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Sisters salutes...

- Bruce Carpenter, president of Sisters Country **Pickleball** Club, offers:

A huge thank-you to those who helped make the Sisters Country **Pickleball** Club's (SCPC) first tournament a success. On Saturday, 32 players competed in a two-bracket round-robin tournament. This venue was hosted as a thank-you to the 140-plus club members who have supported the public courts mission through the pandemic and into the cold rainy 2022 spring!

We had to limit tournament participation due to court availability. Thankfully, the school district superintendent granted us access to the tennis courts to place temporary nets and to tape the court lines. Without this access, the tournament would not have happened.

As you may know, Sisters does not have public **pickleball** courts. We sit alone in the region as a location without planned or existing courts. The Club was organized in 2019 with the single focus of bringing this sport to the public arena in Sisters. While we are surrounded by neighborhoods that have private **pickleball** courts, the public and visitors have no place to enjoy this game.

Our thanks are endless. To Jennifer Holland and to Sisters Park & Recreation District for including the club as a sanctioned committee. To Curt Scholl for his support allowing temporary courts on the school tennis courts. To the SCPC board: Lori Chase, VP; Robin Lewis-Kane, secretary; Vivian Bousquet, treasurer; Clark Brody, Black Butte advisor, and Rod Stuve, Aspen Lakes advisor. They've all worked tirelessly to help bring the dream to reality. To Beth Carpenter and Karen Freeman, for court install support. To Randy Robinson, Black Butte Ranch tournament director. To Sue Stafford, The Nugget, who has followed and reported on the club's journey. And, finally, to all the club members, who showed up in mass wearing their SCPC T-shirts, who've written letters supporting public courts, and for being positive ambassadors for the sport. Thank you.