



**STAFFORD FREDERICKSBURG SPOTSY (SFS)
PICKLEBALL LEAGUE
PICKLE PADDLE NEWS
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Welcome to Fall & the first SFS League Newsletter! We trust you all had great summers & are ready for pickleball ladder play.

Our once relatively small league, which started with 21 players in the Spring, has grown each season with 34 players in the first Summer session and 42 in the second. We are very excited to announce that we're anticipating as many as 60 players this fall!

There are many county parks & private communities that have tennis courts lined for pickleball & presently there are 3 dedicated pickleball courts in the area; 1 at Kenmore Park & 2 at the private community of Fox Point. As interest grows in the sport, we are hoping that we'll see more of these dedicated courts as well as tennis courts lined for the game. So grab some friends & keep hitting!

First Annual SFS Pickleball Party

The party is scheduled for Sept. 25th at the Hampton Oaks Community Center and Tennis Courts from 3-5 at 80 North Hampton Blvd. Stafford, VA 22554. Please bring a dish to share. Last names starting with A-L, bring an appetizer, M-Z bring a dessert.

All pickleball players and their families are welcome, the more the merrier! Bring your paddle and be ready to play as nets will be set up.

Please RSVP to sfspickleball2@gmail.com

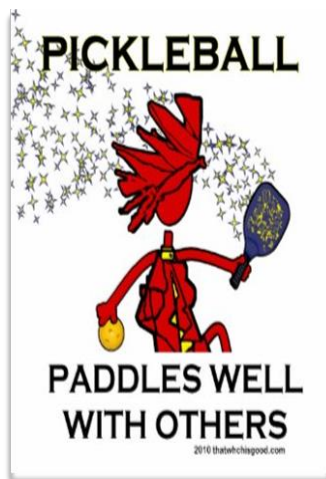
FALL LADDER NEWS

The 8-week Fall Ladder will start on Sept 22nd & run through Nov 17th. We are anticipating an increase in the number of players so please sign up soon.

To request a registration packet please e-mail Joan Pope at

register4sfs@gmail.com

A number of people have inquired about playing the season with a dedicated partner. We are looking into how we could make this work. If you are interested, please contact Mike Curry at pbgrasshopper@gmail.com.



INTER-CLUB PLAY

The SFS Coordinators are looking to arrange play with other clubs similar to ours from places like Richmond, Louisa and Arlington. We think we would want about 12 people, from all skill levels, to play in these matches. If you are potentially interested, please reach out and contact Mike Curry at pbgrasshopper@gmail.com

Pickleball Demonstrations

On Sept. 11th the SFS League gave a playing demonstration at St. William of York Church's annual International Fall Festival. We were able to introduce pickleball to a number of folks, young & old! If YOU know of a group or community that would like to host a demo, please contact Mike Curry.

WANT TO TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

Some of our SFS players have had the opportunity to attend clinics with pickleball pros/coaches Sarah Ansboury, Matt Staub, Matthew Blom, Prem Carnot, Mark Rennison & Deb Harrison.

All agree that these clinics have greatly helped their play so the SFS team is looking into bringing a pro to our area for you!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!!

SKILLS WITH WILL

Will Doss will be instructing a skills group on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:30 at Community Courthouse Center starting Sept. 6th

Stop by & check out Will's class

Questions or info?
Please call
540-658-5116



PICKLE PADDLE TIP

The Pickleball Guru, Prem Carnot's #1 Mistake: Not getting up to & STAYING at the No-Volley Line. At the end of every point, look down & notice how far you are from the kitchen line. If you're not within 2"-3" of the line, chances are that's probably why you lost the point!

Have you found a great doubles partner in the Ladder League or want to try your hand at singles play? Why not sign up for one of these tournaments! Players of ALL levels are welcome and encouraged to play!

Upcoming Tournaments

October 1-2 **2016 Mid-Atlantic Open**, Arlington, VA

October 7 **Fredericksburg Parks and Rec Novice Only Tournament**, Kenmore Park, Fredericksburg, VA

October 8 **6th Annual Williamsburg Fall Classic**, Jamestown High School, Williamsburg, VA

October 8 **2016 Louisa County Fall Indoor Classic**, Betty Queen Center, Louisa, VA

November 11-12 **The Shamrock Pickleball Tournament**, Northern Neck Family YMCA, Kilmarnock, VA

December 7 **Stafford County Parks and Rec Holiday Tournament**, Courthouse Community Center, Stafford, VA

February 4-5 **4th Annual Pickleball Tournament at the Center of the Universe**, Randolph Macon College, Ashland, VA

For more info about or to register for these tournaments, please visit

<https://viriniapickleball.org/va-tournaments/>

New e-mails for contacting the SFS Crew

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We Are Actively Seeking:

Additional indoor venues for winter play – e.g. churches
Legal assistance to help structure the League's business entity
Volunteers with skills that could help with running the League or who have some extra time
PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE CREW MEMBERS!