

Happy Valentines Day



February 2022

President's Corner

Grateful, this is how I feel about our Club. To make a club strong we need a lot of people that do bits and pieces of a lot of things. That is what we have here in PebbleCreek, many members helping in small to very large ways. In January we had two wonderful days of the Final4 Club Tournament and a Chili Cook-off along with a paddle demo day. The Final4 went off without a hitch despite over 20 players having to withdraw at the last minute. Not only did Renee deLassus and Alex Potapoff run a wonderful tournament, but they did it with smiles on their faces. Linda Krueger stepped forward to work with all the wonderful volunteer referees and Andrea Dilger kept players and spectators happy with munchies and refreshments. Not to be out-done, Wendy and Rick Langhals did a fantastic job of coordinating 21 delicious pots of chili at the 2022 Roy Johnson Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to Chris Morlan for organizing our member paddle representatives allowing members the opportunity to try a variety of paddles.



These three events were fantastic. What made them successful was the welcomed leadership of the above mentioned along with ALL the additional VOLUNTARY jobs that are essential: referees, first aide people, paddle representatives, food servers, AND of course, the set up and take down crew for each of these events.

These are examples and recurrent scenarios that we have had all year with all our events and day-to-day operations. In addition, we have leaders and volunteers in various committees, along with member volunteers who at the end of each day, pick up the balls left on the courts, close gates and straighten chairs (all things every player can help with as they leave the area). We also have our fix-it and tech support volunteers.

All these volunteers are what makes our Club strong and makes me incredibly grateful. Thank you!

New Court Update

The City and RCI (Robson Communities, Inc.) continue to work through one outstanding permit. The HOA Board has yet to receive a formal cost breakout from RCI. The land continues to be prepared through the "at-risk" permit RCI received from the City. The land preparation is part of RCI's further financial commitment of resources toward the new courts. In addition, there are still concerns about not only hiring contractors, but also, those contractors being able to buy supplies. We will update membership as we have further information.



Officer's Needed

The election for the PCPB Club Board of Directors is open to all members of our Club. Each year the five Club officer positions (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and officer at large) are open for election. The general duties of each office can be found on the pcpickleball.org website. Interested members are also encouraged to speak to current and past officers about these officer positions. Most players simply want to show up and play, however, a Club of our size need leaders to determine and solve the Club needs throughout the year. Elections will occur the beginning of March. Anyone who is willing to run for an office, please send your name and officer position to Bob Chester at bobchester56@gmail.com.

Paddle Boxes

For those new to our Club, all of our courts are utilized as Open Play, Drop In or Club Events. We do not allow individuals to reserve courts. The only time courts are considered reserved is when they are being used for a Club Event, any other time all courts are shared through Open Play and/or Drop-In. There are several white paddle boxes mounted on fences around the courts that help players rotate fairly. We try to group courts together in what we have termed PODS. POD 1 includes courts 1, 8 and 13-16, POD 2 includes courts 17-20 and POD 3 courts 4-7. The remaining courts 2, 3, and 9-12 are used as Drop In courts in the morning and Open Play or Events in the afternoon. Individual players always need to share the courts through either Open Play rules or Drop-In rules. If players are unsure, the rules are listed on the website and on the bulletin boards by courts 4 and 9. In order to alleviate any confusion, we try to post the rules by the boxes for players to read.

USA Pickleball Tournament

After one year hiatus, our USA Pickleball sanctioned tournament is ready to roll! From February 9th to 11th our biggest tournament of the year will see teams from all over Canada and the U.S. compete right here in PebbleCreek. With over 500 players already registered, this is one of Arizona's most popular tournaments. There are spots still available in most divisions. Let's get more players entered from our club so the home fans will have lots of teams to cheer for. If you need a partner, our great organizers will help you find one. Volunteers are still needed for various jobs including hospitality, baking, check-in, parking, first aid, and set up/take down. Contact Linda Van Son at linda.tonyvanson@gmail.com if you can help.

