any more changes. Obviously if someone injures themselves and can’t play, we will have to deal with that but otherwise we would like to operate on ‘lock down’ mode!

We have regrettably had to consolidate some brackets together because there were not enough players in the brackets. We have tried to be sensible about the consolidation and if you have to play down in age or up in skill, you will still have a chance to medal if you come top in your original bracket.

We will be sending you your own individual fixture list via email before the tournament and intend to have a printed copy in your tournament ‘goody’ bag.

Well that message created a flurry of changes, mostly related to do with people who are injured and can’t play. We have tried to be accommodating and matched people up with alternative partners. Fingers crossed we are locked down now!!

OFFICIAL PADDLE OF THE ENGLISH OPEN
As you may have seen on social media, we are fortunate to be sponsored by one of the major paddle manufacturers, Paddletek. Paddletek create a varied range of paddles, one of which is the Tempest Wave. The Tempest Wave will be the official paddle of the 2019 English OPEN and you can get your hands on one at the tournament for a cut-price deal! The UK Pickleball Shop will be offering this paddle at a special tournament price of £84 – a saving of almost
30%! The Tempest Wave is one of the most popular paddles on the market, with a graphite surface for extra touch and spin and also enough ‘pop’ for the power you need!

**PARKING**

Parking is available around campus at the University of Nottingham. It is FREE at the weekend but pay and display during the week. The first 2 hours are free but it costs £10 per day. Those who know that they will be parking on campus on Thursday or Friday have the option to request pre-paid parking at a rate of £5 per day. This MUST be communicated to Sam (sam@pickleballengland.org) by Thursday 8th August at the latest, stating how many days of pre-paid parking you would like to purchase. Payment can be made to the PayPal account (Karen@pickleballengland.org), which again must be made before 8th August.

*That deadline has gone. If you ordered a parking ticket you can pick it up from reception on Thursday if you requested Thursday or at time of registration on Friday. If you are playing singles on Friday, please allow time for getting your parking ticket displayed in your car!*

Players who are staying at the Orchard Hotel will be able to park in their car park, which is a 2-minute walk to the David Ross Sports Village. Alternatives to parking on campus are using the tram (Nottingham is a tram city), using the bus (namely the 35/36) or using Uber.

**PHYSIO**

Charlotte Stowell, a qualified Sports Therapist will be on site for the whole weekend (Saturday and Sunday), providing massages to players at a cost of £10 for a 10-minute slot. Charlotte has worked for over 10 different organisations, including several football clubs, a National Netball tournament and Lacrosse Women’s World Cup, providing sports therapy.

**PICKLEBALL ENGLAND AGM – FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST**

We will be holding the first AGM for Pickleball England in the Brailsford Suite at the Orchard Hotel from 6pm. All of the Pickleball England Directors will be attending the English OPEN so this was the perfect opportunity to be able to share a progress report and hear from registered members what they would like to see happening over the next 12 months. We expect the AGM to finish in time for attendees to go for dinner at 8pm.

*C*ome along and meet Karen, Frank and our 6 new Regional Directors

**PLAYING PARTNERS**

Most players have found partners. We have around 20 men that are still need of a female partner for the Mixed Doubles. For those players without a partner, we plan to put on an additional men’s doubles event on the Sunday, so that everyone registered will get to play.

**POST TOURNAMENT DINNER – SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST**

The tournament dinner will be held at the Orchard Hotel Conference Centre on Sunday evening. A welcome drink will be served from 7pm and the food will be served at 7.30pm. We have included the menu below. If anyone hasn’t booked for the dinner and wants to join us, please email Sam@pickleballengland.org. Tickets are £25. The dinner will be followed by a disco, with music being provided by one of our own; DJ Peter Hitchman! Peter has worked in several bars and clubs in Leicester, providing DJ services to thousands of students on a weekly basis. Don’t worry, he knows that the music has got to work for all age groups and he has got some amazing things planned for the evening!
Dress is smart casual. Players that are not booked in for the dinner are welcome to come along to join in the disco. There will be a bar available for your refreshment needs.

