



2024/25 Pre-Season Update September 2024

For returning members and those joining us for the first time, we say bienvenidos!

Here is some important pre-season information to assist in knowing what plans are coming together and where your Club needs your assistance for what we expect to be another season. Last year we had January numbers in November and we expect this year will be similar.

Condition of the Courts

As in past rainy seasons, our 'year-rounders' have been keeping an eye on the rising water migration from the adjacent 'jungle' to the south and east of the courts. Thus far there has been over five feet of rain since June and there is still at least another month before the daily showers stop and nature begins to drain and dry the area.

We expect our six courts will be unaffected by November however the amount of standing water to the south of the courts may delay our plans for that area to become our primary gathering location.

We are seeking local expertise to provide advice on future mitigation measures, within our control, prior to adding more gravel and concrete to that location.



Our end goal is to have a permanent hard-surfaced area for year-round player assembly, bike parking, benches, proper paddle racks, information signage and a shade structure.

If necessary, until the south area is usable, we will squeeze into the narrow strip of our property on the north side where we assembled between games in past years. The bus parking lot owner informed us last year that a fence will be erected along the property line separating our area from the bus parking lot.

On our website there is a drone video <https://www.pickleballguayabitos.com/playerpage> flown by **Paul(Stu) Carter**, that depicts the current affected area. Well worth watching to see the extent of standing water in the adjoining forested and vegetation area.

Many thanks to Board member, **Jocelyne Berube**, who has met with the newly elected **Municipal Representative, Victor Rodriguez**. He has been to our courts and is very much an ally of our Club with an appreciation of its economic and other contributions to the community. We were also encouraged to learn the new **President of Compostela, Gustavo Ayon**, is from a professional sports background and has a local family connection to Pickleball. The incoming local and Municipal representatives and their newly appointed staff have much on their priority list so both patience and persistence will be required where we seek their support for our continued growth and needed facilities.

Board Activities

Your volunteer Board continued its monthly and ad hoc meetings with Meeting Minutes posted on our website www.pickleballguayabitos.com.

Key discussion and action items since last Spring were:

- Submission of a petition to local government seeking its support for Pickleball and needed infrastructure and services
- Creation, distribution, analysis, priorities and communication related to a Member's survey last July with excellent feedback from 115 respondents
- Highly successful launch of a community outreach program to introduce Pickleball to local school children. Many smiling faces expressing gratitude to **Jocelyne Berube and Patty Cisneros** are pictured on our website
- Update to our peak period Court allocations by numeric level
<https://www.pickleballguayabitos.com/playerdefinitions>, paddle queuing, etiquette and related conduct guidelines
<https://www.pickleballguayabitos.com/courtettiquete>
- Update to our **Fee Collector** duties and procedures & securing supplies for the season ahead
https://www.pickleballguayabitos.com/_files/ugd/eaf5e6_3ce822a136fe4f9bcace8cd8483dba6.pdf
- Creation of a **Host** position description and responsibilities
https://www.pickleballguayabitos.com/_files/ugd/eaf5e6_0b529f70fetc42c5aa1f93539f2e8966.pdf
- Creation and Board approval of an annual Operating Budget based on the 2023/24 expenses/revenues and what is projected for the Nov-Oct fiscal year ahead. Funds were also set aside to have on-hand for unexpected contingency needs and to build a capital fund for future facility improvements.
- Continued monitoring and enhancing of our website launched a year ago by our IT volunteer, **Lee Abel**; and consolidation of our Facebook Group to a single site

“Pickleball Guayabitos”, overseen by our primary social media volunteer,
Carolyn Catalano.

- Confirmation of our Annual Charity Tournament to be held January 27th organized by **Rob and Linda Cundy**
- Updates from our year-round Pickleballers regarding court and property condition including Summer and Fall maintenance upkeep

Fees for 2024/25

No change from last year based on our planned Budget:

Season: MXN \$1500

Monthly: MXN \$800

Weekly: MXN \$300

Drop In: MXN \$100

Fee waived for Mexican Nationals.

Payment is via cash to one of our on-site Collectors most mornings and afternoons. Keep your receipt in case you later decide to ‘upgrade’ from Daily to Weekly; Weekly to Monthly; Monthly to Season.

Toilet Facilities

Board member **Patty Cisneros** received confirmation from the adjacent hotel that we will have continued access to its toilet facilities on a \$10 per use basis. We are also in discussion with the builder/proprietor of a new free standing washroom facility at the NE corner of the bus parking lot; with the hope of a reasonable use agreement.

To avoid being dependent on the good-will of others, we will continue our quest with local authorities to have our own on-site toilet facilities connected to Municipal waste management infrastructure.

And now the most important part.....

As in any organization of our nature, our success and participation enjoyment will be driven by our Volunteers.

Where we need your help the most and who to contact:

1. Fee Collectors (mornings and afternoons effective Nov 1)
2. Hosts (mornings effective Nov 1 and afternoons as demand builds)
3. Court and property maintenance
4. Other special event or project-specific assistance; to be posted on our Website

How to step up? Send an email with your interest and availability to guayabitospb@gmail.com and you will be connected with the appropriate person for follow up.

How can we help you?

Website navigation or access issues?

How do I know what Level to play at?

How/who can I connect with for a lesson or mentored games?

Questions and suggestions?

Send your query to guayabitospb@gmail.com and we will do our best to assist.

Best wishes for safe travels and whatever time you spend in the Nayarit sunshine meeting and playing with friends old and new.

Your Volunteer Board

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