

## **April Newsletter Quiz Answers**

**1. Pickleball has been the fastest growing sport in America for the last 5 years.**

**TRUE.** Pickleball continues to dominate headlines maintaining its status as the fastest growing sport in America. Top-tier media outlets like *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *CNBC*, *Sports Business Journal*, *Forbes*, and *Sports Illustrated* extensively covered the sport's growth and impact.

**2. The Heritage Palms Pickleball Club has grown nearly 400% in the last 8 years.**

**FALSE.** The Club has actually grown 427% since March 2017 when there were 42 members. Each year our Pickleball Club continues to steadily grow and there is no end in sight. There were 222 paid members this season with 52 new members and 170 returning members.

**3. Over 20 Heritage Palms volunteers run all the activities for the 220+ Pickleball Club members including training, ladders, drills, open play, league teams and other fun events.**

**TRUE.** If you read the Pickleball Club newsletter page in February, you would know this answer. It is truly amazing how many gifted dedicated volunteers the club has to keep this thriving club going. It's a gift to our wonderful HP community.

**4. Staying in the kitchen is important to remember when playing pickleball.**

**FALSE.** In Pickleball you want to stay out of the "Kitchen" when hitting the ball before it bounces (a volley). This area is technically called the "Non-Volley Zone" and was a rule implemented to make the game more challenging.

**5. Pickleball is the third requested country club sport amenity behind golf and bocce.**

**FALSE.** While golf's popularity soared across the country, it was actually the No. 2 participation sport in terms of growth at many country clubs, resorts and golf course communities.

Tennis has long been a natural complement to golf, but it's pickleball that's seen an explosion of adopters in recent years – both in terms of participants and facilities adding courts. (Source: *Forbe's* magazine). We suspect Bocce is growing too :-).

**6. Pickleball is a very difficult sport to learn, but keeping score is very easy, especially when stacking.**

**FALSE.** Pickleball is an easy sport to learn, but keeping score is tricking. Just ask any player what a score of 2-2-2 means. Players need to start in a specific position when they are serving/receiving depending on how many points they have. Stacking involves players starting in the correct spot, but then moving after the first shot. Now that's a brain twister!

**7. Pickleball is a passing fad and will fade away like racquetball did.**

**FALSE.** Pickleball's popularity is not just a passing trend; it's a testament to its simplicity, accessibility, and ability to bring people together across age groups and backgrounds.

From its humble beginnings to its global appeal, pickleball offers a unique blend of fun, fitness, and social interaction that is here to stay. So, whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, pickleball welcomes everyone to join in the joy and camaraderie it brings.

Whenever a rapidly expanding trend like pickleball emerges, there are always doubters who question its sudden rise in popularity. They suggest that pickleball is nothing more than a passing fad—a trend that will soon be overtaken by the next big thing. Indeed, history is filled with examples of activities that surged in popularity only to fade away just as quickly.

Think back to disco dancing in the '70s or rollerblading in the '90s. However, prematurely labeling pickleball as such may be narrow-minded and hasty.

Certainly, a sport that appeals to a wide range of people and shows consistent growth over decades deserves closer scrutiny before being dismissed as a fleeting craze.

(Source: <https://pickleland.com/why-pickleball-is-here-to-stay/>)

**8. Pickleball is not classy enough for a Country Club and most Golf Clubs are saying no to the addition of Pickleball.**

**FALSE.** Golf Clubs across the country and here in Coachella Valley have added pickleball courts to meet demand, typically 8 dedicated pickleball courts.

**9. Pickleball was invented by three fathers in 1965 on Bainbridge Island and one of our Heritage Palms residents was there when it happened.**

**TRUE.** The original court was started on a badminton court by lowering the net at Jan Showalter's grandparents' beach house. One of the inventors, Joel Pritchard, was her Uncle.

**10. The dog Pickles was named after the sport; not the other way around.**

**TRUE.** We know firsthand that the sport was named after the "Pickle" boat in crew because it was made up of left over sport things around the yard- a wiffle ball, a badminton net and ping pong paddles. Afterwards, the dog Pickles was named. How the name "Kitchen" got started we do not know.

*Hope you aced it!*