

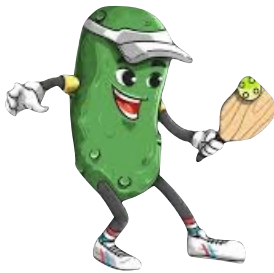
PebbleCreek Pickleball

Monthly Club Newsletter

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Something very special will be happening at this year's PebbleCreek USAP Tournament in February. You will not want to miss this history in the making. In the 70+ 4.5 Men's Doubles bracket we will have four members of the Pickleball Hall of Fame playing with and against four of our very own PebbleCreek 70+ 4.5 players. Pickleball at its finest right here in PebbleCreek! Life is grand.



Mark Friedenberg



Jim Hackenberg



Steve Paranto



Larry Moon

Thank you to **Brad Reinschmidt** for straightening both the North and Central Courts in January. We need volunteers for May and June. Please contact Michelle McKee at 661-904-1954 if you want to help.



A message from:
Bob Weldon
President

It has been a very active time since returning from the holidays. One of our objectives as a Board was to provide events that provided "excitement " and "fun" to our members. Our events and social committees have been hard at work doing just that. Toys for Tots, socials, team challenge and MLP are just a few examples of what has been planned recently. The Club Championship tournament is fast approaching in March, as well.

Recently we had an MLP event that was well attended and, just as important, was very well received. This event attempts to match equal levels of play by gender that play in a team event format. Rumors have it that another one may be planned for April. I hope all of you take advantage of this great opportunity.

As most of you already know, on February 16, 2025, the Club is hosting a Pro Exhibition event with Riley Newman, Lindsey Newman, Connor Garnett and Callie Jo Smith participating. The registration filled up quickly. This should be a great event and all the credit goes to Dennis Poppe for putting this together. Thanks Dennis!!! I hope this is well received by the Pros so we can have more of these opportunities.

Our success as a Club is because of our volunteers. As we see turnover, please step forward and volunteer your support. We need you.

Thanks for all of your efforts. You make my job easy.

Bob Weldon



Rating System Update

Based on the results of the survey, the Club is heading towards a self rating system. The Advisory Committee has met several times and has put a proposal together. The Board is reviewing this and will make a recommendation back to the Committee. We hope to launch the rating system fairly soon.



*A message from:
Jonathan Colter
Vice President*

Once A Week Can Make All The Difference

For most of us, we feel incredibly blessed living here in PebbleCreek. To a large extent, our pickleball community consists of kind, caring people that help to enhance the quality of life we live. In times of hardship, we readily reach out to offer support to those in need. We don't wait for people to ask us for assistance. We see or hear about an individual's challenge, and offer ourselves in any capacity we can.

The quality of character in our community is exceptional. It is an important foundational component required to advancing the needs of our club in a positive direction. So how do we "tap into" this character to support the needs of our club and its members without waiting to be asked?

...by following the simple concept, "Once A Week..."

ONCE A WEEK

- Play DOWN a rating level (or more) to give our club members a chance to see a different style and/or skill level of play.
- Organize some social time with your group (or at Drop In) after playing pickleball, rather than simply heading home. Getting to know our community improves our social interaction and our overall well-being.
- Introduce yourself to new residents, renters and guests to help make them feel welcome to our club.
- Head over to the ramada and straighten the chairs after playing a session of pickleball to enhance our club's appearance.
- Check the courts to see if any balls have accidentally been left on the courts and put them in the tubes after you've finished playing. It shows you care and helps others to follow suit.
- Consider asking players in your organized groups or from Drop In to practice pickleball skills. I'll bet many would like the opportunity, but are hesitant to ask (not wanting to burden others).
- Consider mentoring players seeking guidance. "Pass it forward" as other members have done to help you attain the level of skill you possess.

If you're willing to reach out to help someone in challenging times, why not consider reaching out to one another in good times with an act of kindness and thoughtfulness. These simple action steps create a more meaningful sense of membership while reinforcing a sense of personal pride every member likely possesses.

So here's my challenge to you... consider incorporating into your thinking and actions the concept of: "ONCE A WEEK". You may just find the act of giving to OTHERS more rewarding and fulfilling than imagined.

ELECTION INFORMATION

It's time to think about our New Board of Directors!

Are you ready to represent your Club?

Wow! It's great to hear how many people are interested in being involved with the Pickleball Club. These are exciting times here at PebbleCreek and we have an election of new officers coming soon, March 1 – 10. If you are interested in running for a position, please feel free to reach out to me, the Nominating Committee Chair: Jeff Antrican, at jeffantrican@gmail.com.

Here is a quick look at the positions and attached is a link to the bylaws that will provide detailed information.

- The president position is the ambassador to the club, responds to members, and is accountable for administration.
- The vice-president position fills in for the president, as needed, and responds to members.
- The secretary responds to club emails, orders name badges, inputs all manual memberships and renewals.
- The treasurer position does require an accounting (not CPA) background and QuickBooks experience would make life easier.
- The officer at large position assists the president and responds to members.

