



## PEAK TO PEAK PICKLEBALL CLUB

### April 2024 newsletter

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#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By [Cheryl Piderit](#)

The Peak to Peak Pickleball Club is now 409 members strong. This amazing growth tracks with the growth of the sport in the US. Your Board of Directors is working hard to understand and attend to the needs of our members. The Court Committee is looking closely at how to allocate playing time at all of our current pickleball facilities. The Social Committee is planning a variety of summer events to encourage fun and playing together. The PR/Outreach Committee is organizing events that will support our communities and ensuring a reputation as an organization that brings value to everyone. Our newly formed Player Development Committee is searching for ways to improve player skills.

As it has been said, it takes a village – a village of volunteers in our case. Thanks to everyone who has helped at social events, round robins, tournaments and drills. Thanks to committee members; committees help provide direction for the club. Thanks to our Board of Directors for their dedication and extra hours they contribute to make the club a success.

Specifically, I want to thank Stephanie McDonald for coordinating yet another successful Spring Break Tournament in March. Her attention to detail, the enormous amount of time contributed and expertise in running a tournament are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all the club members – 35 in all! – who volunteered to keep the tournament running smoothly.

Thanks to all *future* volunteers (hint, hint). If you're interested in helping, please let me know; my email is [piderit2@live.com](mailto:piderit2@live.com). We need many different talents and a ton of energy to continue moving forward. I am confident we'll find the perfect spot for your particular interest.

**Check your pockets:** A large number of pickleballs have gone missing from the Salida courts. Remember to check your pockets as you leave; we appreciate getting the strays back.

See you on the courts.

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#### BIG SUCCESS IN BV

By [Stephanie McDonald](#)

The 2024 Peak to Peak Pickleball Spring Break Tournament was a HUGE success

The 2024 Peak to Peak Pickleball Spring Break Tournament was a HUGE success with 105 participants representing Colorado and five other states. Thank you to everyone who competed and volunteered, with special thanks to Kevin Hosman and Marnie Knapp who worked the Tournament Operations Desk all day every day of the tournament.

Medalists and photos can be found on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/P2Ppickleball](https://facebook.com/P2Ppickleball)) and on the P2P website under Tournaments ([peaktopeakpickleball.com/Tournaments](https://peaktopeakpickleball.com/Tournaments)). Anyone who has additional tournament photos can send JPEGs or PNGs to Marnie Knapp at [rversprite@outlook.com](mailto:rversprite@outlook.com).

Thank you to the club for the beautiful arrangement of flowers I received as an expression of gratitude for the work put into the tournament (photo below). Believe me, it was a group effort and I couldn't have done it without all the amazing volunteers who stepped up to help!

### **Keeping Bawnie Buena 2024**

The annual Buena Vista Clean-Up Day, sponsored by BV Recreation, will be held 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 28. Volunteers help clean up parks, streets and open spaces.

This would be a great way for P2P to give back to a community that has shown us so much support. BV Rec said if we have P2P members show up as a group, we'll be assigned the pickleball courts as our area to clean. This will give us an opportunity to sweep/blow the courts, hang new windsocks, repair windscreen ties, etc.

For more information and to register, visit [buenavistarec.com](https://buenavistarec.com). Register by April 9 to get a free T-shirt. ALL P2P members are invited to join, no matter where you live. Who's going to join me? (Photo below of me and Chuck and Denise Washer from the 2022 BV cleanup.)



# NEWS FROM THE COURTS

By [Terry Pintane](#)

- The Courts Committee is working with all P2P committees to better understand court use. Keep an eye on your email for a survey to give your feedback. Your opinions and ideas are important to us.
- Starting April 1, there will be new sign-in forms at the courts. Please help support P2P's efforts by signing in each time you play; this will help our study of usage. We promise to keep you in the loop with the results of what we learn.

## What is a challenge court?

Challenge courts are designated for similar skill level two-person teams to play competitive games.

Two teams face off. After a team scores 11 and wins by one, the losing team will exit the court and winners will stay on to face a new team. This rotation is achieved by players stacking their paddles midcourt by the net. Winners stay in for up to three games and then exit but can rejoin by restacking midcourt again. It works best if a team of two players stack together to await a new game. Single players would disrupt the order of play; they should join the challenge with a partner.

The fairgrounds has challenge play on Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. Challenge courts can be spontaneous on any day, if courts are available and if four players opt to call for a challenge. Players may call for slightly different rules; be flexible – the above description is just one of many outlines for challenge play.

Play hard, play fair and, most of all, have fun!

## **SCHEDULES**

Chaffee County  
Fairground courts  
schedule will be  
extended through the end  
of April to make sure  
we're covered in case the  
weather doesn't  
cooperate: thank you  
fairgrounds!

Salida's outdoor  
Centennial courts will  
also remain open play  
through the end of April.

### **Fairground court closures:**

**April 4 through 8**  
(Home & Garden Show)

**April 13**  
(Derby Ramps & Roll  
Event)

**April 26 & 27**  
(maintenance)

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**May 5:** Knock for Hunger  
Food Drive

**June 5:** Learn To Play  
with Chaffee County  
Public Health & Friends

**July 3:** Learn To Play  
with Chaffee County  
Public Health & Friends

**July 4:** Riverside Park in  
Salida Beer Truck Sales

**Aug. 7:** Learn To Play  
with Chaffee County  
Public Health & Friends

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK**

By [Brenda Sampson](#)

The PR/Outreach Committee is working with the nonprofit group Knock for Hunger to give Peak to Peak club members an opportunity to help feed our community. But to do so, we need trucks and helpers.

From 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, P2P volunteers will pick up food donations on porches in Salida and Poncha Springs. These donations will be taken to The Grainery for distribution to those in need throughout Chaffee County.

