

Bentwood Country Club

Pickleball Handbook
2016



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MEET YOUR PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- *Director of Tennis – Courtney Choate Nagel*
- *Assistant Tennis Professional & Picklball Director –Zack Johnson*
- *Head Tennis Professional – Kaysie Smashey, USPTA Professional 1*
- *Assistant Tennis Professional – Jason Hufford, USPTA Certified*
We do not have a Pickleball professional on staff but our tennis pros do have a knowledge of the game, and Zack is dedicated to programming our Pickleball.

COMMUNICATION

We, the Employees of Bentwood Country Club, have worked hard to bring communication to a new level. Most of us have begun to enjoy the wonderful world of technology, making communication easier, faster and more accurate. Bentwood Country Club uses several modes of communication:

- *Website – www.bentwoodcc.com*
- *Club E-Newsletter – Sign up to receive this email by contacting courtney.bentwood@gmail.com*
- *Club Newsletter; The ByLines*
- *Twitter: BentwoodTennisADVentures*
- *Facebook: Bentwood Country Club & BentwoodTennisADVentures*
- *Posters and flyers around the Club*
- *2016 Pickleball Handbook*
- *Employee email – courtney.bentwood@gmail.com, zackjohnson725@gmail.com*

HOURS OF OPERATION

- *Tennis Shop*
 - Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am – 8:00pm*
 - Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm*
 - Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm*
 - Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm March-May: 1:30-6:30*
 - Monday – shop closed but tennis pros are on court in afternoon excluding summer months*

**Shop hours are subject to change, especially in winter months.*
- *Weekend & late Evening Play*
 - Our four courts have lights that are on a manual timer on the west fence/gate of the Pickleball courts for your play during the times the club is closed.*

Court RESERVATIONS

- *With increase in popularity and club leagues, we recommend reserving courts through the tennis shop. Court reservations may be obtained up to 48 hours in advance by calling 325-949-1534 or walk-up based on availability.*
- *The Billy Roberson Pickleball Center has 4 courts. If more courts are desired for play the tennis staff has 4 portable nets and can chalk off a pb court on the tennis courts.*

GUEST PLAY

- *All members must register their guest in the tennis shop prior to play. There is a \$10 court fee per non-member.*
- *Guests must be accompanied by a Member at all times unless pre-approved by the tennis staff.*
- *Members are responsible for the conduct and attire of their guests at all times. Please inform your guests of the dress code, etc., prior to their arrival at the Club.*
- *Local guests have a limited guest play of six (6) times in the same calendar year, no more than one (1) time per month.*

PROPER ATTIRE

Proper attire is required of all Members and their guests at all times. Non marking tennis shoes must be worn at all times. Swimwear will not be permitted in the Clubhouse or the pickleball courts.

Tennis SHOP MERCHANDISE/SERVICES

The Bentwood Tennis Shop strives to provide Members and their guests with a variety of top of the line merchandise at very competitive pricing. We stock men's, ladies', and juniors' footwear, as well as, paddles, balls and accessories. The Bentwood shop offers full service retail and repair. Brand names like Pickleball Inc., Wilson, Nike, Prince, and Tail are offered to membership and to the public. Special orders are available so please ask if you do not see what you need in the shop. WE MATCH INTERNET PRICING!

DEMO POLICY

We do our best to provide demos in the latest paddle technology for our Members to try. Members check out a “demo” marked paddle from the Tennis Shop to try on the Bentwood courts. This is complimentary service for our members, but if the paddle is not returned, you will be charged the cost of the paddle. If returned damaged, the Tennis Professional Staff will assess the damage and the fee for repair will be the responsibility of the Member.

Club Leagues

Bentwood has established 3 Leagues throughout the year. Cost is \$15/member and \$35/non-member and run for 6-weeks. The current leagues include:

Tuesday evening – intermediate/advanced (6:30 or 7:15pm)

Wednesday evening- beginner/novice (6:30pm)

Thursday evening Men’s League – All Levels (6:30)

New Leagues start from time to time. Be sure to check for any additional League Programs with tennis shop

Bentwood Pickleball Committee

Bentwood has established a Pickleball Committee to help with events and ideas to encourage participation in the sport. Current committee members are Kelly Driver, Johnny Coats, Cathy Choate, Joel Paul Shirley, Susan Childress, & Gail Stillwell. The Pickleball committee hosts several of their own events on court, not to mention social gatherings throughout the year off court. They had Halloween, Christmas, & NYE parties and participated in the live nativity scene at the Paseo this past holiday season.

Find them on Facebook: Bentwood Pickleball.

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Pickleball Events

Pickle Bowl- February 6th- Super Bowl themed event where players will be placed on teams two teams. The team with the most points at the end of the clock wins!
\$15mem, \$25non

Laura Bush Annual Pickleball Interclub Tournament & Playday

March 5th – 3rd Annual Pickleball Playday. This event was originally hosted by the Laura Bush Institute for Women’s Health to promote not only a new sport but encourage mental and physical exercise. It’s efforts have reached over 100 different participants in the past two years. This event will include Tournament and Interclub play with Ruidoso players competing for the traveling trophy, as well as informal play with instructions for those eager to learn. Includes lunch: \$35/mem, \$45non.

Fantastic Finale- June 11th –Play in a team style event with different points assigned to each court. This event is a Saturday only tournament that includes prizes, lunch, beer and all the pickleball you can “stand” to play! 8:00am-1:30-pm Cost \$30.

Sneaks and Cleats- August 12-13 – Big hit two years ago! Take your clubs and racket & paddles out of storage and join us for some fun golf, tennis and pickleball. Friday evening with a 9-hole golf scramble followed by food and beverages poolside, continuing Saturday morning with tennis and pickleball. Four person team, all play in golf scramble then strategy comes into play deciding which 2 team members play tennis and which 2 play pickleball. Opportunity to earn points for your team will last throughout each event! Prizes will be awarded. Each team will consist of 4 people, (make your own team or sign up as individual or pair and we will create team for you. Tennis and Golf pros will be participating also! \$45 Member, \$60 Non-Mem

Slamfest- September 10 - Bentwood’s premier event of the year! This has been a successful tennis tournament for over 30 years raising money for local charities and the Bentwood facility, and for the third year will be include a Pickleball division. This year the pickleball division will be played “Split ‘em” style. Sign up with a partner for doubles play in A & B level and if you win, you will keep your partner. The losing team will split up and play with separate partners. Sponsorships are available. \$35

Club Championships- October 1-2 - It is time for you to prove that you are the best pickleball player at Bentwood Country Club in singles, doubles, and/or mixed doubles. We are moving this tournament out of the summer to encourage more play, less heat! You also have an opportunity to win your own parking spot, a seat at the Champions dinner, and a spectacular trophy. Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles. Cost is \$35 per event.

Halloween Mixer- October 31- Skip handing out candy and come dressed in your costume and play. Hosted by the Bentwood PB committee.

Pickleball Pro-Am – November 5 – Here is your chance to mix it up with the Tennis pro's in a tournament where you will be paired with a "pro". This will be a one day event and will be a fun tournament while hopefully producing some great pickleball.