



SUMMER IPTPA NEWSLETTER

IPTPA Members, we hope you are having a wonderful start to your summer and that the first half of 2023 has been filled with fun, family, friends, and of course pickleball!!! I was privileged to visit the birthplace of Pickleball this summer and get to see where this sport we all love started. It was a tremendous experience, I hope you'll enjoy it one day as well. We are excited to bring back a quarterly newsletter to continue to let our IPTPA members know the latest and greatest happenings here at IPTPA. Thank you so much for your continued support of IPTPA and the pickleball community. Have a wonderful summer!

-Rif



IPTPA to attend the 2023 General Assembly of YMCA's in Atlanta, GA



The General Assembly of YMCA's is the Y's premier leadership development conference designed to connect, educate, and inspire YMCA staff and volunteers. Held every three years, General Assembly offers abundant opportunities to network with other leaders; first-hand engagement with nationally recognized thought leaders; exposure to 200+ companies at the largest YMCA exhibition of products and solutions; and a first look at new national initiatives before they launch. IPTPA is excited to have a booth

at this year's event in late July and is very excited to work on a new initiative we are hoping to launch in the fall. In addition to our certification programs, IPTPA is looking to create an Educator Program that will bring the IPTPA standards into park districts, YMCA's, and PE classes around the country. Rif and Stephanie Lane will be doing a teacher demonstration as part of the General Assembly program.

Member Profiles are now live on the IPTPA Website

In our last newsletter, IPTPA announced the addition of mini-web pages for any member that is interested in reaching additional players for your services. A template has been developed which will allow members to add photos, a bio, and a description of the services you provide ie: private & group lessons, clinics, boot camps etc. You can even list clinics you'll be doing anywhere in the world. We are happy to report this feature is now LIVE on the website and you should have received an email as well outlining this feature. You can find all the info under the Membership tab on the IPTPA website and by clicking on 'Member Homepage'. We think this is an exciting feature that can help grow any IPTPA instructor's profile, and we hope many of you will take advantage of it. Click the link below to add yours now!

[Add your Member Homepage here](#)

Junior Registry available on website

IPTPA is consistently looking to find great ways to not only grow pickleball but find ways to connect current players all around the country. We are excited to have the only available junior registry now available on the website. If you are parents of a junior player, or know any junior players, direct them to this great resource to connect to other junior players in their area or around the country if they are looking to connect when traveling to tournaments or other events. Pickleball is a fabulous way for families to connect and we believe bringing junior players together is also a vital part of their social development. This is a safe and secure way for juniors to connect because while anyone can see the registry on the website, you must be logged in under your IPTPA profile to be able to email anyone. This is available to not just members, but non members as well, however, if you choose to join IPTPA as a member, the junior player will have extra insurance coverage while they are playing under the IPTPA insurance policy. On the IPTPA website under the Junior Development Program tab you will see an option to 'Join the IPTPA Junior Registry.' Simply follow the easy instructions to get the junior player added and on

their way to connecting with other juniors! We hope to have several hundred juniors listed by the end of 2023.

Click here to join the Junior Registry now!! [Join the IPTPA Junior Registry Here](#)

IPTPA Heads to Bhutan for volunteer/charity workshops

As IPTPA continues to spread pickleball around the world we are extremely excited to announce IPTPA President Seymour Rifkind will be heading to



Bhutan this summer to hold certification workshops for no charge. Located between China to the north, and India to the south, this heavily Buddhist country in Southern Asia has a population just shy of a million people and has one of the largest water reserves for hydropower in the world. IPTPA will be bringing pickleball to the country in a significant way for the first time and in addition to donating time and workshops, IPTPA will also be giving away equipment to the people to help them overcome any obstacles to

growing pickleball. 55 paddles have already been sent, 3 pickleball courts are being built, and several IPTPA members will be in the country establishing a program there. IPTPA hopes to make this a yearly endeavor, visiting a new less fortunate country to plant the seeds of pickleball and use our position to donate time and resources. Your support of IPTPA helps make trips like this possible, so we thank you for your continued commitment to the sport that connects people all around the world like nothing else can.

IPTPA is forming a committee targeting players with disabilities



One of IPTPA's main goals is bringing pickleball to as many people around the world as possible. We're doing our part to overcome barriers so more people can get exposed to the greatest game ever invented. We've witnessed how pickleball has the ability to change lives. With that in mind, IPTPA is looking for people who would like to join a committee with the goal of developing a curriculum and certification program for those with disabilities. Whether you're in a wheelchair, deaf, or have any other disability, we want you to be able to experience this sport. If you're someone who is passionate

about this topic and interested in joining this committee please reach out to lauren@iptpa.com We hope to have a committee formed by the end of the third quarter.

Many companies offer discounts for IPTPA members

Don't forget along with the many benefits of being an IPTPA member, you also have access to exclusive member discounts from many pickleball companies. Under the membership tab on the website, click on membership discounts to see which companies offer special savings. They include Selkirk, Onix, Franklin, Diadem, and more!! Check them out today to save money simply by being an IPTPA member! See what companies offer discounts by clicking here! [Exclusive member discounts for IPTPA](#)

IPTPA Continues to expand worldwide

In addition to workshops across the US, IPTPA continues its mission to bring pickleball to more and more of the world. In 2022, IPTPA held 15 workshops internationally on 3 different continents. As of June 2023 IPTPA has already held 14 international workshops with a strong emphasis in Asia, visiting Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Singapore. 9 more international workshops are currently planned in the second half of 2023 bringing the total to 23 for the year! These future workshops include Malaysia, Brazil, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and China. If you have any connections around the world and think an IPTPA workshop would be a great fit please let us know as we continue to add more and more countries to our list!

Lauren McLaughlin joins IPTPA as Communications Director



Please give a big IPTPA welcome to Lauren who joins us after spending 3 years as the head commentator for the APP Pro Pickleball Tour. You may already know her from her work if you are a pro pickleball tournament watcher online but Lauren has also been playing pickleball for 10 years. Originally from MI she now resides in Milwaukee, WI and is excited to join IPTPA as the new Communications Director. She has already dove headfirst into our certification programs, getting certified as a Level I instructor, a Junior Instructor, and as a Certified Ratings Specialist! She will be helping out in many areas and as a member of IPTPA you will hopefully get to know her more as she gets into her role. Please give her a big IPTPA welcome!

New policy regarding Level II certification to take effect October 1, 2023.

Going forward, getting a Level II certification without a Level I certification will be considered a provisional certification. We understand it is sometimes quicker to get a Level II certification because you may not have access to a Teach the Teacher workshop near you. A certification may be time sensitive because there is an employment opportunity. In those instances, you can get Level II certified, however going forward we will require you to take a Level I workshop within a year to keep your Level II status. A full explanation of the history of this decision, reasoning behind it, and complete details is available on the IPTPA website here

[Level I & II Clarification](#)