

Sports



Bicycle Group

First of all, our bike group welcomes everyone as long as you have air in your tires and an oiled chain and good brakes are recommended. This is a bike group, (not a club) so there are no dues or officers so all you have to do is show up and enjoy the ride. The "Greenfield Village Bicycle Group" has two different days when we ride, and we meet in front of the office by the fishpond and bicycle rack at 9 am Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesdays are our shorter rides, and we ride through Sunland Village and Greenfield Park which has very little traffic and this is between 5 and 8 miles. When everyone would like to see some different scenery, we will take a different route. Thursdays we have our longer rides when we will be taking bicycle paths and canal routes. The destination and distance is decided by the group. Our longer rides have become a favorite with the group. Safety is important and we want the same number of riders to return as started on our ride. We have been having coffee and treats after our rides. I will be in the Resort November through April so we can start riding anytime. Give me a call and we will start riding.



Billiards Club

Welcome to our billiards room. The Billiards room is open daily for everyone to enjoy. We have six 8 Ball Tables, two Snooker Tables. This is a great place to meet new friends, stay in touch with old friends and have some fun with lot of laughs. The billiards/darts club starts building momentum in early November and keeps going until the end of March.

We have open play for all Greenfield residents to practice and learn as well as organized events and leagues. You must be a club member to participate on organized events and leagues. All of our events and leagues are mixed (women and men).

All sign-up sheets, rules, schedules and events are posted in the billiards room in early November. Sign up early to secure your spot. We are always open to new games, leagues and events anytime through the season. Membership information is also posted on the bulletin boards. This is an annual membership which will include both Billiards and Darts. Volunteers are always welcome and needed to keep the billiards room running smoothly.



Darts

This is new to our park in 2023 and is located in our billiards room. We have three electronic boards which use soft tip darts only. Come join our Billiards/Darts Club.



Bocce Ball

Bocce originated in Italy and a game can be conducted between two players or two teams of two or more. The Bocce ball courts are located up near the pickle ball courts. Anyone is welcome, it's a relaxing and easy to play game for all ages and all skill levels. Come out and have some fun with your neighbors. The rules are simple and for those new to the game, instruction will be given, and you'll be playing in no time. It is open play with teams being organized each day of play. No need to sign up, just show up at the courts whichever day(s) works for you; Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday at 1 pm Play usually lasts about 2 hours.

This is a fun, easy-going group. At this time no dues are collected. We will be beginning our group play in January, but the courts are available anytime.



Disc Golf

GVR Disc Golf is open to anyone who wants to try this sport. DG is much like ball golf, 9- or 18-hole courses where you throw a Frisbee like Disc into a basket 200 or perhaps 400 feet away. Scores are the number of throws it takes to get in the basket. Like ball golf, courses have pars established for each hole. We play many various courses in the area; several very good ones are within a few miles of GVR. We also have our own practice basket in the Citrus Complex to work on putting skills.

The group typically plays twice a week. An invite is sent out early in the week and as responses come in, rides are arranged. We play in the morning. Pick up is usually 8:30 am and we finish 11:00ish, usually before noon. Discs will be loaned to beginners. While there are no dues or charges, occasionally you may be asked to drive. Co-leaders will arrange additional rounds for beginners to show the basics, rules, and etiquette of the sport.

DG, as a rule, is good outdoor fun, great exercise and somewhat casual. We can be a bit competitive but largely we're playing to improve our individual skills. We have a good time and enjoy the camaraderie.

Again, all are welcome.



Golf

The Golf Club invites all residents (owners/renters) of Greenfield Village Resort to become club members and to join us in playing golf at various courses in the area. Club membership is \$10 per person for the season. Presently there are:

2 - 9-hole mixed leagues

1 - 18-hole Ladies only league

2 - 18-hole Men only leagues

League play starts in November and

information to sign up for which league you choose is on the Bulletin Board across from the Post Office. Golfers are welcome to play in as many leagues as desired. Number of tee times is dictated by the golf courses.

Each league has a captain, and they are responsible for sign up methods (posted sign-up sheets, email or text).

Participate in our annual golf tournament and end of year banquet in March. No handicap is needed, club membership is required.

The Annual General Meeting held in January.

Greenfield Village Resort has a putting green and batting cage area that is maintained by the Resort.



Hiking Group

The GVR Hiking Group is open and available to all Greenfield Village residents. The weekly hikes are geared for residents with moderate hiking abilities. When possible, a separate easier hike is arranged from the same trailhead parking. The hiking season begins in late November and continues weekly until the end of March. The group meets every Tuesday morning at 7:15 am and drives to the predesignated hiking trailhead. Most hikes are within a 45-minute drive.

The activity requires residents to be in reasonable shape to hike up to 5 miles or approximately 3 hours' time. Residents should be sure to bring plenty of water, wear a hat, use sunscreen, a snack, sturdy footwear, and an optional hiking stick.

The group is comprised of many experienced hikers, and they know most of the trails we go to. We encourage anyone who knows a particular hike to step forward and lead our group.

Hiking is great exercise, and we welcome anyone looking to meet new friends, experience incredible scenery, and enjoy being outdoors.

There are no dues to join, but we do ask riders to donate \$5 to the driver. A sign-up sheet and description of the weekly hike can be found in the library.



Pickleball

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Pickleball was invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard pastime but has become popular among seniors as well.

The sport and courts are open to all residents and guests of the Resort for open court times that can be booked on-line. Club members have a

scheduled play for skill level and mixed event play on the HoldMyCourt system. Lessons are available for new and experienced players. There are no restrictions on where you are from or skill levels and all are welcome.

