T3 Adaptive Racquet Sports

September Player Spotlight

Steve Bunch

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Hi, I'm Steve Bunch, a PPR Certified Pickleball Coach. I play pickleball in a wheelchair and play Para Standing pickleball. My adaptive pickleball journey started in 2023 when I heard about CAF, the Challenged Athletes Foundation. I signed up for a CAF weekend beach volleyball clinic, met some awesome people, and started taking weekly tennis lessons with Coach Keith and Coach Kirk at T3 Adaptive Racquet Sports in Mission Viejo.

At the Angel City Games I got hooked on pickleball and I love it. Thank you Gary and sorry tennis. Now I'm one of the pickleball coaches for the Angel City Games, Triumph Foundation, and T3 Adaptive Racquet Sports helping adaptive athletes of all ages learn to play pickleball. The adaptive athlete community is huge and filled with inspiring people and inspiring stories. People who use sports to keep a focus on moving forward.

I especially want to thank the legions of volunteers who help produce the many adaptive sporting events, helping out so many ways. Your contributions of time are invaluable to participants and the families of the athletes you support.

To the adaptive athletes, to their families, to the volunteers, to all of you I say thank you for being a part of this journey. Whatever sport you enjoy!

"We miss having Steve on our weekly tennis courts, now that he is coaching and playing Pickleball. He is a great personality on whatever court he graces and is very encouraging to those around him, including juniors and beginners who join on his court. As we expand our services, we are honored to have Steve as a T3 Pickleball Coach. He plays both para-standing and in a chair, and is a valuable asset, having empathy and understanding of the challenges involved in learning and competing with a prosthetic leg and in a sports chair."

Steve is a commercial pilot with over 3,500 hours of flight time. He brings great professionalism to his coaching regimen, and is big on drilling and practicing fundamentals, which is key to success for top-level pickleballers. So, we kindly say "Aye Aye Captain" whenever he gives us instructions on the courts.

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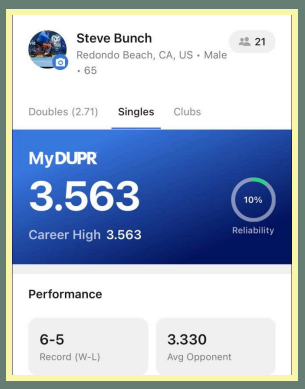

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