This tournament is home to the largest single-venue pickleball club in the world and is one of the most popular USAPA sanctioned tournaments there is. The tournament kicks off with the Women's Doubles on February 9 with Mixed Doubles February 10 and Men's Doubles, February 11. Registration closed January 31.

Each day will begin with the US & Canadian National Anthems. The famous "Sweet Spot" will offer free homemade sweets by Creekers and free freshly brewed coffee. To donate home baked goods to the Sweet Spot, please contact Vicki Carter at vicki.carter@rogers.com.

Vendors will be offering the latest in women's and men's sports apparel, jewelry, paddles, health-care treatments, and pickleball mementoes.

Chef Peter's Catering Truck will furnish food with a different menu each day.

There is no admission or parking fee, but parking will be extremely tight. Please walk, ride a bike, or use a golf cart to minimize traffic congestion.

Whether as a player or a fan, come down and join the fun!



PebbleCreek Club Championship Tournament

The PCPB Club Championship Tournament is approaching. Check your calendars for March 10-13 and hold the date if you haven't.

Registration opens on Court Reserve February 15 and will go through March 3. Club members in good standing can play and there are no extra fees. There will be no waitlist and no limit on entries.

Club Championship dates:

- Women's Doubles on Thursday, March 10
- Men's Doubles on Friday, March 11
- Day of rest on Saturday, March 12
- Mixed Doubles on Sunday, March 13

Format:

- Format for all brackets is double elimination. Winner's bracket is 2 out of 3 games to 11, win by 2; Loser's bracket is 1 game to 15, win by 2
- Brackets must have a minimum of 6 teams to be a stand-alone group. Otherwise, it will be combined with the closest level
- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for each bracket, each day

Registration:

- Register on Court Reserve, events will be under Tournaments
- BOTH players must register and list their partner's name in the partner field along with their current rating and the rating level they would like to play in if different
- Players may elect to play at their current rating or a higher rating level. You may not play at a rating level below your current club rating
- No limit on the number of teams in any bracket
- Players without partners can register in a "Needs Partner" list

Referees:

- If you are willing to referee on any of the days, please let Alex know

Questions:

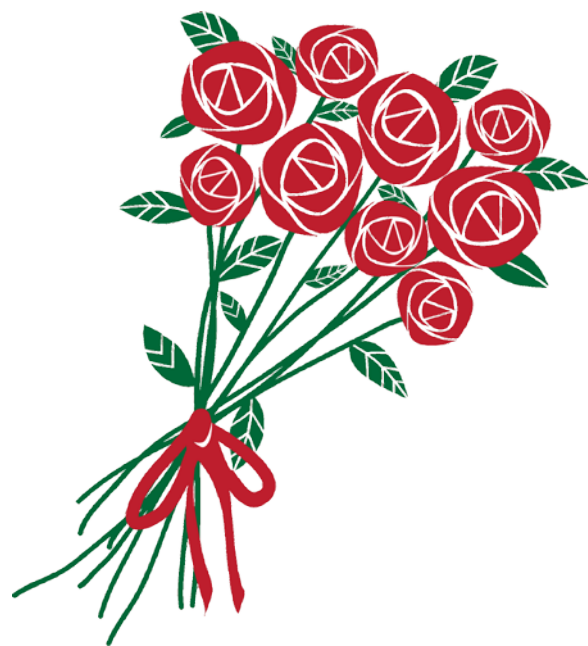
- If you have questions please contact your tournament directors, Alex Potapoff at phone: 623-337-3617 or email: lexpotapoff7@gmail.com or Renee deLassus at phone: 860-677-1117 or email: renee@radsem.com.

Men's and Women's Final4 in the Books

By Renee deLassus

The Men's and Women's Final4 was held on Jan 13 and 14, respectively. We had 112 women and 128 men participate in the event. A special shout out goes to the 2.5 women where we had 26 participants in the field this year, bravo ladies! The Final4 event is all about allowing newer players, non-tournament and veteran players to experience the fun of tournament play in a relaxed environment with a guarantee of 8-9 games. The objective of the event was successful, with fun and camaraderie on full display.

