



# PICKLEBALL *Press*



## C O U R T C O M M E N T A R Y

Hopefully by now, you have seen and played with the new nets that APA purchased and donated to Asheville Parks and Recreation (APR) for Murphy-Oakley, Weaver and Malvern Hills Parks. These are the kind of contributions that APA had envisioned being able to give to our community. We hope to be able to do even more for you in the future as we continue to work with APR to secure dedicated pickleball courts. We hope you are enjoying them.

At this month's APA Board meeting, we spent time discussing some issues that have arisen with the new APA and existing APR nets. We need YOUR help

in implementing some important changes, so please spread the word to:

- **UNLOCK** the wheels when moving the nets.
- **RETURN** the nets to the side fencing when done playing.
- **TIGHTEN** the nets carefully.

Not unlocking the wheels and dragging the nets ruins the wheels (when the wheel lever is down, it is locked; when flipped up, it is unlocked). Returning the nets to the side fences gets them out of the way of tennis players, saves them time when they come to the courts to play, and instills goodwill in the community. Lastly, overtightening the nets by

cranking them too much weakens the aluminum trusses that connect the bottom and sides and causes them to break.

APA and some pickleball players have assisted in making adjustments to improve the movement of the nets, but we still need your assistance in educating all players about the best practices when using them.

Let's apply our best pickleball etiquette to preserve not only the nets that APA purchased, but also the nets that APR purchased. Enjoy your time on the courts and thanks for helping spread the word on taking care of the nets!

**Christina Dupuch**  
*President*

# PICKLERS CLUB

We would like to recognize our Picklers Club members for their elevated membership in the APA!

*as of March 25, 2025*

## Dink Level - \$500 and above

Nancy Carr  
Bonnie Knox  
Jane Lawson  
Mark Livingston

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## Paddle Level - \$250 to \$499

Christina Dupuch  
Dee Pierce  
sexton  
Alice Weldon (*in memory*  
& *honor of Stef Roemer*)

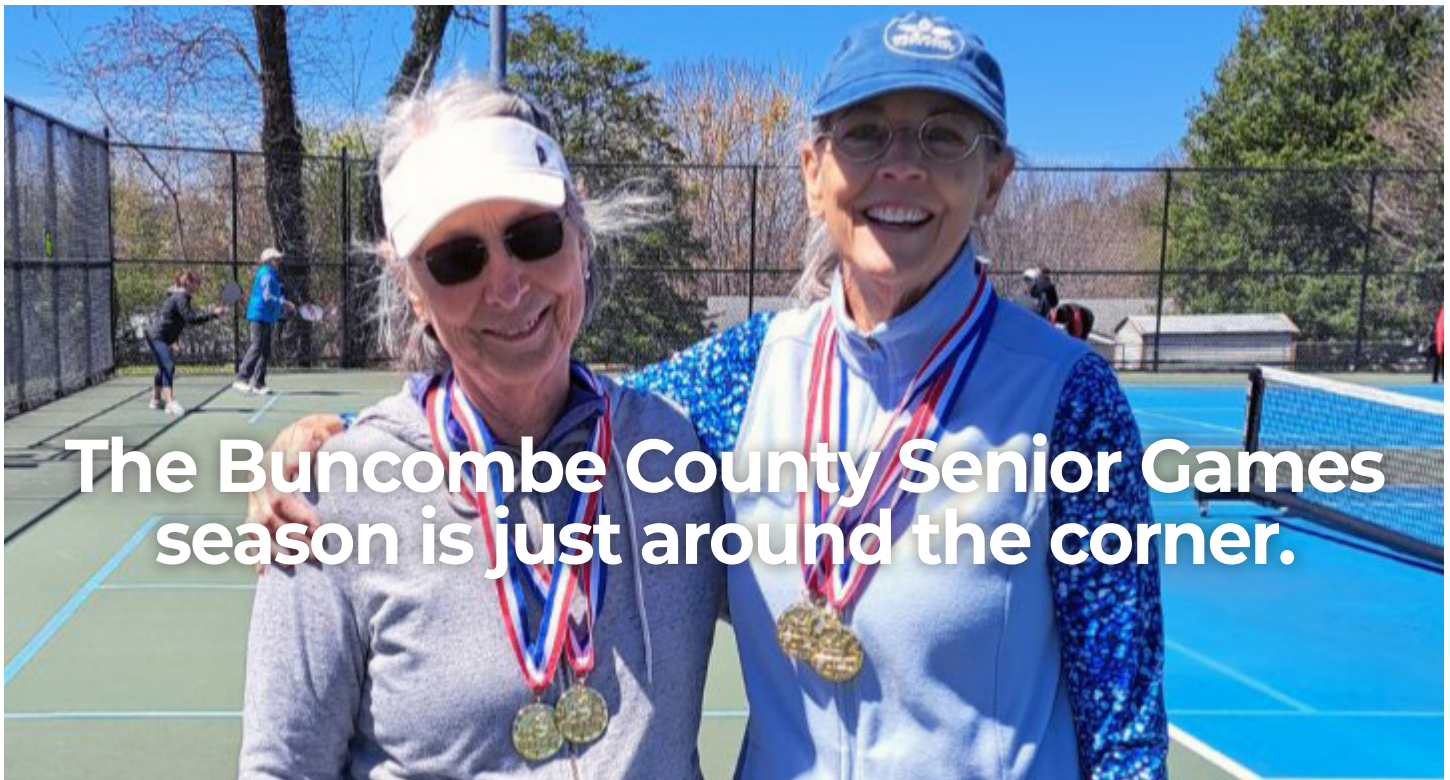
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## Pickle Level - \$100 to \$249