DINNER MENU:

MAIN COURSE

Choice of:

Chicken with Lemon & Parmesan Sun blush Tomatoes & Spinach

Pork with Oregano Marinated Olives & Red Onions

Moroccan Vegetable Tagine with Cous Cous & fresh Herbs (Vegan)

Served with:

Baby New Potatoes with Herb Oil

Tomato Salad

Baby Salad Leaves

Garlic & Herb Flat Breads

DESSERT

Blackberry & Apple, Vanilla Custard Pots with Honey Oat Crumble

Chocolate & Coconut Tart (Vegan)

PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE
Bonnie & Ky Coffey from the USA are already in the Nottingham area and are looking for some pre-tournament practice at the Bingham Leisure Centre, The Banks, Bingham, Nottingham NG13 8BL. If you are looking for competitive play email them on rtww2k@gmail.com to arrange a session between now and the 22nd August. On the 22nd August from 2-7pm we have 10 courts booked for pre-tournament practice play at the David Ross Sports Village. Just turn up!

Courts are also available for practice play Thursday afternoon 2-6pm, Friday morning 9am-1pm and 4.30pm-7pm at the DRSV.

REFILL NOT LANDFILL
In a concerted effort to make the English OPEN more sustainable and to help tournament players consider their use of single use plastics, plastic drink bottles will not be available at the English OPEN. Instead we recommend players use a reusable water bottle. Water bottles can be refilled for free at water fountains at the venue. The David Ross Sports Village also has plenty of separate bins for mixed recycling and landfill rubbish.
RECYCLE YOUR OLD PADDLE AND DONATE TO NEPAL
Leo Gonzalez pickleball ambassador extraordinaire has been working with a Nepal charity for the last few years. He will be bringing along a box where you can bring any paddles you no longer need. He will then take them to Nepal early next year when he visits next.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday 21st August

8am-12 noon – IPTPA Rating Specialist training [pre-registration/payment required]

Thursday 22nd August

8am – 5pm – IPTPA Teach the Teacher Training [pre-registration/payment required]
2pm – 7pm – Open Court practice

Friday 23rd August

9am-7pm – Open Court practice
11am – Free Clinics – [specific timings to be advised nearer the time]
12 Noon – Welcome/Registration Desk Open
1pm – Singles Events Commences

5.30pm – Singles Medal Ceremony on Championship Court
6-8pm – Pickleball England AGM to be held at the De Vere Orchard Hotel

Saturday 24th August

8am-9am – Welcome/Registration Desk Open
9am – Men’s Doubles and Women’s Doubles events

5.30pm – Men’s & Women’s Doubles Medal Ceremony on Championship Court
6.30pm – WPF Drinks Reception to be held at the De Vere Orchard Hotel

Sunday 25th August
8am – 9am Registration Desk Open
9am – Mixed Doubles events

5.30pm. Mixed Doubles Medal Ceremony on Championship Court
7pm – Post Tournament Party to be held at the De Vere Orchard Hotel

**SILENT RAFFLE IN AID OF PICKLEBALL ENGLAND**
We will be selling tickets for a Silent Raffle over the weekend. Prizes include pickleball nets, paddles, bags and lots of other swag. Tickets will be £1 each or 15 for £10. You put your name and contact # on the ticket and the ticket goes into the raffle. We then find you if you won a prize when we draw the raffle. If you have already left the building, we will get in touch to arrange to get your prize to you. Definitely worth a little flutter for the chance of winning a pickleball net!

PickleballEngland is a not for profit association created to grow pickleball in England. We don’t charge a membership fee but we do undertake activities, such as the Singles League and tournaments to raise funds that will be used to help develop pickleball across the country.

Fun fact for you, of the 306 players taking part in the tournament, 178 of them are members of pickleballEngland. If you would like to learn more about pickleballEngland, everyone is invited to our AGM on Friday 23rd August at 6pm in the Orchard Hotel.

If you would like to register for pickleballEngland, you can do that by visiting the Players Lounge, where you can access our website and registration forms.

**THE CLUB HOUSE CAFÉ**
Operated by Starbucks the Club House Café is open from 7am-10pm. Breakfast is served from 7.30-9.30am. Breakfast rolls from 7.30-11am. Lunch menu 12-2pm. Pizza menu 4-9pm. At the weekend they have an all-day breakfast option too!