In addition to their duties, most of the officers oversee areas that interest them; like Court Maintenance, Player Development, Tournaments, Communications, Socials and Fundraising.

Here is the link to the Club Bylaws.

Have more questions? Contact a specific Board member we'd love to share our passion with you.

- President: Bob Weldon, president@pcpickleball.org
- Vice President: Jonathan Colter, vp@pcpickleball.org
- Secretary: Pam Cagle, secretary@pcpickleball.org
- Treasurer: Lori McLinton, treasurer@pcpickleball.org
- Officer at Large: Marty Braden, officeratlarge@pcpickleball.org



A message from:
Pam Cagle
Secretary

Thank you to the Coaches that did **Coaching for Courts** in January: Jonathan Colter, Mike Meline, Ken Hammer and Beth Kelly.

Planning to no longer continue on the pickleball committee you currently volunteer for?

Please notify your board liaison by email or text if you do not plan to continue your volunteer position as soon as possible, even if you plan to continue until April 1.

Time to pay your dues? You do not need to complete the Membership Application to pay your annual dues. You may pay your dues online in your Court Reserve app using your charge card. The alternative is placing a check in the gray lockbox which is located in the ice room in the central courts ramada, put the player's name in the memo section.

Volunteer Opportunities: Interested in volunteering for our big **February tournament**? If you are interested in being a part of this event email secretary@pcpickleball.org. Many of the chairpersons will contact last year's volunteers to identify the number planning to volunteer another year, then they will be looking for new volunteers. There are so many fun volunteer areas and several shifts over the days of the event. Some of the volunteer work includes infrastructure, managing parking, baking, registration, photography, setup, breakdown, and much more.

In your life before PebbleCreek were you a nurse? an EMT? a doctor? In the medical profession? If so, we need you during our tournaments. We always provide a First Aid Station and "medics" that walk around verifying no one is injured or in need of help. We currently have three tournaments a year, February, March and November. To volunteer please contact Pat Chernow, pat.chernow@gmail.com to volunteer for the February tournament.

Name Badges: 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. Our volunteer, Dotti Kirkpatrick, then picks up the finished badges, emails each badge member and places the new badges on the whiteboard in the ice room. 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.

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.

Reminders: We have many new members, please introduce yourself when you go onto a drop in court.

Please do not use chair seats to hold your bags, coolers, and other items.

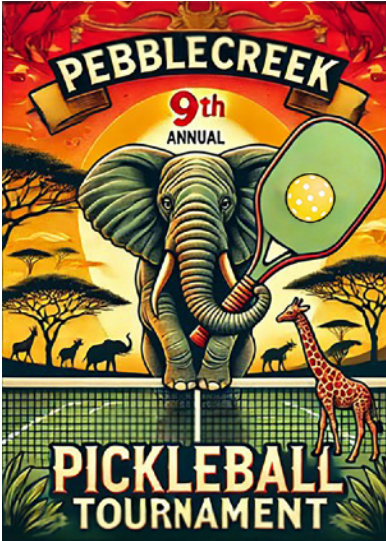
MLP Event Was A Huge Success

The first official club MLP Event was held on January 24th. We had a fantastic turnout of 240 players with three different start times to complete the event in one day. Plenty of spectators attended as well and lunch was provided by the club for all players. Brackets of 4 teams participated in round robin play against all other teams to determine the winner of each skill level. I heard so many say that this was one of the most enjoyable formats they have played.

MLP Winners

Women Group 1	Danielle Tsai	Renee Salko	Tammy Dana-Bashian	Deb Nielsen
Women Group 2 TIE	Karyn Barbe	Mary Beth Calderone	Robin Weaver	Linda Li
	Debbie Zink	Kathy Hamilton	Lynnsey Virden	Judi Williams
Women Group 3	Deenie Clinton	Linda Kellis	Susan Gavin	Mary Dohmeier
Women Group 4	Judi Johnson	Nancy Dugan	Debbie Schneider	Vikki Constable
Women Group 5	Becky Trimble	Linda Nathan	Darleen Lockhart	Elita Lesh
Women Group 6	Margo Powell	Lynelle Sanders	Marcy Taylor	Bridgett Trujillo
Women Group 7	Judy Friedman	Nina Coulombe	Lori Vallar	Sylvia Erickson
Women Group 8	Linda Gill	Malinda Jensen	Cindy Rainey-Bell	Susan Nadeau
Men Group 1	Howard Mendel	Jim Barbe	Dennis Poppe	Bob Weldon
Men Group 2	Rick Reed	Doug Hartman	Ken Hammer	Brad Riley
Men Group 3	Brad Reinschmidt	Rob Hill	Greg Young	Ron Bonnell
Men Group 4	Dick Spampinato	Scott Weide	Jerry Dileonardo	Jim Upchurch
Men Group 5	Dan Latta	Lou Becovitz	Jim Curry	Tom Kellis
Men Group 6	Mark Murdock	Drew Smith	Jeff Schmitz	Phillip Lesh
Men Group 7	Steve Battershell	Matt Miller	Dale Erickson	John Stoller





PebbleCreek Pickleball & Pachyderms

PebbleCreek's Ninth Annual Pickleball Tournament returns February 26th, 27th and 28th. Why an image of a elephant playing pickleball? It's to let you know about the opportunity to bid on a fabulous African Photo Safari at our silent auction on Thursday February 27th from 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM.