The competition was tight, with the majority of brackets coming down to tie breakers to determine who played where in the final matches. If you missed out on the fun this year, make plans to play next year. It was also a good warm up for the club championship coming up March 10 (Women's), 11 (Men's) and 13 (Mixed).





Women's Final4 Results:

Group 7:

Gold – Kelly Cowan and Becky Anderson

Silver – Mary Beth Calderone and Brenda Wieland

Bronze – Sharon Danaher and Mary Cornwell

Group 6:

Gold – Michelle DiLeonardi and Deb Campbell

Silver – Christine Jimenez, Diane LeChaix

Bronze – Dawn Shpudejko and Vicky Ballew

Group 5:

Gold – Libbie McClafin and Stella Mitchell

Silver – Karen Klaus and Kit May

Bronze – Joanne Biddix and Georgia Graeff

Group 4:

Gold – Lori Haffley and Kathleen Heigh

Silver – Wendy Creason and Pam Harper

Bronze – Terri Lovell and Donna Tessmer

Group 3:

Gold – Jeanne O'Reilly and Chris Stelplugh

Silver – Jane Wood and Sara Meline

Bronze – Teresa Meyers and Susan Mackey

Group 2:

Gold – Linda Tompkins and Candy Rickard

Silver – Pam Smith and Renee Salko

Bronze – Tamara Ramsey and Karen Barbe

Group 1:

Gold – Jo Comstock and Jill Lewis

Silver – Dalonna Cooper and Dee Rochel

Bronze – Lynn Lionhardt and Heidi Farrell

Men's Final4 Results:

Group 8:

Gold – Steve James and Mike McWhorter

Silver – Jeff Fischer and Bob Church

Bronze – Robert Wieland and Glen Schneider

Group 7:

Gold – Tom Hoover and Mike Perkins

Silver – Vic Knight and Martin St. Peter

Bronze – Lou Becovitz and George Bulfon

Group 6:

Gold – John Steege and Shad Thayer

Silver – Scott Baird and Tom Dohmeier

Bronze – Jim Littlefield and Jeff Janning

Group 5:

Gold – Darryl May and Guy DeCosterd

Silver – James Jimenez and Wade Biddix

Bronze – Marty Braden and Kim Ballew

Group 4:

Gold – Mike Mitchell and Gary Luber

Silver – Marty Aalto and Gary Mattevi

Bronze – David Carlson and Roger Rosenbusch

Group 3:

Gold – Norm Bowman and Greg Young

Silver – Tom Skinner and Rob Dolan

Bronze – Tony van Son and Byron Knapp

Group 2:

Gold – Greg Wellington and Jonathan Bernard

Silver – Dan Trahon and Eddie Cortez

Bronze – Mike Crabtree and Rick Reed

Group 1:

Gold – Steve Manns and Kerry Krueger

Silver – Alex Potapoff and Scott Johnson

Bronze – Tony Wells and Bill Vansickle

Chili Cook-Off

With 21 pots of chili, the 2022 Roy Johnson's Chili Cook-off was a yummy success. How can you go wrong with chili named Gobble till You Wobble, Dink-a-lishus, Sweet Potato Chili, and many more? Our members got to sample and vote on their favorite flavors and when all was done Carrie McDonald's Fiesta Queso Chicken Chili took home the top honor. Not far behind was Debbie Campbell's "Sweet and Sassy" and tying for third place this year was Jeff and Linda Tomkins "Zippy's Smoked Brisket Chili and Paddy Hoy's X40 Chill-E. Taking the honor of Best Name and Presentation was "Chili-ing in the Kitchen" by Amy Volstromer. Wendy and Rick Langhals were the hosts for this year's event. They organized the chefs, and had many volunteers serving the food.

