



# THE PROFESSOR'S MINUTE

Welcome to the Pokémon League! A Pokémon League provides a nearby place for you to get together with other fans of both the Pokémon Trading Card Game and the Pokémon video games, and have some fun. Using your own cards and Pokémon video games, you can play, trade, and even earn cool prizes! The best part is that you can do all this with other Pokémon players who love collecting and playing just as much as you do.

November - December 2017

## Latest News



### Pokemon Leagues

See our calendar updates for all the Pokemon in our area.



### Operation Pikaclaus

*Collecting Pokemon Theme Decks to give to children with nothing for the Holidays.*



### Pokemon VGC Winter Series League Challenge

*On November 16, 2017 we will have a Pokemon VGC Winter Series League Challenge.*

#### Operation Pikaclaus

Starting November 1, 2017 we will begin our Operation Pikaclaus program. We will be collecting Pokemon Theme Decks and monies to buy Pokemon Theme Decks for children for the Holidays. On November 11, 2017 we will have a charity tournament for our Operation Pikaclaus at the Red Barn. This will be an unlimited format and will start at 6p. Last year we bought a case of Pokemon Theme Decks and donated them to Country Santa in Pickens County for children who were less fortunate for Christmas. So we are asking our players to donate a new, unopened Pokemon Theme Deck or participate in our charity tournament. I'd like to see us donate these theme decks to Country Santa or even Toys For Tots. If you know of an organization that would like to partner with us in Operation Pikaclaus please let us know. Pokemon Theme Decks can be giving to our league leaders.

#### Pokémon Video Game Premier Challenge

Get started with Pokémon video game competitions at Premier Challenge events! Enjoy the thrill of live competitive battles and get started on the path toward the Pokémon World Championships. Premier Challenges are the smallest events in the Championship Series season and provide a great way for players to try competitive Pokémon play in person.

- \* Welcomes players of all skill levels
- \* Offers a fun time with other Pokémon fans
- \* No qualifications or residency restrictions

These events have modest Championship Point payouts and provide players with an excellent opportunity to get started in Pokémon video game tournament play.



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## Holiday Happenings and Schedule

The Holiday Season is upon us. There will be some closings of our Pokémon Leagues during the holidays.

The Following Pokemon Leagues will be closed during the Holidays:

### Captain Hampton Memorial Pokemon League

November 23, 2017

December 21, 2017

December 28, 2017

### Central/Clemson Pokemon League

Decemebr 25, 2017

### Planet Comics Pokemon League

December 24, 2017

December 31, 2017

### Captain Hampton Memorial Pokemon League Christmas Party

Decemeber 14, 2017 - 530p-830p

Last meeting of the year for the Easley Pokemon League. We are asking players to please help us out to make this event a huge success. Please bring Holiday treats to our league for the celebration. Please see Professor Jeff to coordinate for the party.



*Merry Christmas From Our Family To Yours!*

### Newsletter and Pokemon League Contact:

**Jeff Crump, Professor, League Owner, Tournament Organizer**  
**Phone: 864-324-2369 or Email: easleypokemongym@gmail.com**  
**Website: www.easleypokemongym.tk**

## A New Video Game Championships Format for 2018

The Play! Pokémon program has announced early details on the upcoming Pokémon Video Game Championships format. The updated format will give players a chance to come up with exciting new strategies. Players will be able to try out these new rules in online battles as soon as Pokémon Ultra Sun and Pokémon Ultra Moon launch on November 17, 2017. All live tournaments will transition to these new rules on January 1, 2018.

Here's a brief summary of the new regulations:

- \* All battles will be Double Battles played in Pokémon Ultra Sun and Pokémon Ultra Moon
- \* All Pokémon in the National Pokédex are allowed, with the following restrictions:
- \* Pokémon must have the Alola symbol showing they were caught in the Alola region
- \* Mythical Pokémon, some Legendary Pokémon, and Ash-Greninja are not allowed
- \* Duplicate Pokémon are not allowed
- \* All items are allowed, but duplicate items are not allowed
- \* All Pokémon are set to Lv. 50, including Pokémon below Lv. 50
- \* Player time is 5 minutes

The entire 2018 Pokémon VGC rules document will be available on the rules and resources page in December. Players are expected to understand the rules when participating in a competition, so take a look at them before your next event.