**TOURNAMENT BALL**
The ball being used at the tournament is the JUGs white. This is the most common indoor ball being used in the UK and in our opinion, the best suited to the sprung surface at the University. We are really grateful that the UK Pickleball Shop (pickleball.co.uk) are our ball sponsor and are providing the balls we will be using during the tournament. We will put fresh balls out every morning, so be aware that the ball will be bouncier at the start of the day!

**TRANS WORLD SPORT**
Trans World Sport will be coming along to film on Friday and Saturday. For those of you that are not familiar with Trans World Sport, this is what Wikipedia says of them:

*Trans World Sport (TWS), originally stylised Transworld Sport (still used in some television listings and electronic programme guides) is a sports-orientated television programme produced by IMG Media in London, England. It is shown worldwide, on a variety of syndicated television channels. It is world’s longest running weekly international television sports programme, and has been in continuous production every week since 5 May*
1987; 32 years ago. Today, it is shown over fifty countries, with a household reach of nearly two-hundred million. For over 25 years, Trans World Sport has brought the top names and events, together with off-beat and esoteric stories from the world of sport.

The show was the brainchild of IMG founder, and sports marketing pioneer, Mark McCormack. Since its very first show, Trans World Sport’s objective has remained the same; to bring its viewers the best, the most interesting, and most informative stories from the world of sport. Their mantra has always been that there is no hierarchy in sport, and the idea is that what happens in La Liga has always been as important as what happens at the Sepak Takraw World Championship. They have had features on several sports stars, including a 14-year-old Tiger Woods, a teenage Virat Kohli, Usain Bolt, and Roger Federer, and on a 12-year-old Venus Williams and her 11-year-old sister, Serena Williams.

Trans World Sport has covered hundreds of different sports, and filmed with a countless number of World and Olympic champions. Out of the 203 International Olympic Committee (IOC) member nations, they have been to 183 of them; including North Korea and Papua New Guinea, while in 2012, they even filmed in Somalia.

UK PICKLEBALL SHOP POP UP SHOP!
Jane and Mike of the UK Pickleball Shop will be operating a pop up shop for players as well as playing in the tournament. The attached pdf tells you all about the Tempest Wave offer but also an extra sweet deal on a portable net, exclusive to tournament attendees. You can pre-order both to make sure you are not disappointed when the stock is gone! Jane is asking players to let her know ahead of time if there is a product from her store you want her to take with her because she can’t take everything to Nottingham. CLICK ON THE VISUAL BELOW to be taken to the full PDF which contains a link to her website.
VENUE
David Ross Sports Village, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD

The Sports Village has 4 Sports Halls with 5 courts in each with a viewing balcony that can seat up to 200 people. There are the usual facilities of changing rooms with toilets, showers and lockers. There is an on-site Starbucks café. We will be creating a Players Lounge using a conference room so that there is somewhere to hang out, eat food, charge your phone, play some games (yes, we will be providing some fun games to help you let off steam!).

The David Ross Sports Village is a £40m state-of-the-art, purpose built sports facility, opened in autumn 2016. Amongst a vast range of exceptional facilities, the Village is home to an ultra-versatile, impressive sports hall the size of 20 badminton courts (88.95m x 44.10m / 3845sq m). The Sports Village is named after David Ross, alumni of Nottingham University and Carphone Warehouse founder who donated more than £10m towards the building.

WIFI AT THE VENUE
There is Wi-Fi throughout the David Ross Sports Village which will be accessible to all players. The network will allow players to access the online software so that you are able to view your matches, court numbers and estimated times!

If you would like more details on how to connect to the Wi-Fi click here: https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/it-services/connect/wifi/visitors.aspx

WPF DRINKS RECEPTION – SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST
The World Pickleball Federation are holding an informal drinks reception on Saturday evening at the Orchard Hotel from 7pm. Seymour Rifkind, the founding WPF President is attending the English OPEN and would love to meet players, answer any questions people may have about WPF and listen to players views on what needs to be done to help grow pickleball.

The reception starts at 6.30pm and is designed to be a pre-dinner event so will finish by 8pm.

If you got this far – congratulations! You will be ready to answer questions people may ask you over the weekend. If not, suggest that they find one of our lovely helpers who will be denoted by special t-shirts.

We look forward to welcoming you to the inaugural English OPEN. Next year, it will take place the first weekend of July and will incorporate the Bainbridge Cup. You are not going to want to miss it!!

Karen, Sam, Frank and Chris
English OPEN Tournament Committee