Anonymous (3)  
Andrew Hart  
Janet Hart  
Kerry Levin  
Molly McMillan  
Howard Philips  
Lynn Roberts

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If you'd like to learn more about the Picklers Club, [click here](#).



The Buncombe County Senior Games season is just around the corner.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## BUNCOMBE COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

by Yira Pia Sanchez-Brugal

The Buncombe County Senior Games are local events promoting health and wellness through a variety of sports, games, and arts activities for adults ages 50 and over. These events include competitions in sports like archery, pickleball, badminton, and basketball, as well as social activities and “SilverArts” showcasing visual, heritage, and performing arts.

The Asheville/Buncombe Senior Games will take place from April 5th to May 17th, with a registration deadline of

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March 31st. Pickleball events are scheduled for April 5th at Murphy-Oakley Park, with opportunities to compete in singles, gender doubles, and mixed doubles, divided by age

group. There is a one-time \$10 fee to participate, with online registration available at [ncseniorgames.org](https://ncseniorgames.org).

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# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



The Asheville Pickleball Association (APA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, promotes the growth of pickleball in Western North Carolina to enrich lives in our communities.

To achieve our mission, APA needs **YOU!** The Board is working on revising the existing committee structure to better reflect our nonprofit's current needs. The new structure will include the following committees:

- **Membership**
- **Volunteer Recruitment and Training**
- **Special Projects**
- **Marketing and Communications**
- **Adult Programming**
- **Youth Programming**

Each committee will consist of a board liaison, committee chair, and committee members.

APA is actively working on finalizing committee descriptions and responsibilities. Once those are complete, we will make them available and initiate a call for volunteers. We have several new projects on the horizon, and we need this awesome pickleball community to help us bring them to fruition.

We hope you will consider bringing your time, talents and treasures to APA to help us fulfill our mission. As William Shakespeare said, “The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”



# JOIN TODAY

## Or Renew Your Membership in the Asheville Pickleball Association!

If you've been considering joining or renewing your membership in the Asheville Pickleball Association (APA), now is a perfect time! It's easy - simply visit [avlpa.org](http://avlpa.org) and sign up today for just \$20 a year. Encourage your friends to do the same.

Thanks to the dedication of our members, we helped pass the bond in November that guarantees Asheville will build a dedicated pickleball facility. Now, Asheville Parks and Recreation is seeking input from our members about what facility amenities we want and where it should be located. This is a critical moment - your membership gives you a say in these decisions.

Beyond advocacy, APA membership provides access to a passionate community of players, organized events, and opportunities to volunteer. Whether you're a seasoned player or just getting started, being a member connects you with a network that shares your love for the sport. Our volunteers work with youth and adults through beginners' clinics at our public parks and schools. We are developing programs for marginalized and disadvantaged groups, including veterans and incarcerated individuals. If you play on Asheville public courts, you may be using the portable nets APA purchased and donated. And finally, we are helping our larger community. APA's last event helped raise over \$6,800 for ReGroup WNC aiding locals affected by Hurricane Helene. That \$6,800 was doubled through a matching grant, making the full impact more than \$13,000.

Don't wait! Help shape the future of pickleball in Asheville by joining or renewing your membership today. Shoot us an email at [apainfo@avlpa.org](mailto:apainfo@avlpa.org) if you're not sure whether you have renewed your membership. Your \$20 investment strengthens our collective voice and brings us closer to the facilities and resources we need. [Click here](http://avlpa.org) to join or renew today!

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# Get moving, get inspired and get your game on!

# *Asheville Sports & Fitness Fair*

Presented by Asheville Parks & Rec

Tuesday, April 15 • 5 - 7 PM at Memorial Stadium



by **DAVID KELLY**



**“If you can meet Triumph and Disaster and treat those two imposters just the same”.**

– *Rudyard Kipling*

Nobody enjoys having a “off” day on the court. You know the one...your timing is terrible, your decisions asinine, and your execution inept. I had one recently. And I came to understand, that those days, which

hopefully don’t become too common, serve a real function. Namely, to keep you humble but also to show appreciation for the stellar days; more importantly, it teaches you to detach from the outcome. I’ll end with the famous quote written on

the wall of the player’s entrance at Wimbledon’s revered center court: “If you can meet Triumph and Disaster and treat those two imposters just the same”. This is a line from Rudyard Kipling’s poem “if” and is full of wisdom.



# SPRING HAPPENINGS