Once again, players will be able to download rule sets to practice with the 2018 VGC rules via the Pokémon Global Link. Visit the Festival Plaza in your Pokémon Ultra Sun or Pokémon Ultra Moon game to download the rules and start battling and training with your friends.

Look forward to many exciting battles in 2018 under the new Pokémon VGC format starting later this year.

Source: pokemon.com

## OFFICIAL ULTRA PRISM SET REVEALED!



The name of the next English set is Ultra Prism! It will be released in America on February 2nd. The set will introduce a brand new mechanic called Prism Star cards.

Six of these Prism Star cards will be made for the set. No further information is known about them.

There will be ten Pokémon-GX in the set, five of which are Ultra Beasts. All of the Sun and Moon Ultra Beasts have been released in the English and Japanese TCG, so unless two of them get new cards, this means there could be two more Ultra Beasts in Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon aside from UB Burst, UB Adhesive, and UB Assembly (unless the two Necrozma forms somehow count as Ultra Beasts).



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## OFFICIAL ULTRA PRISM SET REVEALED! - Continued

Over 150 cards will be featured in the set, as it will be a combination of the cards from Japan's December SM5 set in addition to the exclusive cards from the SM4+ set. The set will have 18 Trainer cards and three special Energy cards. Despite being marked as "Ultra Beasts" on their cards, no Trainer cards or anything else in the game targets Ultra Beasts yet, so we'll probably get some cards that support them.

The set's mascots are most likely Dawn Wings Necrozma and Dusk Mane Necrozma. Each will get their own Elite Trainer Box.

Prerelease for the Ultra Prism set is scheduled for January 20, 2018 through January 28, 2018.

## Operation Pikaclaus

Pokémon League is a fun and accessible way for Pokémon fans to get together with other fans and have some fun! League events are open to all TCG and VG players regardless of experience level or skill. Pokémon League events are a great way to learn game basics. The Pokémon games encourage strategic thinking and, in many cases, basic math skills. Pokémon puts a strong emphasis on good sportsmanship and respect for other players, as well. And many parents feel that the Pokémon TCG and Pokémon video games encourage their children to learn to read, since reading is required in most Pokémon games.



Operation Pikaclaus starts November 1, 2017 through December 1, 2017. During this time we are looking to collect as many Pokémon Theme Decks as possible, to share the love of Pokémon with kids who love Pokémon. These theme decks will go to those kid who have nothing for Christmas. The theme decks donated or aquired by our Pokémon Leagues will be given to local charity organizations to be distributed to kids in our community. We ask that you please donate a new, unopened Pokémon Theme Deck to our league leaders of Easley, Greenville or Anderson Leagues.

The decks we are looking for are in the current standard format. Preferably Sun and Moon theme decks. Any theme deck would be appreciated.



## Pokemon Trainer Account...

Do you have one? In 2013 Pokemon gave players a special gift, a Pokemon Badge Case. The Pokemon badge case was given to Pokemon Players to encase Pokemon badges that were given to players during that year. The only way to get the badge case was to have an active Pokemon Trainer Account.

The Pokémon Trainer Club is a feature on Pokémon.com. Pokémon Trainer Club accounts are used not only by the Pokémon.com website itself but also by the Pokémon Trading Card Game Online, Pokémon video games through Pokémon Global Link, and organized Play! Pokémon events and tournaments.

Your Pokemon Trainer Account will also help the league with supplying more Pokemon League promo cards and other special Pokemon prize support as issued by Pokemon. With the Pokemon Trainer Account you can track your Championship Points, play Pokemon related games, and connect with your Pokemon Friends.

If you need assistance please see Professor Jeff. The Easley Pokemon League will have a way for you to connect to your Pokemon Trainer Account.

## Get a Shiny Silvally for your Pokemon Sun and Moon Games

Visit your local GameStop store From October 23rd through November 13th, to pick up a new code card that gives you a Shiny Silvally for your Pokemon Sun and Moon Games. Shiny Silvally comes win with the RKS System Ability and you can give it a memory disc to hold to change its type and unleash a powerful Multi-Attack!

Just remember that when Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon comes out to use the Pokemon Bank to transport it over to your new games to enjoy it for the fun times ahead.

