

PebbleCreek Pickleball

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April is Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer month. This month is dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our communities as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month.

Our Club is run by Volunteers - including but not limited to every Board of Director position, all social functions, court maintenance, internal and external tournaments and many more functions too numerous to list here.

If you are a member of this Club and you have not yet offered your talent and your support in the form of volunteering, it is your turn to step up and help. Some roles require more commitment than others and there is something that everyone can do to help ensure our Club remains the center stone to Pickleball at PebbleCreek.

Please contact Michelle McKee at mckee100@aol.com to volunteer with straightening our courts in the evenings or Pam Cagle at secretary@pcpickleball.org for all other volunteer opportunities.



Look for the next edition of the PebbleCreek Pickleball Newsletter on April 30, 2024



2024 Club Championship

The 2024 Club Championship was held on March 21, 22 and 24 and what a tournament it was. For the first time, due to an increase in the number of players, the tournament committee was able to form brackets for both age and skill, much like the majority of outside tournaments. This allowed for more competitive play throughout the club and provided so many positive experiences for members who might not normally play in this tournament.

There were so many exciting matches it's hard to count all of them. Not only did we have some incredible comebacks that led to unexpected victories but we also had some dominating performances by many of our talented players.

We also for the first time allowed resident sponsorships that provided not only financial support but also allowed us to hold raffles each day of the tournament. Additionally, pizza was provided on the last day of the tournament thanks to Roy Johnson Realty, our title sponsor. Other sponsors for the tournament were United States Senior Pickleball, Humana/Dennis Poppe, Selkirk/Deb Smedley and Judy Coventry with WestUsa Realty.

Here are the medalists in their respective divisions:

WOMENS DOUBLES

Skill/Age	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2.5 50-64,65+	Donna Jansen Donna Maykulsky	Nancy Oreshack Ginny Fucinari	Clydeen Fortner Johnnie Chandler
3.0 50-64	Jennifer Rosenblad Nancy Weber	Tina Butir Valerie Bethany	Hope McCallister Margo Powell
3.0 65+, 70+	Darleen Lockhart Linda Nathan	Barb Mussman Ellen Stergulz	Judy Friedman MaryLynne Carson
3.5 50-64	Donna Tessmer J. Wittmus	Susan Gavin Helen Wagner	Brenda Miner Jill Mecklenburg
3.5 65-69	Nancy Vansickle Debbra Jones	Carolyn Keay Deborah Larkin	Barbara Graves Lucinda Poppe
3.5 70+	Judy Sondag Teresita Laron	Roberta Diles Pat Chernow	Nancy Lesicka Cindy Maschner
4.0 50-64	Linda Tompkins Cindy Lawton	Katie Claypool Libbie McClaflyn	Tori Benz-Hillstrom Kristin Diliberti
4.0 65+, 70+	Susan Mackey Deb Nielsen	Candi Rickard Jo Cohn	Ellen Enright Kathleen Hubert-Wyss
4.5+ 50-69	Kim Ebert Jennifer Kwong	Stacie Barron Lisa Milbrath	Andrea Dilger Jo Comstock

MENS DOUBLES

Skill/Age	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2.5 50-69	Rodney Cobb Stephen Brower	Doug Cushing Tod Pickett	Bill Brashier Dave O'Sadnick
2.5 70+	Craig Weber Gary Watts	Jim Chamberlain Dale Erickson	William Wilson James Guhde
3.0 50-69	John Shellhorse Rob Krebs	Eric Hellsten Karl Zobel	Glen Shimabuku Terry Rice
3.0 70+	Tyrus Tenold Tom Messersmith	John Jelderks Reg Westgarth	Dave Kremisdorf David Poppe
3.5 50-64	Andrew Bonnofsky Joe Lorino	Dan Zukowski Dan Latta	Mike Garverick Steven Davies
3.5 65-69	Lou Becovitz George Bulfon	Bill Segal Jim Curry	Scott Coffee Dean Samuelson
3.5 70+	Bart Alford Steve Peterson	Jim Littlefield Steve Noble	Troney Hutchins Mike Watty
4.0 50-64	Neal Wurm Charly Eisenreich	Ray Henson Ken Hammer	Jeff Gauvin David Trimble
4.0 65+	Doug Hartman Mike Adkins	Brad Riley Joe Sagorsky	Chris Johnson Al Drennan
4.5 50-64	Steve Manns Alex Potapoff	Tony Wells Kerry Krueger	Javier Barron Jon Bernard
4.5 65+	Jim Barbe Terry Long	Bob Czajkowski Rick Reed	Dick Burns Barry Stolbof