This is an exciting 7 days, 6 nights African Photo Safari for two people. The mandatory minimum bid is \$4,700. Located near the Ramada, the Silent Auction booth will be open daily from 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM. For more information visit africanspiritsafari.com

The club offers three separate silent auctions during the tournament, a new auction everyday. There will be many exciting items up for bid. If you see something you want, bid on it, because the item will not be there the next day. Proceeds from the auction go to building and improving the pickleball courts and facilities. The auction only accepts cash or checks. Payment is due when the auction closes that day.

Competitors from around the country and the world will battle it out at the central courts off Clubhouse Drive in PebbleCreek. Tournament Director Mike Crabtree will kick things off with updates and announcements, followed by the U.S. and Canadian National Anthems performed live by local singers. As players check in they will be near the Sweet Spot, a perennial favorite. Under the canopy will be a wide variety of free tasty treats provided by volunteers for the players.

Competition begins on Wednesday February 26th with Women's Doubles. Feb. 27th will feature Mixed play. Friday the 28th the Men will pair up on the final day. This tournament features athletes ages 50+ and several levels of play.

There will be many sponsors with booths promoting their businesses on the tournament grounds. Stop by to learn more! We appreciate their support for PebbleCreek Pickleball.

This year the vendor area is expanding along with its new title, The Marketplace. The area between the courts and the Creative Arts Center will feature the sellers with their pickleball related merchandise and services. Delicious food vendors will also be sharing the space.

Finally, parking can be difficult during peak hours. Please consider walking, riding a bike or car pooling. The address is 16151 W Clubhouse Drive, not far from the Tuscany Falls Clubhouse.



Plan to come watch the 9th Annual USAP Tournament on February 26, 27 and 28th at the Central Courts. This tournament draws players from around the US and Canada.

PebbleCreek 9th Annual USAP Tournament Sponsors

Thank you to all the sponsors that support this event and our Pickleball Club.

Humana

Litchfield Auto Repairs

Desert Diamond Casino

Roy Johnson Realty

Donna Strand Realty One

Moore Advanced Ortho

A-Quality HVAC

West Valley Golf Cars

Esatto Pharmacy

Selkirk

Desert Shade Structures

Arnold Hickey - PhX Pro Realty

Cardinal Financial

Arizona Rainfall

Dermacare Plastic Surgery

Lyons Roofing

Osborne Jewelers

Palm Valley Oral

Argent Solar

Food Sponsors: Texas Roadhouse, Popo's Fiesta Del Sol and Panera Bread

Round Robin Participants

We recently revised the RR charts in the boxes @ North Courts. *Wait...does that mean you won't necessarily be on the same court for four of your six games?* Yep, PebbleCreek Pickleball members Craig Weber and Doug Cushing have worked for the past year creating charts with mathematically-generated rotations that will actually keep you rotating! As obvious as this sounds, keep in mind that each chart (whether it be two courts with 8, 9 or 10 players; or four courts with 16, 17 or 18 players) all had to be uniquely configured so that each player plays a different court, different side, different position and different players as much as possible. As this was entirely voluntary on behalf of Doug and Craig (supplies included), be sure to thank them when the sun is in your opponents' eyes as much as it's in yours or when you get to serve as often as your nemesis. Even though our Round Robins are a Traditional format, we like to make them as fair and equitable as possible. Thank you Craig and Doug!

PebbleCreek Pickleball Club
OPERATING FUND

		Approved Budget 2025
Receipts from Mem:	Member Dues	
	Initiation Fees	10,250
	Annual Dues - New	10,250
	Annual Dues - Renewal	46,000
	Name tags	1,400
	Interest Income	100
		<u>68,000</u>
Outside Tournament:	Receipts	97,000
	Expenses	- 40,000
		<u>57,000</u>
Operating Expenses:	Admin Supplies	700
	Name Tags	1,400
	Bank Charges	3,800
	Court Supplies	5,000
	Dues & Subscriptions	500
	Insurance	1,000
	Club Tournaments	8,000
	Events & Socials	11,000
	Pickleballs	20,000
	Web Services	6,500
		<u>57,900</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	Court equip/improvements <500	1,500
	Court equip/improvements >500	66,300
Net Receipts less Expenditures:		<u>- 700</u>
Capital Improvements		
	Vaptr Water Remover Machines (2)	6,000
	Permanent Signage	3,500
	Water Brooms (4)	1,500
	Equipment at Both Courts	12,000
	Bike Rack & Sidewalk at North Courts	11,000
	Furniture at Both Courts	15,000
	Paint Metal Posts, Poles and Light Poles at Central Courts	18,800
		<u>67,800</u>

Look for our next edition of the
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on February 28, 2025