

# PICKLEBALL PRESS

Friday, April 29th  
2022

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## Friday Schedule

- 7am-2pm\* Check In Available
- 8am-8pm Pro Doubles  
Mixed Pro Doubles  
Mixed Skill Age Dbls: 4.0/4.5/5.0  
Junior Singles
- 8am-11am Anyone can watch matches on Zing Zang Championship Court  
*(no ticket required)*
- 11am-2pm Entertainment: Moonshine Riders

Food served all day at Delicious By Design in the Landshark Beer Garden Tent and at the Food Trucks (by the Fan Zone)

### FEATURED MATCHES ON ZING ZANG CHAMPIONSHIP COURT (PURCHASED TICKET REQUIRED)

- 2pm Women's Pro Match
  - 3pm Men's Pro Match
  - 4pm M or W Pro Match
  - 5pm Mixed Sr Pro BRONZE
  - 6pm M or W Pro BRONZE
- (schedule subject to change)*

#### NO TICKET? 2 OTHER WAYS TO WATCH TODAY'S MATCHES

- 1) At the Fan Zone on the Video Wall while you enjoy some dinner and drinks from the Food Trucks.
  - 2) On-line at PickleballChannel: Facebook, YouTube or Global Live.
- Go to: [www.pickleballchannel.com/live](http://www.pickleballchannel.com/live)

Please check out today's Draws/Match times at:  
[www.USOpenPickleball.info](http://www.USOpenPickleball.info) > Draws-Results

*\*Registration will remain open until 2pm or until everyone for that day's matches are checked in.*

## It's Fruit Smash Friday at The OPEN



Visit the **Fruit Smash Tent** near the Food Trucks today for some great give aways.



In fact at the Beverage Trucks today you receive \$1 off a Fruit Smash. If you have not tried these Fruit Smash Hard Selzers, they are low in calories and amazing!

### MIXED PRO DOUBLES QUALIFIERS

On Thursday, the Mixed Doubles Pro Qualifier was amazing and action packed. Twelve teams were vying for 6 spots in the Mixed Pros which play on Saturday. Congratulations to you and see you Saturday!

### ZING ZANG CHAMPIONSHIP COURT TICKET HOLDERS FOR FRIDAY/SATURDAY YOUR TICKETS: ARE NON-TRANSFERRABLE

**Ticket Center Hours: 9am-4pm daily in Vendor Tent #2.**  
*(pick up your pre-paid tickets)*

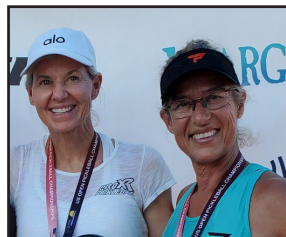
2022 Shirts: \$25, Athletic Bags \$20, Souvenir Programs \$5  
*(limited product available)*

**LOST -N- FOUND IS LOCATED AT THE GUEST SERVICES TABLE**

## 2022 Pro Doubles Medalists



Women's Sr Pro GOLD  
Cammy MacGregor/Jennifer Dawson



Women's Sr Pro SILVER  
Beth Bellamy/Nathalie Bagby



Women's Sr Pro BRONZE  
Eva Welsher/Helen Wilhelm



**Congratulations to all Medalists**

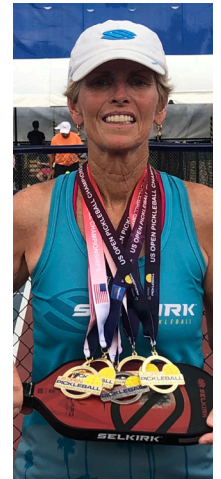
*All results thru yesterday will be posted at:*  
[www.usopenpickleball.info](http://www.usopenpickleball.info)  
> Draws-Awards

**East Naples Community Park 3500 Thomasson Dr Naples, FL**

# Daily Photos: It was dpHUE Ladies Day Yesterday



This is Squad Swafford come to cheer on their friend Sharon (in blue) at The OPEN. (Fiddlers Creek, FL)



## Sports Massages for Athletes...

Come to the Arthrex Wellness Tent for a professional Sports Massage by a licensed massage therapist. Other locations available throughout the park. There is no better way to get ready for the big match, or recover from the big match, than a sports massage. (\$1 per minute is appreciated and well worth the effort by our team)

Keep your  
Stories &  
Photos coming...  
more at:  
[usopenpickleball.info](http://usopenpickleball.info)

# Collier County Parks and Recreation: A 50 Year Adventure

The US OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS is extremely grateful to Collier County Parks & Rec for creating such a beautiful park to host...

## *The Biggest Pickleball Party in the World*

We hope you enjoy this article about Collier Parks & recreation...

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Collier County Parks and Recreation, we look back at its beginnings, the impact it has had on the community and what is in store for the future.

On February 22, 1972, the Board of Collier County Commissioners voted to create Collier County Parks and Recreation. The division started with a small staff of four, but with Director Dan Breeden at the helm, it would grow exponentially over the years.

With very little funding, the new division used community resources, including volunteers and innovative partnerships to meet the needs of Collier County residents and visitors. The first partnership was with the Collier County School System. Parks and Recreation added ball fields and tennis courts adjacent to school properties across the county. With a dedicated group of employees including Rollie Rice, Ed Torroni, Jim Thomas and Murdo Smith, the division began offering summer camps, league sports and more programming across the county.

In 1981, the Board of County Commissioners passed measures to provide more funding to Parks and Recreation. Shortly after that, the park system rooted itself by creating Golden Gate Community Park, East Naples Community Park, Marco Island Community Park (now Mackle Community Park), North Naples Community Park (now Veterans Community Park) and Immokalee Community Park. Then in 1985, the Board implemented impact fees, providing another source of funding for the growing division.

Over the years, the division added beach parks, community centers, fitness centers, and aquatic centers to enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Collier County. This goal persists today. With programs including Adaptive Inclusive Recreation, Blue Zones Project, a robust volunteer program, sea turtle protection, and much more, the division has become a world-class system of parks, natural resources and recreational opportunities that will serve generations to come.

In addition to providing ball fields and summer camps, Parks and Recreation brings value to the community with a focus on health and wellness, environmental protection, and a positive economic impact to the county.

Parks and Recreation programs and services contribute to the health of children, adults and seniors. Taking part in regular leisure activities enhances well-being, reduces stress and lifts moods.



*Twin sisters Peg Ruby a 33 yr employee (lf) and Kathy Topoleski a 26 yr employee of Collier County are the smiling faces you see each year at the Collier Parks booth.*

Collier County is best known for its beaches and tropical climate, with plenty of sunshine, water, wildlife, and a unique environmental ecosystem consisting of preserves, sanctuaries, swamps and estuaries. Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the air quality we breathe and provide a vegetative buffer to development. In addition, through effective land management methods and green infrastructure investments, Parks and Recreation makes communities more resilient to natural disasters, reducing costs associated with disaster recovery and insurance premiums.

Collier County Parks and Recreation programs generate revenue directly from fees but, more importantly, provide significant indirect revenues to local and regional economies from sports tournaments and special events such as festivals involving art, music and holiday celebrations.

Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to a local economy. Economic research has consistently demonstrated that homes and properties located near parklands have higher values than those farther away. Higher home values benefit the owners of these properties and add to the tax base of local governments.

With new projects on the horizon, a clear vision for a prosperous future, and 50 years of experience, Collier County Parks and Recreation will continue to grow and improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors in the years ahead.



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