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Courtside with Milly Pickleball

Where Milledgeville Comes to Play

April is National Pickleball Month, making it the perfect time to celebrate the incredible community we're building right here in Milledgeville.

The first quarter of 2026 was an exciting one for Milly Pickleball. From community events and new leagues to strengthening our organization behind the scenes, our pickleball community continues to grow.

Here's a look at what we accomplished together in the first three months of the year, and what's coming next for the courts and community that make Milly Pickleball where Milledgeville comes to play.



Quarterly Highlights

We kicked off the year strong with two crowd-favorite leagues organized by our own Brett Boston: Milly\$ball and MLP play. Despite a few weather-related reschedules, participation was great and the competition - and fun - were even better.

In early March, we hosted our first Pickling for a Purpose event. Pickling for a Purpose is a new event that will take place the third

month of each quarter, where we will choose a local charitable organization to focus on. The idea is to bring our members together to enjoy an organized evening of Pickleball giving back to the community -- think of this as friendly play in support of a local cause. Our first event had 44 players who donated hundreds of much-needed items to the Chard Wray Food Pantry.

We also celebrated our members with a Membership Appreciation Party at the end of March. When we said pizza & play were on us, you showed up! 60 members joined the celebration and played late into the evening. As a small thank-you, members received Milly Pickleball car decals so keep an eye out around town for our logo on the move.

Finally, our three Milly Pickleball-sponsored coaches hosted a Learn to Play Pickleball Clinic on March 28. The event welcomed more than 22 new players to the game, and we're excited to see them join us on the courts. A special thank you to our volunteers who are continuing the learn to play on Saturday's for those who are interested in continuing to learn.

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Behind the Scenes: Building a Stronger Milly Pickleball

Your new Milly Pickleball Board took office in December 2025 and has been hard at work laying the foundation for the club's next chapter. Since then, we've officially completed the transition to the Milly Pickleball name and updated our bylaws and governance structure to support our continued growth.

We've also established brand guidelines and a social media policy for anyone posting on behalf of Milly Pickleball, refined our membership benefits (with more to come), and worked through several transition

items from the previous Board. In addition, we're now up and running on Google for Nonprofits, helping us better manage communications and operations.

We're always happy to hear from members. You can reach the board at any time:

- Wendy Ryan, President: president@millypickleball.com
- Rich King, VP, Operations: operations@millypickleball.com
- Jared Smith, Treasurer: treasurer@millypickleball.com
- Marisa Meadows, Secretary (Communications & Social): secretary@millypickleball.com
- Denny Walton, VP, Community Affairs: communityaffairs@millypickleball.com
- Debbie Hardy, VP, Events: events@millypickleball.com

Finally, we worked closely with the county to add court squeegees and six drying towels, helping players get back on the courts more quickly after rainy weather.



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Stay Connected with Milly Pickleball

We're excited to share that our new website is live at www.MillyPickleball.com. It's your go-to place for up-to-date information about who we are, how to join, upcoming leagues and events, and more. Coming soon, we'll also be launching an online merchandise store so you can grab Milly Pickleball gear and wear it with pride around town (or on the courts).

We've also streamlined and relaunched our social channels. You can now find us on Facebook (fb.me/MillyPickleballGA) and Instagram ([@MillyPickleballGA](https://www.instagram.com/MillyPickleballGA)), along with our active GroupMe community "[Milly Pickleball Members](#)". If you're not already in the groups, connect with [Rich King](#) to be added.

As always, we welcome your feedback. Let us know what's working well or what you'd like to see in the future by emailing us anytime at info@millypickleball.com.

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Annual Membership Renewal Now Underway!

As part of our relaunch - with a new name, logo, and website - Milly Pickleball has moved to an annual membership structure. This change will help us better plan leagues, events, and investments that support our players and our courts throughout the year.

We originally asked members to renew by April 1, but it's not too late. If you haven't renewed yet, please take a moment to do so this month and help us continue building the programs and community that make Milly Pickleball special.

Thank you for being part of Milly Pickleball. Whether you're brand new to the game or a seasoned player, you're part of what makes this community welcoming, fun, and full of energy. We're excited for what's ahead and look forward to seeing you on the courts.



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PICKLEHEADS®

Testing the Waters

On April 1, Milly Pickleball began a 90-day trial with **Pickleheads Ultra** to see if the platform can elevate the player experience and reduce the workload on our volunteer team.

During this trial period, all leagues and events will run through the Pickleheads platform. Our goal is to evaluate whether the app delivers a smoother experience for players and streamlines the behind-the-scenes work that keeps everything running.

This is an investment we're testing, not a done deal. If players and volunteers find value in the platform—and if participation supports the investment—we'll consider continuing beyond the trial.

If you're participating in a league this spring, we especially want to hear from you. Your experience matters and will help guide our decision.

Please share your thoughts with us at info@millypickleball.com

Download Pickleheads!!

If you haven't already, download the Pickleheads app on your phone and create a new account using the same email address as your Court

Reserve account. Then, in Pickleheads, you can link your DUPR account too!



What's Coming to the Courts This Spring

First up, our own Andy Land, Milly Pickleball's Dink & Destination Director, will be leading Milly Pickleball's Travelball to the [Georgia Mountain Pickleball Spring Classic](#) in Hiawassee, Georgia, April 24–26. We have several Milly Pickleballers planning to make the trip, and it's sure to be a great weekend of pickleball and camaraderie.

Based on the success of our first event, we'll have another Pickling for a Purpose event before the end of June. Details will be shared soon on our website and social channels.

Our spring leagues are also underway. We have three leagues beginning in April

1. **The Milly Ladies League** kicks off Thursday, April 16. This six-week "shuffle" format league filled up fast. Please go to CourtReserve to be added to the waitlist:
<https://app.courtreserve.com/Online/Events/Public/16158/1964710>
2. **Men's Format Frenzy League** kicks off Tuesday, April 14; spots are still available. For more info or to sign up: <https://app.courtreserve.com/Online/Events/Public/16158/1981149>
3. **Sunday Best Fixed Partner League** kicks off Sunday, April 12. This league is also full. Please go to CourtReserve to be added to the waitlist: <https://app.courtreserve.com/Online/Events/Public/16158/1986280>

In May, we're also helping host the [Home Court 2026](#) Tournament, benefiting [Habitat for Humanity Milledgeville–Baldwin County](#). The event will take place May 16 at Walter B. Williams Park and will bring players together to raise funds to help build homes and strengthen our local community. Early bird registration is \$40 through April 20, and you can register here:

<https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/home-court-2026>

And in the spirit of celebrating pickleball across our community, we're also excited to see additional local play opportunities happening in May. These events help continue the growth of the game in Milledgeville, and we're always happy to see more players getting out on the courts.



What's Ahead

Milly Pickleball

Thank you to everyone who makes Milly Pickleball such a fun and welcoming community. Whether you joined us for an event, league play, or just a friendly game on the courts, we're grateful to have you as part of this growing pickleball family.



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