We need a minimum of nine volunteer drivers with trucks for the May 5 pickup. We'll also need 27 extra helpers (three per truck) to pick up bags from the homes. Bags will be distributed the week before; more info on that later.

The good news? This should only take a couple of hours. Let's help out our neighbors, and have some fun at the same time. Party later in the day at Tres Litros, thanks to Knock for Hunger's Paula Bradfield and Micheal Ramsey.

Contact Brenda at [Bsampson5857@gmail.com](mailto:Bsampson5857@gmail.com) and let her know how you will help. What the heck! People with trucks, find your volunteers, bring your music and make it a fun morning with your friends while doing good!

### **And there's more**

Our committee will be working with Chaffee County Public Health to introduce the benefits of pickleball to various groups in our community during Wednesday night play (we will need a few volunteers on the courts).

And, we've been invited to be a major sponsor for a music event at Salida Riverside Park on the Fourth of July. We'll run the beer truck for this event.

More info to come on these events.

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## **SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!**

By [Ashlee Cerda](#)

We need your help to make our club's Rally in the Valley fall tournament a continued success. Last year we raised \$25,000 (!), and we want to do it again this year.

Our fundraising efforts will support the three-day tournament, the club's events and efforts to build new dedicated courts in southern Chaffee County.

Volunteers will reach out to businesses in Salida and BV and help to tell the P2P story by email, phone or in-person conversations. Each volunteer will be provided with all information needed, including sponsorship perks, and a list of 10 or so businesses to contact. The work will begin in April and end by tournament time in September.

To get involved or learn more, contact Sponsorship Committee Chair Ashlee Cerda [ashlee.cerda@gmail.com](mailto:ashlee.cerda@gmail.com), (414) 233-0974.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE CORNER



By [Diane Cannella](#) and [Molly Frauenhoff](#)

### **BV LADDERS**

A BIG thank you to Stephanie Rumold for continuing the BV ladder events at Darren Patterson Christian Academy. They continue to be very successful and fill up very quickly (there's a maximum of 12 people for the ladders on three courts). The 2.5/3.0 level ladder was held on Feb. 17, the 3.5 level was held on March 16 (first two photos below) and 4.0+ level on March 30 was opened up to 3.5 to fill the registration slots (third and fourth photos below).

Look for future ladder events to join in on the fun!





**RECORD-BREAKING SOCIAL**

We had 62 people register for the St. Patty's Day event held at the Chaffee County



Fairgrounds on March 17 - our largest-ever social event. Thanks to all who attended, making our club so fun! We were lucky to have musicians (all from our very own P2P Pickleball club) playing Irish music and old-time tunes. We've dubbed them "The Pickled Players."

### **LEAGUE PLAY?**

The Social Committee is considering setting up league play for P2P members. An email was sent on March 27 with a short survey to gauge interest. The results of the survey will provide information on league play and formats in both BV and Salida. We would like to hear from all of you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **April 12 & 25: Meet, Greet and Plays**

REGISTRATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Tell your “wanna-be pickleball player” friends to sign up for a Meet, Greet and Play event to learn the great sport of pickleball. Cost: \$5 per participant. Both events are at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds:

- Friday, April 12, 7-9 p.m.
- Thursday, April 25, 9-11 a.m. *Note: This event is not yet confirmed.*

Coordinator Molly Frauenhoff needs helpers to help set up and provide tips/guidance to the participants. Please email her at [mfrauenhoff24@gmail.com](mailto:mfrauenhoff24@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks much, Molly.

### **April 26: Cutthroat round robin CANCELED**

Due to scheduled fairgrounds maintenance, the April 26 round robin is canceled.

### **May 5: Dinko de Mayo**

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

The second annual Dinko de Mayo will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. Similar to last year, we'll celebrate the day with dinks, drinks and food. So come to mingle and dink with members of the wonderful P2P family.

**Please read: ABOUT REGISTERING:** Many of our events are VERY popular. Registrations often reach the maximum number very quickly. Many sign up through [Events](#) on the [P2P website](#) before the events are announced by email. Even if the event is full, register to get on the waitlist. Cancellations often occur, and its possible you'll automatically be registered (and notified) if you're next on the waitlist.

Many of our events (ladders, round robins, tournaments) require a specific number of players who should arrive at specific times for a specific duration. This ensures that everyone gets the full experience. Therefore, cancelations are critical. PLEASE CANCEL as soon as possible. If your conflict is last-minute (one day or less before the event), please contact Diane Cannella at (727) 744-9742 or [dlcannella@gmail.com](mailto:dlcannella@gmail.com) immediately. If there's a waitlist, that person will be contacted. If there's no one waiting, then we ask you to take the initiative to find a substitute. We can help if needed.

### **Social Committee is the best!**

The Social Committee is fun and rewarding. Thank you to the committee members who work together to organize and hold these events. It takes a village!

If you'd like to learn more or have a question, contact Diane Cannella at (727) 744-9742 or [dlcannella@gmail.com](mailto:dlcannella@gmail.com) or Molly Frauenhoff at [mfrauenhoff24@gmail.com](mailto:mfrauenhoff24@gmail.com)

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## RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

By [Marnie Knapp](#)

There's been some confusion lately among P2P members trying to renew lapsed memberships.

Members typically receive three notices to renew: at 14 days before their anniversary date, seven days before and seven days after. If the membership still hasn't been renewed 14 days after their anniversary date, software suspends the membership.

To renew after the 14-day-after date, Membership Director [Tom Knapp](#) has to go into the system and edit the listing. This cannot be done by the member online. So it's much easier for everyone if members go online and renew before the 14-day-after suspension.

*"I never thought I'd say this: as long as I can walk, I'm playing pickleball. I can't wait to get back on the court."*

Andre Agassi



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