



PEAK TO PEAK PICKLEBALL CLUB

February 2024 newsletter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By [Cheryl Piderit](#)

The Peak to Peak Pickleball Club has an exciting year ahead of us. With the ever-increasing popularity of the game and our club, the Board of Directors has adopted four goals for 2024, outlined below. Please note the committee and persons responsible for each goal. It will take a village to accomplish all we have set out to do this year. We welcome all members' participation, and we appreciate all of your volunteer time.

The next board meeting is 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. We hope you will join us.

2024 goals

1. Increase community awareness of pickleball through club volunteer participation in the local nonprofit Knock for Hunger's food drives in May and November. Responsible: PR/Outreach Committee (Brenda Sampson and Steve Bruckman, committee chairs).
2. Raise \$25,000 by December 31 to support club activities in Chaffee County by hosting the Spring Break and Rally in the Valley tournaments. Responsible: Tournament Committee (Rose Seavey, Stephanie McDonald and Cheryl Piderit, committee directors).
3. Identify ways to increase intra-club participation in social events by December 31. Responsible: Social Committee (Diane Cannella and Molly Frauenhoff, committee chairs).
4. Identify property by Dec. 31 on which to build 12 indoor/outdoor pickleball courts. Responsible: Southern Chaffee County Court Committee (John Vandewalle, committee chair).

GOAL 1: COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Get ready to give back

By [Brenda Sampson](#)

The Outreach Committee is excited about a new partnership that will give Peak to Peak club members an opportunity to help feed our community. In 2015, Paula Bradfield and her husband Micheal Ramsey wanted to help families struggling to get food on the table. They created Knock for Hunger and began collecting food donations, door to door, once a year for The Grainery, a nonprofit that feeds the hungry in Chaffee County. The Grainery deeply grateful asked Knock for Hunger to

nungry in Chaffee County. The Grainery, deeply grateful, asked Knock for Hunger to do more. They now collect twice a year, in May and November, in the Poncha Springs and Salida areas.

Last year, Knock for Hunger collected 1,200 pounds of food. This year, with help from Peak to Peak volunteers, their goal is to increase the collection area and gather even more. The Outreach Committee hopes members will volunteer to pass out food collection bags and/or pick up filled bags. Collection bags go out the last week of April. Pickup will take place 4-7 p.m. Sunday, May 5 (we'll have a celebration afterward at Tres Litros).

To pass out bags, contact Paula Bradfield of Knock for Hunger at paulabradfield@gmail.com. Watch for a Peak to Peak email for details on the May 5 collection effort.

Thank you for your helpful contribution to our communities,

[Brenda Sampson](#) and Steve Bruckman, Outreach Committee chairs

FEBRUARY FAIRGROUND DRILLS

By [Cheryl Piderit](#)

The club's organized drills at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds every other Friday have been very popular – nearly all spots are filled each week – and feedback has been extremely positive. Participants rave about the courtside coaching and appreciate the availability of the ball machine.

We have two more drills scheduled: Fridays Feb. 9 and Feb. 23; each with two sessions: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. If interested, go to Events on peaktopeakpickleball.com to sign up.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have turned out to assist with the drills. It takes about 20 volunteers each week. Their help is one of the reasons the drills have been a success. And, added bonus: volunteers are meeting and getting to know one another.

NOTE, we need additional volunteers for tasks like putting up/taking down nets, player registration, snagging balls on the courts/ball machine and coaching. Please contact [Cheryl Piderit](#) or [Ted Bohn](#) to volunteer. Thanks everyone!

PLEASE CANCEL WHEN YOU CAN'T MAKE IT

By [Marnie Knapp](#)

Many of you have been registering for and attending club events. But when things come up and you discover you can't attend an event, please help by canceling your registration. Cancellation puts the automated wait list into motion so others can attend.

Canceling a registration is easy. Here are the steps:

1. Log into peaktopeakpickleball.com using your email and password.
2. Click on your name in the upper right corner, which brings up your profile page.
3. Click on My Event Registrations.
4. Click near the name of the event that you wish to cancel. Don't click directly

- on the link; doing so would take you to the Event Page.
5. Once you've selected (highlighted) the event, scroll to the bottom of the page, where you will find the cancellation button.

Tournament discounts for members

Coupon codes for spring and fall tournament registration and club discounts can be found on the hidden Members Only page of peaktopeakpickleball.com. Members must be logged in to access the codes (they are for club members only, please do not share).

Registration for both tournaments goes through pickleballbrackets.com; you need to create a pickleballbrackets.com account in order to register.

BV COURTS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

By [Stephanie McDonald](#)

The BV Courts Committee needs to replace a committee member who moved out of state. The committee meets with BV Recreation three times a year (and additionally as needed) to discuss and manage all aspects of court schedules, fees, maintenance issues, etc. For additional information, please contact Stephanie at smcdonald1107@hotmail.com.

Expanded training coming soon

Peak to Peak Pickleball Club is creating a new committee: Player Training and Development, which will work to create off-court education opportunities as well as schedule clinics, drills, guided play and more. Our club has grown exponentially over the past couple of years; we feel it's time to expand our offerings.

