

## Pacific Pickleball newsletter March 2023

Hello pickleball players,

What a winter it has been. I have not seen this much rain since we lived in Oregon. No more praying for rain in California!! Bonnie and I are signed up for the Zin2Win tournament in Templeton next weekend so hopefully we will get a break in the weather.

In this newsletter I want to highlight the brand-new **Gearbox** paddles. After playing and selling Gearbox for almost four years, I have come to appreciate how amazing they really are. In my opinion, they are the most advanced and durable paddles on the market. Gearbox engineers keep finding ways to improve the performance to stay ahead of the pack. They just released three brand new paddles that I will describe.

The first two are the **CX14H Ultimate** and **CX14E Ultimate**. These are basically the same paddles with different shapes. They are 100% carbon fiber with no edge guard. They slice through the air like a Porsche 911 sports car. I have been playing the first generation CX14H for 1.5 years now and absolutely love it. It has amazing control where I can surgically place the shots where I want to. It also has enough power to put the shots away. The new Ultimate paddles look and feel like the originals but there are some important differences. The biggest new feature is that the core is detached and suspended from the perimeter. That gives the core a trampoline effect that will accelerate the ball. I have tried them, and it really works. I found them to have the same control as the original ones but they have more power for the finish shots. They are also slightly heavier which adds stability. Gearbox paddles are balanced so well that they always feel lighter than the actual weight.



*Gearbox 14H and 14E Ultimate*



*Gearbox GBX 16mm*

The third new paddle from Gearbox is the **GBX 16mm**. This is a raw carbon paddle similar to Joola Hyperion, CRBN and Electrum. Amazing spin, great control and effortless power. On top of this you will get the unmatched build quality from Gearbox. I have tried it and it is a delight to play.

**If you are looking for a new paddle, please contact me for the lowest price and free shipping. I also have many demos available if you live in the San Luis Obispo area and want to test-drive a new paddle.**

**My tip:** Don't get fancy with the serve, just make sure you get it in. Most advanced players will be able to return any kind of serve. Instead, focus on your dinks and drop shots. Move the ball around and try to place many of the drop shots and dinks at the back hand of your opponent.

That's all for now. See you on the courts.



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