To see all the photos taken by Mike Behrendt go to the link below. They are also posted on the Facebook page Pickleball at PebbleCreek. There are some great photos, enjoy. [Click Here.](#)

MIXED DOUBLES

Skill/Age	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2.5 50-64	Brenda Zelinger John Zelinger	Debbie Kiefiuk Paddy Hoy	Chris Polizzi Marco Polizzi
2.5 65+	Clydeen Fortner Craig Weber	Sylvia Erickson Dale Erickson	Jillayne Payne Richard Hawkins
3.0 50-64	Kathy Perkins John Shellhorse	Jennifer Kull Glenn Shimabuku	Becky Trimble Jeff Schoenen
3.0 65-69	Margo Powell Bob Church	Madonna Dyson Russ Dyson	Melinda Klinka Jeff Specter
3.0 70+	Nancy Morgan Bill Cagle	Donnie Catton Tyrus Tenold	Kerry Williams Ron Nelson
3.5 50-64	Laurie Johnson Glenn Schneider	Susan Gavin Les Gill	Lisa Kellis Andrew Bonnofsky
3.5 65-69	Marlene O'Halloran Dean Samuelson	Laura Leno Ken Recknagel	Caroly Keay Alan Boyce
3.5 70+	Judy Sondag Steve Peterson	Nancy Lesicka Lou Becovits	Shirley Seymour Randy Morrow
4.0 50-64	Cindy Lawton Neal Wurm	Chris Stelplugh Gary Luber	Sara Meline Ray Henson
4.0 65+	Deb Nielsen Greg Young	Candi Rickard Joe Sagorsky	Ann Fish Reg Van Drecht
4.5 50-64	Stacie Barron Javier Barron	Lisa Milbrath Alex Potapoff	Andrea Dilger Steve Manns
4.5 65+	Maggie Charlton Jim Barbe	Heidi Farrell Barry Stolbof	Lynn Lionhardt Bob Czajkowski

Looking forward to another great tournament in 2025. Thank you to all the players, referees and the many volunteers that worked for 3 days to make this a huge success. THANK YOU.

Team Challenge - Round Two

In February, 240 members had the opportunity to have the most fun you can have on a Pickleball court. The Spring Team Challenge was as successful as the first one and enthusiasm for this event continues to grow.



K. Aaronson, M. Powell, L. Weber, L. Milbrath, G. Schneider, B. Cagle

After an intense 2 day battle of fierce pickleball between 40 teams, the Dodgers (19-1) and the Oilers (19-1) squared off for the final round. The crowd of spectators was very rowdy as the teams battled it out. In the end, the Dodgers (photo above) snagged 1st place for some well deserved bragging rights. In the future, we hope to accommodate most all registrations for the next Team Challenge as we had over 130 people on the wait list. Possibly, adding a morning session to go with the afternoon session we can make it work for all members who would like to participate.



8th Annual PebbleCreek Pickleball Tournament

Another huge success this year, despite the weather that threatened to shut the tournament down. Mike Crabtree and his team did everything possible to keep the courts dry and safe, the hospitality plentiful and the competition running smoothly. It is not surprising this event is such a big fundraiser for the Club and a premier event in the Pickleball world.

There were 445 competitors from 26 different states and several regions in Canada. 56 of our own club members participated with many of them taking home medals - see list below.

Over 360 club volunteers ensured that every aspect of the event ran smoothly. Thank you to all those that gave their time to help. This level of hospitality is why this event is one of the most popular competitions in the country. Consider being a volunteer next year.

Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual event scheduled for February 26, 27, 28, 2025.