Ideas for off-court education include speakers on topics such as nutrition and hydration, joint mobility, injury prevention, treatment of common pickleball injuries (plantar fasciitis, tennis elbow, rotator cuff injuries, etc.), sports psychology, etc.

Our first speaker will be Jen Birge, a member of the club and a registered dietician. She has worked with many athletes to help them optimize their fitness with nutrition. Look for more details coming soon.

If you would like to join this committee, if you have a topic to suggest or know someone who would be a good speaker, please contact [Stephanie McDonald](#). Obviously we would prefer speakers who would do this at no cost (but they can advertise their business) or for a nominal fee.

Spring Break Tournament

Registration for the 2024 Peak to Peak Pickleball Spring Break Tournament opened to club members on Jan. 22 and to the public on Jan. 29. Brackets have been filling QUICKLY! Unfortunately, we have to limit the number of participants because we only have three indoor courts. If you want to play and haven't already registered, visit www.pickleballbrackets.com and search for our tournament by name.

RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2024

By [Rose Seavey](#)

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mark your calendars! Our fourth annual Rally in the Valley Pickleball Tournament is set for September 6-8. The planning committee has already started meeting and wants to build on our last three very successful tournaments. We are looking for someone to help with the Banner/Medals Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Rally in the Valley Planning Committee, please reach out Rally chairs Cheryl Piderit (piderit2@live.com), Stephanie McDonald (smcdonald1107@hotmail.com) or Rose Seavey (roseseavey@outlook.com).



**SOCIAL
COMMITTEE
CORNER**



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

2024 is off to a great start with more fun social activities planned!

January Meet, Greet and Play

The Social Committee hosted the first 2024 Meet, Greet and Play on Jan. 11 at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. Meet, Greet and Play events are for those who've never played pickleball or who have very limited playing experience with no formal instruction. Participants learn the game, improve skills and meet players at their same skill level. Ten players participated in the Jan. 11 event; eight volunteers from the Social Committee shared game basics and tips for improvement. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and were interested in coordinating future play during the 2.0/2.5 open play time.

Competitive level (group B) round robin

A competitive level round robin (group B) was held at the fairgrounds 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 26 (participants are pictured below). Due to the popularity of these round robins, the event booked up very quickly! Congratulations to the winners:

1. Jim Melzer
2. Chuck Washer
3. Kathy Keidel (who edged out a large group very close behind)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet, Greet and Play events

REGISTRATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Tell all your wannabe pickleball friends to participate in a Meet, Greet and Play to learn the sport. Watch the [Events](#) calendar online for dates (\$5 per participant):

- February/March: date(s) TBD
- April: Friday, April 12: 7-9 p.m. and Thursday, April 25, 9-11 a.m.

Coordinator [Molly Frauenhoff](#) needs volunteers to set up and provide tips/guidance to the participants. Please email Molly at mfrauenhoff24@gmail.com if you're interested. A big thank you to Molly!

BV arranged pickleball ladders

REGISTRATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Winter pickleball ladders (by skill level) are coming to Buena Vista's Darren Patterson Christian Academy, 518 S. San Juan Ave. (\$7 per participant) on the following dates:

- Saturday, Feb. 17: 2.5/3.0 level
- Saturday, March 16: 3.5 level
- Saturday, March 30: 4.0+ level

[Stephanie Rumold](#) is coordinating these ladders and could use volunteers to help organize. Please email Stephanie at srumold@gmail.com if you are interested. A big thank you to Stephanie!

St. Pat's Day fun

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

St. Patrick's Day is Sunday, March 17. Wear your green and come to the Chaffee County Fairgrounds 11 a.m.-2 p.m to socialize and play. The Social Committee will provide corned beef sliders, drinks and entertainment (Celtic music players). You bring a dish to pass, your pickleball paddle and smiles. We'll have two courts of pickleball four square.

Cutthroat round robin

REGISTRATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

The Social Committee will be holding its second winter round robin at 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds for the 3.5/4.0 cutthroat level (Group C). Cost is \$5 per participant.

Molly Frauenhoff is coordinating this event and could use volunteers to help set up and keep track of results. Please email Molly at mfrauenhoff24@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Dinko de Mayo

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Our second annual Dinko de Mayo will be Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. Similar to last year, we will be celebrating with dinks, drinks and food.

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A NOTE ABOUT REGISTERING FOR EVENTS: Many Social Committee events are VERY popular. As a result, registrations often reach the maximum number very quickly. Many members keep an eye on the [Events](#) calendar online and sign up before an event is announced through email. But even if an event is full, go ahead and register; you'll get on the waitlist. Cancellations often occur, and its possible you'll automatically be registered (and notified) if you're next on the waitlist.

Social Committee interest?

The Social Committee has really been fun and very rewarding. Thank you to all members of the Social Committee who work together to organize and hold these events. It takes a village! If you'd like to help plan and organize upcoming events, have an idea for an event or have questions, contact Diane Cannella at (727) 744-9742 or dlcannella@gmail.com or Molly Frauenhoff at mfrauenhoff24@gmail.com.

Pickleball quote:

***"You've got to be able to hit the ball hard.
Nobody plays golf to putt."***

- Joel Pritchard (one of pickleball's inventors)

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