Thanks to several community paddle representatives and the organizational skills of Chris Morlan, players were able to try out a large variety of paddles. One or two players from the previous day's Final4 were spotted looking at new paddles..... Did you bring home a new one?

As much fun as players had tasting chili, eating hot dogs, and trying out new paddles, some of the best fun was seen on the courts where laughter and great shots dominated all morning long. The courts had both recreational and competitive play, and all players used the drop-in play philosophy of playing with a variety of different players by the order of paddles in the box.



COACH'S CORNER...with Tony Wells

This month I want to talk about what I think of as the 4 steps to becoming a better pickleball player.



Step 1: Taking time through play and practice to learn the skills we use.

Step 2: Involves learning the right shots at the right time based on those skills. When do I do a third shot drop? When do I attack? When do I play soft etc.?

Step 3: Is the most neglected step. Playing without fear. Playing without fear means attempting the right shot at the right time without worrying about the consequences. This means in rec play (social, round robins, drop-in), you don't worry about the score. You attempt the right shot whether the score is 0-0 or 10-10. When we worry about the score, we make safe, conservative shots, not necessarily the "right" shots. Someone who plays with fear will make the same shot over and over, even though they know (from step 2) they should be doing something different. For example, we can look at someone making third shots. Playing with fear, they will keep hitting floaters to their opponents, even though they know the value of a third shot

drop. Playing without fear means trying those drops, even if they make errors and lose points.

Step 4: Involves going back to practice and working on those shots that are troublesome. Unless you play without fear, you will never understand what needs to be improved upon. Attempting shots without fear of failure is the measuring stick by which you can plan your practice time.





- Dick Burns and Steve Urbin who added banner holders for above our medal podium
- HOA for the new ice machine
- Colleen Malaney who does the editing of the newsletter
- Janelle Watts who helps with proofreading articles for member communications
- Mimi Blythe for her pickleball articles to the PC Post
- All the volunteers from the Final4 and Chili Cook-off
- Jackie Cameron who has been picking up our name badges and contacting members since last spring
- Chris Morlan for making paddle box separators



Fixin's from the Fix-It Team

By Jeff Antrican

Have you thought about all that goes into a successful experience for pickleballers? The Fix-It Team checks the net heights, the gate openings, the ball supply, the bad ball buckets, the fans, the lights, and the walkways. Last month, the broken chairs, tables, and paddle boxes were piling up, so the team got together and cleaned house! Repairing the round robin boxes was a project tackled by the team and not a moment too soon. It would be great if you could help by picking up your trash, your water bottles, the pieces of ourselves that we seem to disrobe and leave behind. After the Final4, there were a lot of granola bar wrappers and drink bottles littering the complex. The HOA staff doesn't pick up after us...we do.



Dick Burns and Steve Urbin

We welcome Kit May to the Fix-It Team. Not to be out done by a bunch of guys, she has volunteered to bring her drill and a hammer to get 'er done!

Life is like...Pickleball!

By Jeff Antrican

Ahhhh. Family dynamics. We were sitting around the dining table with our (adult) kids over the holidays when the topic of stress came up. What's an atypical dad response? "Life is just like pickleball! We get advice from others we respect. We practice. We prepare. And...it all goes out the window when that yellow ball starts coming straight at us!" May 2022 be the year where you crack less than your pickleballs and you laugh more!

Speaking of cracking less pickleballs, in last month's newsletter we asked for your suggestions on helping them last longer. Member Ken Recknagel shared the following thought "When we used to play ping pong, we never hit the ball down and bounce it off the ground, because that type of impact cracked the ball. Quite frequently I see someone hit the pickleball off the ground before serving, like they do when preparing to serve in tennis. I would imagine that type of blunt hard impact would shorten the balls life."

Lynn Manns suggested an insulated bag or cooler for balls when it's below 40 degrees. Watch for more ideas as we try to lessen the impact of those harsh Arizona winters on our pickleballs!