Pickleball is played in our Resort on our 6 courts at the Citrus complex and we have lights on 4 courts for evening play. Many RV Parks have courts and there is inter-park play as well.

Pickleball is played all season both indoor and outside. In Greenfield the nets are set up in the fall until the spring when most residents are here. During the hot summer only 1 or 2 nets are up. We have a detailed schedule of events that is on-line. See instructions at the courts bulletin board on how to access the HoldMyCourt system.

Greenfield Pickleball is a club, and you need to have a membership to join in the organized events other than open play. See the bulletin board at the courts about information on how to sign up for membership. The club is open to all residents but not guests. The club is run by an executive and has an annual AGM in February. We have many members that volunteer to help run the club and fund raise like Burger Nights.

Pickleball is great fun and very social, so you get to meet lots of great people. The sport is easier on the body, so it is a good way to stay active for a 55+ community while you are having fun. Warning that the game can be very addicting which can be a good thing.



Pool Volleyball

This is a fun sport played casually at the pool. Everyone is welcome. Come on out and "serve" yourself, (get it). There is no previous training necessary just be prepared to have a great time. The net, poles, and ball are stored in the closet right behind the showers. The short pole is mounted at either end of the pool and the second longer pole is mounted at the bottom of the pool. There may be a cap in the hole at the bottom of the pool. Remove the cap before inserting the pole and return the cap after you are done. There are instructions for set-up in the closet as well. So come on out, bring a group, and have some fun. Play with 6 to 12 people. 1 to 3 pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 6 to 8 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Putting Green

The putting green is located just north of the tennis courts. Anyone is welcome to come out and enjoy. Great for putting and chipping from short grass. There will be a small metal garbage can with seed/sand mixture for you to replace your divots with, please use wherever you see fit. If you see any ball marks or pine needles on the green, please remove them. Pine needles break down into the soil and slow, even stop, grass growth, so keeping them off the green is important.



Shuffleboard Club

Shuffleboard is a game in which players use cues to push discs gliding down a court, with the purpose of having them come to rest within a marked scoring area. Shuffleboard was introduced about 1913 at Daytona Beach, Florida as a game on land. The game was so popular that it spread rapidly through the United States particularly in retirement communities.

Anyone can play Shuffleboard and everyone is encouraged to play. At Greenfield there have been people who are very fit as well as those that are a little stiff and sore. The range of people also includes players who need the use of a cane, walker, or wheelchair. There have been players who are nearly

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totally blind and require another player to describe to them where the disks are located in the scoring area.

At Greenfield there are 16 shuffleboard courts which can accommodate 64 players. These courts are very well maintained and are a source of great pride in our Resort.

At Greenfield, shuffleboard is played 6 mornings a week at 9:15 but the courts are open for private games in the afternoons, evenings and on Sundays. Players that wish to play outside of the posted times must make sure that they know how to take care of the courts before playing.

Shuffleboard is a club which has membership dues, an executive, training and many volunteers, however, that while membership is encouraged it is not necessary to become a member. During the season there are a few activities and games that are only open to members. The game is fun and sometimes aggravating but it is a way of meeting new and old friends and enjoying the lovely Mesa weather while thinking of those at their northern homes in the cold. Training is provided at least two mornings a week and sometimes when requested.

*The biggest fund raiser for the Shuffleboard Club is the Pancake Breakfast. The breakfasts are held in The Ballroom from 7:30 to 9 am and usually on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. See more under the section **Entertainment, Gatherings and Meals.***



Slow Pitch Softball

We play softball from early January through February in the City of Mesa Senior Softball League. All games are usually played at Red Mountain Softball Complex on Brown Rd...just east of Power Rd, in Mesa.

There are no age divisions, but the divisions are listed according to strength of the teams i.e. A B C D, etc. We play in a competitive division rather than a recreational division. We have not yet had women players but would welcome some if they would care to join us.



Tennis

GVR has 5 tennis courts that are available to all residents and guests and is an active social hub in our Resort. Three of the courts have lights for evening play.

In GVR, we have many opportunities to play tennis, whether you have never held a tennis racket to the already very skilled tennis players. We have seasoned volunteer coaches and provide free lessons to beginners as well, which is called Tennis 101.

We have a very active tennis club with some members participating in the EVSTL competitive and recreational leagues with other Resorts in our area.

The courts are located in the hub of the community where we also have a

courthouse for serving coffee, cookies and fun day lunches. Our club meetings are held in the Ballroom and our end of year social is held in the Ballroom or near the Gazebo where we add music and dancing to the fellowship.

Tennis is year around at GVR, with the residents and guests playing early morning or later afternoon/evening to avoid the warmer temperatures. The tennis courts can be reserved any day between 7:30 am and 6 pm with an online booking system (INSERT SITE HERE). There are open round robins every morning beginning at 7:30 am; ladies' round robins are every Monday at 1:30 pm and men's round robins are every Thursday at 1:30 pm...there is a sign-up to attend the ladies and men's round robins so that courts that are not needed can be opened for social play. The busiest months on the tennis courts are from November through March when we host league/recreational play and when many of our residents are in the Resort.

Presently dues for GVTC membership are \$30/year, social membership only are \$10/year, honorary membership where there are no dues...we currently have 15 honorary members. There are many opportunities to volunteer from holding an office to cleaning the courts (which is also a social event as beverages and fellowship is enjoyed after the work is done).

The best of friends and family are made when you join the tennis community... people with all backgrounds, ages and skills coming together for fun, fellowship, and fitness.

Greenfield Village Tennis Club has a Facebook page where events and pictures are frequently posted, and questions can be asked/answered. We have a link on the Greenfield Village website under activities. And, a certain way to be greeted/invited to play tennis is visit our courts and friendly members playing or watching tennis