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Courtside with Milly Pickleball

Where Milledgeville Comes to Play

You know the saying, *"Time flies when you're having fun?"* Apparently, newsletters are no exception.

Over the past few weeks, we've been busy playing, volunteering, welcoming new members, and making our community even stronger. So while this edition may be a little late, the stories inside are well worth the wait.

Thanks to your support, we're continuing to grow the sport throughout Milledgeville by offering leagues, lessons, organized play, free Learn to Play clinics, and community events that bring people together both on and off the court.

Thank you for helping create a place where players of all skill levels can learn, compete, connect, and have fun. We couldn't do it without you.

Quarterly Highlights

Tournament Success on the Road

Congratulations to our Milly Pickleball players who represented our community at the Georgia Mountain Pickleball Spring Classic in April! And a special thank you goes to Andy Land, our Dink & Destination Director, for organizing the group and helping make the trip a memorable one.

Please join us in celebrating these outstanding performances:

- Tim & Michele McLain – Silver Medal, 4.0 Division
- Andy & MJ Land – Silver Medal, 3.5 Division
- Steve & Vicki Heggen – Bronze Medal, 3.0 Division
- Kimi Clements & Ken Roberts – Bronze Medal, 3.0 Division
- Larry Ballard & Steve Heggen – Silver Medal, 3.0 Division
- Randy Wilkinson & Jerry Herrin – Bronze Medal, 3.0 Division

Way to represent Milly!

League Play Continues to Grow

Spring was a busy season on the courts, with nearly **80 players** participating across our leagues:

- Sunday Fixed Partner League, our Sunday mixed league
- Women's Shuffle League, our Thursday morning women's league
- Men's Format Frenzy League, our Tuesday evening men's league



Thank you to Janet Getter, Andy Land, and Troy Etheridge who volunteered to run these leagues. Your volunteer efforts make these programs possible.

And just when we thought things couldn't get any bigger, our Late Spring Leagues raised the bar even higher, attracting an incredible **115 participants!** Players joined us from neighboring communities, and we're especially excited to welcome the **11 new players** who discovered Milly Pickleball through the Pickleheads app. If you're one of those new faces reading this newsletter, welcome! We're glad you're here.

Our Late Spring lineup included:

- Queen of the Courts, our Thursday morning women's league
- Elite Dink Society, our Tuesday evening women's league
- Paddle Warfare, our Tuesday evening men's league

Thank you to Marlena Waddell and Stephanie Spivey, our league coordinators, for keeping the competition fun and spirited... even as summer temperatures started heating up!

Pickling for a Purpose Hits It Out of the Park

Our June *Pickling for a Purpose* fundraiser was an incredible success.



More than **50 players** came together on June 12 to support Habitat for Humanity Milledgeville-Baldwin County, raising more than **\$800**, far exceeding our expectations!

This event introduced a fun new twist with our pickleball poker run, and the additional buy-ins and mulligans proved to be a huge hit while helping raise money for a great cause.

Thank you to everyone who played, donated, volunteered, and supported the event.

The next *Pickling for a Purpose* is already on the calendar for **Friday, September 11**, and we have something pretty incredible planned. Stay tuned to [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and our [website](#) for details. Trust us, you won't want to miss this one.

Behind the Scenes: Building a Stronger Milly Pickleball

Our New Online Store is Open!

This initial launch is intentionally small because we'd love your feedback. Our goal is to offer quality apparel and accessories that members actually want to wear, both on and off the court.

Nike Sphere Performance Cap



The store currently features lightweight, moisture-wicking performance apparel, hats, and other accessories designed with comfort and style in mind.

Tell us what you'd like to see next! Favorite colors? Different styles? New product ideas? We'd love to hear from you. Share your feedback anytime at info@millypickleball.com.

Happy shopping!

Shop Now!

Investing in Our Players

Your membership dollars and donations continue to be invested back into our community.

Recently, the Board **purchased a new event tent** along with **16 paddles** that will be used for Learn to Play clinics, community outreach events, and for members who may need to borrow equipment.

Whether you're brand new to the sport or have visitors in town, we've got you covered.

Interested in checking out a paddle? Contact us at info@milypickleball.com for details.

How We're Working for You

Many people are surprised to learn that Milly Pickleball is a volunteer-led **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** governed by a six-member Board of Directors.

We work hard to keep costs low while maximizing the value we provide to our members and community. To do that, we rely heavily on donated expertise and free or discounted nonprofit resources, including:

- Google for Nonprofits (Gmail, Drive, YouTube, Google Meet)
- Free website hosting generously provided by Brett and Jane Boston
- Complimentary marketing and communication tools
- Pro bono support from an attorney, accountant, and photographer

Their generosity allows us to focus our resources where they matter most: growing pickleball in our community. We accept additional donations through our membership page. Your gift may be tax-deductible, please check with your accountant.

[Donate Now!](#)

What's Coming to the Courts

Mark Your Calendars

Here are just a few upcoming events to keep on your radar:



Sponsorship Program

We're currently developing a sponsorship program designed to connect local businesses and community partners with Milly Pickleball.

Sponsorships are our primary source of funding and help us continue offering leagues, events, clinics, equipment, and community programming.

We don't need a lot of money, but we do need some to keep this organization thriving and continue bringing fun, competitive, and welcoming experiences to our courts.

We will be releasing more information about our sponsorship opportunities soon. If you would like to contact us with questions, please reach out to info@milypickleball.com.

Celebrating Our Community

Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership during our annual membership drive. Your support makes everything we do possible.

As a nonprofit organization, Milly Pickleball relies entirely on memberships, donations, and sponsorships. We are especially grateful to those members who chose to make additional donations above and beyond their annual dues. Your generosity directly supports programs, equipment, and events that benefit our entire community.

We've also loved seeing Milly Pickleball pride showing up all around our community! A big thank you to everyone who has proudly displayed their Milly Pickleball decals, whether on water bottles, car windows, coolers, paddle bags, or wherever else you choose to show your club spirit. If you haven't received your decal, please reach out to info@milypickleball.com and we'll make sure you get one.



Seeing our logo around town is not only fun, it helps spread awareness, sparks conversations, and introduces new people to our incredible pickleball community.

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to **Stephanie & Darren Spivey** for generously donating the new windsocks at the courts. The county has since installed them, and every player on our courts is already benefiting from this thoughtful gift. **Vicki & Steve Heggen** were kind enough to purchase a second set of windsocks which we have available as a backup.

Thank you for helping make our courts, and our community, even better.

Volunteers Needed – Help Keep the Fun Going!

Milly Pickleball club continues to grow because of the incredible volunteers who generously give their time, and we could use a few more helping hands!

We're currently looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Our next round of leagues, coming in September!
- Learn to Play Clinic, also in September.
- Manning our Milly Pickleball booth at Milledgeville's First Friday on October 2, where we'll host a community booth to introduce more people to Milly Pickleball.
- Christmas Party, details coming soon!!

Interested? Please reach out to events@milypickleball.com.

To all our volunteers, thank you for helping make Milly Pickleball the special community it is!

Milly Pickleball

Thank you to everyone who makes Milly Pickleball such a fun, welcoming, and vibrant community. Whether you joined us for a league, volunteered at an event, attended a clinic, or simply showed up for a friendly game, we're grateful to have you as part of this growing pickleball family. We'll see you on the courts!

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