Furniture committee chair, Joanne Burch, is ecstatic about all the members who are stepping up to help rearrange chairs. This month, along with rearranging, Bill & Pam Cagle are picking up (or posting pictures of) all the discarded clothing items we're removing as we warm up on the court. Judi Johnson is covering February and Jonnie Chandler has March. Janelle Watts & Barb Downey are sharing duties in April with Jamie Slee, and Sandi Hartstone is battling clean-up in May. Volunteering on the furniture committee is fun and you get to meet new friends while keeping our common club areas looking great. Thank you, everyone!

If you lose your name badge magnet, please don't replace it by taking one of our new member's name badges magnet. All you need is to contact Kathryn at secretary@pcpickleball.org



Update on Professional Pickleball and How the Pros Might Impact You!

Kevin Hillstrom

The past year has been an interesting year in the world of Professional Pickleball.

In prior years, there were few venues for the pros to play and get paid. There were three major tournaments, the US Open in Florida, the Tournament of Champions in Utah, and Margaritaville Nationals at Indian Wells.

This situation changed in 2021. Well, it changed before that, but COVID got in the way. In 2018, the Pro Pickleball Association (PPA) was created. In 2021, the tour rolled out more than a dozen tournaments across the United States, including tournaments in Phoenix and Mesa. Of course, professional tournaments need professional players to be successful. The PPA contracted with numerous professionals, offering them appearance fees of anywhere between \$500 and \$2,000+ to appear in PPA tournaments. Players then earned additional money by finishing 1st/2nd/3rd in PPA tournaments. Most of the best players, players you've heard about (Simone Jardim, Ben Johns, the Watters, the Newman's, Jessie Irvine, Catherine Parenteau among others) signed agreements. The agreements limited appearances for these players outside of PPA tournaments. Players were allowed to play in about six non-PPA tournaments per year. If you subtract the US Open, Tournament of Champions, Margaritaville Nationals, and Major League Pickleball, you quickly learn that pros could not play in many other tournaments (two per year).

The APP (Association of Pickleball Professionals) is a competing professional tour. They generally don't have player contracts. If you were a player who wasn't ranked in the top five or six in your gender, you played a lot of APP tournaments because you could earn prize money for finishing 1st/2nd/3rd. The APP hosted more than fifteen tournaments in 2021 and is scheduled to host more than twenty tournaments in 2022. Several players made their mark in APP tournaments in 2021, including Lauren Stratman, Vivienne David, Lea Jansen, Jay Devilliers, among others.

This is where things get interesting.

Remember how we got new serve rules a year ago? Remember how we got new "let" rules, where the serve could hit the net and be legal as long as the serve didn't land in or on the kitchen line? Those rules were enacted by USA Pickleball, an organization that also hosts a half-dozen professional tournaments each year, as well as the US Open, the Tournament of Champions, and Margaritaville Nationals.

Well, in 2021 the PPA decided to not implement some of the rules USA Pickleball implemented (let serves,



for instance). This happens in other professional leagues (wooden bats in major league baseball vs. aluminum in high school). But the decisions showed that the PPA was acting independent of the governing body of pickleball.

In addition, USA Pickleball hosts and maintains UTPR (USA Pickleball Tournament Player Ratings). When you play in a tournament, your rating (mine is 3.512) determines what level you can play at (3.500 to 3.999 means you can play as a 3.5 or higher). Many players are dissatisfied with their UTPR (can you believe people would be dissatisfied with their rating, club, or tournament?). As a result, a breakaway group developed their own ratings system, called a DUPR (Dreamland Universal Player Rating). The PPA elected to partner with the folks who created DUPR, using DUPR in their tournaments

instead of UTPR. This impacts our tournament players, because several club members are scheduled to play in the two valley-area PPA tournaments in January/February. For these players, their UTPRs will not change as PPA tournaments are considered “non-sanctioned” by USA Pickleball. However, their DUPRs will be adjusted in PPA tournaments.

Interestingly, DUPRs are more flexible than UTPRs. If you played in a Pebble Creek Club Tournament or even played in Ladders on Thursday/Friday, you can submit your results to DUPR and your DUPR will be adjusted.