How to get your battle-ready Shiny Silvally in Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon:

1. Make sure your Nintendo 3DS system is connected to the internet.
2. Open your Pokémon Sun or Pokémon Moon game.
3. Select "Mystery Gift" on the main menu.
4. Select "Receive Gift".
5. Select "Get with Code/Password", then "Yes" then "Yes" again to connect to the internet.
6. Enter your code.
7. Watch as you receive Shiny Silvally.
8. Speak to the delivery person in any Pokémon Center to receive your Shiny Silvally.
9. Be sure to save your game.



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## Pokemon Tournament Central

### Easley

Tournament Name: Easley Pokemon VGC League Challenge  
Tournament ID: 17-11-000326  
Category VG: Modified  
Date: November 16, 2017  
Registration: 6:00PM to 6:30PM  
Product: Video Game  
Premier Event: (2018) Premier Challenge (Winter Series)  
Status Approval: Pending  
Location: Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, South Carolina 29640 (864) 850-7077  
Cost: Free

### Greenville

Tournament Name: Pokemon Sun & Moon Burning Shadows Booster Draft  
Tournament ID:  
Category TCG: Limited  
Date: November 7, 2017  
Date: November 14, 2017  
Date: November 21, 2017  
Registration: 6:00PM to 6:15PM  
Product: Trading Card Game  
Cost: \$15  
Location: The Red Barn 2333 N. Pleasantburg Dr Suite A, Greenville, SC 29609 - (864) 412-7887

Tournament Name: Operation Pikaclus Unlimited Tournament  
Tournament ID:  
Category TCG: Unlimited  
Date: November 11, 2017  
Registration: 1:00PM to 1:30PM  
Product: Trading Card Game  
Cost: \$15  
Location: The Red Barn 2333 N. Pleasantburg Dr Suite A, Greenville, SC 29609 - (864) 412-7887  
All monies raised from this event will buy Pokemon Theme Decks for children less fortunate for the Christmas Season. Pokemon Theme Decks can be donated at Easley Pokemon League, The Red Barn Pokemon League, and the Planet Comics Pokemon Leagues.

For more information on Pokemon Tournaments check out our website at <http://easleypokemongym.ml>. Click on the Pokemon Tournament Central link. Or, check the event locator on Pokemon.com.

## Deck the Halls with Pikachu

Toys“R”Us and Pokémon are celebrating the holiday season with a trio of exclusive Pikachu ornaments that will make your home look extra festive. Starting October 29, 2017, visitors to participating Toys“R”Us stores will receive an ornament with a purchase of Pokémon products totaling \$25 or more while supplies last. There are three unique ornaments to collect, and a different one will be given away each week during the promotion. Remember to return to Toys“R”Us during the weeks of November 5 and November 12, 2017, to receive the other two ornaments with qualifying purchases.

The three ornaments feature Pikachu waving a pair of candy canes, Pikachu wearing a Santa hat, and Pikachu holding a present—Pokémon fans will undoubtedly want to collect them all. Whether you're shopping for yourself or someone else, this is the perfect way to stock up on Pokémon goodies while picking up a bonus ornament to decorate your home!

Source: [pokemon.com](http://pokemon.com)

## Indigo Ridge Cafe Moving



Indigo Ridge will be moving to join their TR Location in November 2017. Please visit there new location at 308 Poplar Street, Travelers Rest SC. We thank Indigo Ridge for their support of our Pokemon League here in Easley.

## Leagues Supported By The Following...

<p><b>The Red Barn</b> <b>2333 N.Pleasantburg</b> <b>Dr, Greenville, SC 29609</b> <b>(864) 412-7887</b></p> <p>The Red Barn located in the Cherrydale area carries a great selection of Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, War Hammer, Jewelry and Art. Coffee and snacks as well. Safe and clean. Very family friendly.</p>	<p>Boardwalk 1175 Woods Crossing Rd, Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 297-6924</p> <p>Boardwalk offers a large selection of games and has a great selection of Pokemon TCG and related products.</p>
<p>Da Zoo Games 1003 Gentry Memorial Hwy. Easley, SC 29640 (864) 553-0190</p> <p>Games for the entire family. Pokemon singles and other Pokemon products available.</p>	<p>Planet Comics 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621 Comics, Games, Pokemon Singles and TCG Merchandise</p> <p><i>The Pickens County Library system, Captain Hampton Memorial Library staff, we thank you for all that you do and have done for the league over the years. Heath we really appreciate all your efforts and hard work in our league. May we continue to find more Pokemon adventures into the future.</i></p>