



PEAK TO PEAK PICKLEBALL CLUB

January 2024 newsletter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by [Cheryl Pederit](#)

Year in review

2023 was another exciting year for the Peak to Peak Pickleball Club. Membership grew by 135 members to 388 total at the end of 2023, *tripling* the membership in the last two years: pretty impressive. With this growth in mind, the P2P Club Board of Directors has revised our vision, mission statement and goals to align with the club's needs. In addition, dedicated committees were created to work on four new goals with club members and board input. Here are a few of the goals we completed:

- Court Committee: Established court schedules for all indoor and outdoor play in Salida to accommodate player volumes and skill levels.
- Social Committee: Hosted 34 events to bring out the fun of the game, promote intra-P2P member interaction and enhance member pickleball skill levels.
- Public Relations: Increased community, public and business awareness of the value of our club through written publications, tournament sponsorship requests and supporting community events. These included an Alzheimer fundraiser, Shop with a Cop, Mentor/Mentee and Boys & Girls Club Learn to Play and the Salida Chamber Kickoff to Winter.
- South Chaffee County Courts: Began building relationships with Chaffee County, city and Recreation Dept. leaders to determine potential locations for future courts. In addition, a Southern Chaffee County Court Fund was created; to date the total is approximately \$21,000.
- Tournament: Successfully hosted two fun and competitive tournaments while raising money for the club.

Thanks to everyone who chaired or was involved in one of these committees. With your work, our club will continue to provide a place where people love to play pickleball.

2024 goals

The upcoming year's goals are similar to 2023 with an emphasis on becoming good community stewards, identifying land for new courts in southern Chaffee County and promoting intra-P2P member social interaction. More to come in the next newsletter about our 2024 goals and how you too can help make our club a success.

Shout out

Thanks to Marnie Knapp for managing our website, using Wild Apricot software, for the past few years. She keeps the website up to date and coordinates all the behind-the-scenes mechanics. We are very grateful for her efforts. Also working behind the scenes is Tom Knapp; he keeps our membership records in order, which is no easy task considering the large increase in our membership over the past few years. Thank you both.

See you on the courts!

By [Marnie Knapp](#)

New club membership levels

The club will be adjusting its membership levels in 2024; the change will occur the evening of December 31. When you receive your next renewal notice (membership is for one year from the day you join), you will be able to change your membership type if you want to.

Choices will be:

- Annual Individual \$30
- Annual Household* Pair \$50
- Annual Family* (up to five members) \$75

**Household Pair and Family members all must reside in the same household.*

If choosing Household Pair or Family, the person who applies and pays for the membership will be the Bundle Coordinator. The Bundle Coordinator is responsible for going into the system and adding each bundle member. Once the Bundle Coordinator has added the information, then each member will be able to receive club emails and will be visible in the club directory.

NOTE! Wild Apricot (our website software) will not allow members who are currently in the system to be added as bundle members. Check to see if the person that you are trying to add has an Individual Membership that has not expired. If you cancel that membership, you should be able to add them as a bundle member. If you have trouble adding your bundle members, contact Membership Director [Tom Knapp](#); he can add the data for you. Note: Tom will not be reachable January 8-25. Please hold off on sending him emails until after that time.

If you are a Bundle Coordinator, to add members to your bundle, log into the club website. Go to your profile page by clicking on your name in the upper right corner. Scroll to find the Bundle Summary section of the page. Click “add member.” Type in member information as indicated on the page. Do this for each member of your bundle.

It’s easiest if you pay your annual membership dues via the secure payment system on the P2P website.

Free Wild Apricot app

The Wild Apricot mobile phone app is a great way to carry the P2P membership directory in your pocket. This app also shows upcoming P2P events, and it helps you to keep track of which events you’ve signed up for. To download the app, go to the Play Store on your mobile device and search for “Wild Apricot for Members.” Download it and log in with the same login you use for the club website.

And to those who access peaktopeakpickleball.com on a mobile phone: For some devices, it works better to turn your phone horizontally to get access to all menu items on the site.