Is your head spinning yet?

Well, here’s where everything ties together.

In the past month, there was a major announcement from the PPA. I read about this (and most of the stuff outlined above) on the No Man’s Land Pickleball blog (<https://nmlpickleball.wordpress.com/>). The PPA announced that billionaire Tom Dundon (owner of the NHL’s Carolina Hurricanes) purchased the following three entities.

- The PPA.
- PickleballTournaments.com (the software used to run pickleball tournaments, including the tournament our club hosts in February).
- Pickleball Central (an e-commerce brand out of Kent, WA that sells paddles, apparel, and equipment to the pickleball community).

Remember, the PPA uses DUPR for their tournaments. Since most tournaments use PickleballTournaments.com to run their tournaments, the PPA will now be able to easily update their DUPR ratings system because they will know all of the match results in all tournaments using PickleballTournaments.com software. If you enter your results from a Ladder on a Thursday/Friday, you can also be theoretically compared to players who play in outside tournaments and also play in Ladders here at Pebble Creek. If you beat me in a Ladder and I beat somebody in an outside tournament, the software that generates DUPR might infer that you’d beat the person I beat in an outside tournament.

It doesn’t take a lot of imagination to see where this could lead.

1. The PPA, via DUPR, can rank many tournament players and casual players, comparing them all.
2. By owning Pickleball Central, the PPA has the name/address of 300,000 worldwide avid pickleball customers. They’ll know people who play via DUPR, and they’ll know people who buy merchandise via Pickleball Central. They’re going to have a huge database of pickleball enthusiasts to market equipment and tournaments to.

The PPA went a step further, trying to starve the APP out of business while putting USA Pickleball in a difficult situation. New PPA ownership (according to the NML blog) asked pros to sign three-year agreements, guaranteeing between \$2,000 and \$5,000 per appearance in a PPA event (of which there are more than 20 in 2022).

However ... HOWEVER ... there is a catch.

For three years, pros are to remain loyal to PPA tournaments only (granting an exception only to Major League Pickleball, which if you watched MLP on YouTube and CBS Sports you found it utterly fascinating and compelling). The only way a player can play in an APP event, or in a USA Pickleball event, is to get written permission from the PPA.

Oh oh.

This is going to starve the APP of their player base. The PPA allegedly has at least 22 pros signed up for 2022 PPA play. That won't leave many players for APP tournaments.

Most interesting is that the three major USA Pickleball Tournaments (the US Open, Tournament of Champions, and Margaritaville Nationals) appear to be frozen out of the agreement as well, meaning that PPA pros cannot play in the three majors unless the PPA gives them permission.

The APP and USA Pickleball have formed an alliance (you would too if you were either of them). But the APP is going to be deprived of talent. It will be interesting to see what APP tournaments look like in 2022. We'll find out soon as there is an APP tournament at the new Legacy Complex in Mesa in January.

The three major pickleball tournaments are now at risk as well. Many pro players have been upset with how USA Pickleball runs tournaments, based on comments from players on various pickleball podcasts (from Ben Johns and Tyson McGuffin in particular). Perhaps you noticed that half of the good pros didn't play at Nationals this year (some due to vaccine requirements, some because of USA Pickleball dissatisfaction).

How does this impact you?

If you are a casual recreational player, it's just gossip. Most likely, your play won't be impacted.

If you are a competitive player (Ladders, Club Tournaments), it is possible your performance could be compared against outside tournament players via the DUPR ratings system. This potentially creates all sorts of interesting future scenarios for clubs looking to evaluate players, should the PPA choose to go down this path in partnership with DUPR.

If you are a tournament player (outside of Pebble Creek), you are going to see changes. The organization formerly known as SSIPA (who hosts many tournaments across the Valley) already switched from PickleballTournaments.com to PickleballBrackets.com. Your UTPR will change in USA Pickleball sanctioned tournaments. Odds are, your DUPR will change in USA Pickleball sanctioned tournaments and PPA sanctioned tournaments.