PebbleCreek Pickleball Club Members and Partners that took home a Medal

Gold Metalist: Lisa Kellis/Heidi Monahan, Candy Rickard/Jo Cohn, Andrea Dilger/Maggie Charlton, Doug Hartman/Kirby Bayerle, Joe Lorino/Andrew Bonnofsky, Mike Adkins/Al Drennan, Reg van Drecht/Eddie Cortez

Silver Medalists: Debbie Jones/Julie Sribney, Laurie Johnson/Teena Lorino, Kristin Diliberti/Tori Benz-Hillstron, Barbara Wellington/Doris Corrales, Sandy Zitzke/Linda Tompkins, Jo Comstock/Kari Rambo, Kim Ballew/John Steege, Erik Knak/Ray Hensen, John Stiepel/Marty Braden, Steve Manns/Sean Manns

Bronze Metalist: Kathy Hubert-Wyss/Ellen Enright, Susan Gavin/Deenie Clinton, Annie Bessette/Val Braden, Barb Wise/LylaReibel, Chris Johnson/PaulZaprzalka, Gary Bertolet/Burton Geiger, Michael Mitchell/Gary Lubert, Jim Barbe/Larry Moon, Wade Johnson/Robert Czajkowski, Jonathan Bernard/John David, Robert Dunst/Dennis Poppe

We're hooked! We can barely help it! We can't get enough Pickleball play. Add to that our limited court availability and the size of our club and all of a sudden it is easy to forget what makes our Club so special: etiquette, sportsmanship and simple courtesy. As a reminder, PebbleCreek Pickleball Club Rule 9 listed below, details court etiquette. Lets remember this "game" is more fun for everyone when we all respect the rules and extend some courtesy to our neighbors on the courts.

Rule 9. When empty Open Play courts are available new groups MUST use an empty court before putting their paddles in a POD box. Groups who arrive early are allowed to stay on their court until all Open Play courts are being used by groups of 4 players.

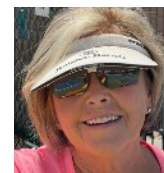
This rule includes the following situations: 4 players may not take a court from 2 players under any circumstance when there is at least one open court available. On wet days, a group of players that dry off a court do not have to give up that court until all courts are full and paddles are in the POD box. For all Club rules click on this link <https://www.pcpickleball.org/open-play> or if you need clarification, please contact Pam Cagle at secretary@pcpickleball.org. Lets Play Nice.

Top tips to Avoid Injuries on the Court

There are many things we can do to help prevent injuries on the Court. Wearing the proper shoes for example. But we must also prepare our body for the physical challenge of the game. With a dynamic warmup you will get your body temperature up, your blood flowing and your muscles activated. This 7 minute warm up will drastically minimize your chance of injury. Click on this link to get complete pre and post game routines. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGuDQDTR-dw>

Name Badges: Please **do not take the magnetic back off a new members new badge** on the board in the ice room. If you need a magnetic back email secretary@pcpickleball.org.

When members order a new name badge, the timeline to receive your badge is generally 2-3 weeks. Currently, the Club collects and submits the badge orders once every 7-10 days. The engraving takes a few days to complete each batch. A volunteer then picks up the finished badges, places the new badges on the whiteboard in the ice room, and the members are emailed. If you have ordered a name badge and have not yet received your badge, please contact me, your Club Secretary, Pam Cagle, at secretary@pcpickleball.org.



Court Courtesy: Please hang your bags low on the fence so players can watch the play. Please do not use chairs to hold your bags, coolers, and other items. Thank you, Pam Cagle, PCPC Secretary

"Coaching for Courts"

With immense gratitude, this donation is being submitted for the many hours and dedication that Andrea and Sonja provided coaching the Dinking Divas, a PC APPL team. We became better players and appreciate them greatly!

Coaching for Courts continues to be a great fundraiser for our new courts. In the past 8 months they have raised over \$4000 in donations. The Skills and Drills players that Val and Marty Braden organize, APPL teams and Individual players have made significant donates to thank our coaches. Often the coaches may not even know of the generosity they inspired in the player.

A big thank you to all our coaches and all our players that contribute to this worthy cause.