Court closures

Chaffee County Fairground courts will be closed: January 1, January 15, February 17, February 19, March 15-16, March 30.



**SOCIAL
COMMITTEE
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By [Diane Cannella](#) and [Molly Frauenhoff](#)

Another year of wonderful pickleball games and social events is in the rearview mirror. We are now planning for another year of pickleball fun events in 2024.

A BIG thank you to Brenda Sampson (pictured here) for all the work she did in 2023 as Social Committee co-chair. Brenda has moved on to apply her knowledge and creativity in Community Outreach Committee. P2P Pickleball is lucky to have her on our team. If you see Brenda on the court or around town, drop a thank you for all her past and future efforts!

Interested in joining the Social Committee? You'll assist in planning and organizing upcoming events. Contact Diane Cannella at (727) 744-9742. Consider attending our first committee meeting 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, January 3, at the Bunea Vista Library. If you don't care to join but have recommendations for fun events for us to consider, feel free to email Diane at dlcannella@gmail.com.



Ukes and Salvation Army

The Salida Ukulele players teamed up with P2P to ring Salvation Army bells on December 4 in front of Safeway. It was fun and rewarding as shoppers stopped to watch the performance and dropped donations in the Salvation Army kettle. They enjoyed the playing/singing of the ukulele players (and there might have been some dancing going on by the nonmusical participants).



Upcoming events

- January 11, 9 a.m. to noon: Meet Greet and Play. Tell all your beginner pickleball friends to start out the year with a fun community and healthy activity. Full description on the P2P website's [Chaffee County Fairgrounds calendar](#).
- January 26, 7-9 p.m.: Are you looking for a fun way to have competitive games during winter? Sign up for the Competitive (B level) Round Robin indoors at the Chaffee County Fairground's north building. Full description on the P2P website's [Chaffee County Fairgrounds calendar](#).

Helpers are needed for both events. If available, please contact [Molly Frauenhoff](#).

Thanks to all members of the Social Committee who work to organize and hold these events - it takes a village!

Any Social Committee questions? Please contact [Diane Cannella](#).

CLINICS AND MORE

By [Stephanie McDonald](#)

Upcoming Learn to Play Clinics are for people who have never played before or who have very limited playing experience with no formal instruction. All clinics run 1-4 p.m. at the Darren Patterson Christian Academy gym at 518 S. San Juan Ave. in Buena Vista. Cost is \$10 per person. Dates are:

- Saturday, January 20
- Saturday, February 24
- Saturday, March 9
- Saturday, April 27

Register at <https://www.buenvistarec.com/program/adult-pickleball-learn-to-play-days-winter-2024/2024-01-20/>

Please forward this information to any friends or family who might be interested in learning to play pickleball.

I will need court assistants for each date (assistants don't have to be high-level players). Anyone willing to help on any date can email me at smcdonald1107@hotmail.com.

Spring tournament dates

- Saturday, March 23: Men's doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Women's doubles 2.5
- Sunday, March 24: Mixed doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0
- Monday, March 25: Women's doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0

Registration for the tournament opens on Monday, January 29, at pickleballbrackets.com.

Snow removal reminder

We appreciate the help from all who clear the courts of snow and ice. Please remember that metal shovels and other sharp objects can damage the court surface. Plastic shovels, squeegees and brooms are the ONLY implements that should be used for safe snow and ice removal.

P2P GEAR

By [Rose Seavey](#).

Our Peak to Peak Squadlocker online store has 275 different P2P logo items including shirts, caps, backpacks, pullovers, shorts, shorts and much more! What a great way to show your support for our club!

Squadlocker now offers gift cards in \$25 increments. These make wonderful gifts for birthdays and other celebrations.

Here's the link to our store:

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/peak-to-peak-pickleball-club>

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Hello from your new newsletter editor. I'm taking over from the very capable (and busy) [Paige Echele](#), who's been a terrific teacher. Please let me know if you experience any problems accessing information presented each month. And thanks for staying in touch with all that's going on. [Terri Fleming](#)



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