If you purchase pickleball merchandise via Pickleball Central, your purchases, name, and address are likely to be linked to DUPR information. The PPA will be able to market equipment to tournament players, generating revenue in the process.



Professional pickleball is currently in the “Wild West” stage of evolution. With a billionaire now owning professional pickleball, tournament software, and pickleball e-commerce operations, things are going to change. It will be interesting to see how somebody with deep pockets influences the future of the game we enjoy.

Tommy Wong Tournament Update

Kevin Hillstrom

Surprise! There was another major West Valley Tournament last weekend. In Surprise! Go figure.

Nearly four dozen Creekers paddled their way north, driving to play in the Tommy Wong Memorial. Mr. Wong was a pickleball fanatic who passed away at the age of forty-four. Funds raised by the tournament go to a scholarship fund, with \$2,000 going to each of four students from the Dysart School District.

We talk about tournament medalists an awful lot in these articles, and for good reason. Medal winners play for between four hours and six hours, sometimes battling the same team for six or seven games between the Winner’s Bracket Final and the Gold Medal Match.

The rest of us have a different tournament experience. Your author survived for a whopping fifty-nine (59) minutes before being eliminated on Saturday. I’ve sat for oil changes at quick lube establishments that took longer than that. Do you get a commemorative blanket for your efforts? Sure. And you obtain a lot of pickleball experience. I learned how to block an endless array of top-spinning 60mph 3rd shot drives, for instance.

That was my experience, the experience of somebody who tied for 7th place in an eight-team bracket.

Meanwhile, I offer you an impressive list of Creekers earning hardware.

Women’s Doubles

Gold, 3.5, 60+ - Barb Wellington & Cindy Lawton

Silver, 3.5, 60+ - Kathy Hubert-Wyss & Ellen Enright

Bronze, 3.0, 60+ - Michelle Moskos & Sue Slaughter

Bronze, 4.5, 60+ - Barb Wise & Jo Honeycutt

Men’s Doubles

Gold, 5.0, 60+ - Jim Barbe & EJ Karsten

Silver, 3.5, 70+ - Fred Biancardi & Tee Hutchins

Bronze, 3.0, 70+ - David Kremsdorf & Phil Duran

Bronze, 3.5, 70+ - Dean Goupil & John Donovan

Bronze, 4.5, 70+ - Wade Johnson & Carl Tietze

Mixed Doubles

Gold, 3.0, 50+ - Steve Tamparo & Tori Benz-Hillstrom



Gold, 4.5, 65+ - Sonja Drinkwalter & Tony Biondi
Silver - 5.0, 60+ - Jim Barbe & Melanie Van Delden
Silver, 3.5, 60+ - Linda Tompkins & Jeff Gauvin
Silver, 3.5, 70+ - Roberta Diles & Dean Goupil
Bronze, 3.5, 35+ - Karyn Barbe & Paul Tourangeau
Bronze, 4.5, 70+ - Barb Wise & Wade Johnson

That impressive list of Creekers enjoyed the full tournament experience!

Spring is Tournament Season in The Valley. There are more than a dozen tournaments between January and early May. It seems like half of the tournaments are being hosted at the new Bell Bank Park in Mesa (featuring a central court seating over 2,000 spectators). Our own club hosts a tournament in February. If you aren't playing, why not come out and cheer on your fellow Creekers as well as our guests from other communities? At press time, 497 players are registered to play in our event.

Upcoming Meetings

The next PCPB Club pickleball board of directors meeting will be held February 16 at 3:00 pm in the Milan Room. The agenda is posted on the PCPB Club website one week prior to each monthly meeting. Members are invited, at the start of each meeting, to address the Board with any issues not on the agenda. Members also may comment on an agenda item prior to any board action.



Your PCPB Pickleball Board

Sharon Hadley, Kathryn Villeneuve, Tony Wells
Jeff Antrican, Nancy Popenhagen

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