

# PICKLEBALL

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#### 2022 MIXED / WOMEN'S / MEN'S PRO DOUBLES and SR PRO MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONS



Mixed Pro GOLD: Simone Jardim/Ben Johns



Women's Pro GOLD Catherine Parenteau/Lea Jansen



Men's Pro GOLD Collin Johns/Ben Johns



Mixed Sr Pro GOLD Dayne Gingrich/Jennifer Dawson



Mixed Pro SILVER: Tyler Loong/Jessie Irvine



Women's Pro SILVER Andrea Koop/Irina Tereschenko



Men's Pro SILVER Matt Wright/Riley Newman



Mixed Sr Pro SILVER Scott Moore/Eva Welsher



Mixed Pro BRONZE: Catherine Parenteau Tyson McGuffin



Women's Pro BRONZE Lucy Kovalova/Callie Smith



Men's Pro BRONZE Thomas Wilson/AJ Koller



Mixed Sr Pro BRONZE Cammy MacGregor/John Sperling

#### **Congratulations to all MEDALISTS**

Daily results are posted at: www.usopenpickleball.info > Results



## Ben Johns

### **Triple Crown Winner**

- \* Men's Pro Singles
- \* Men's Doubles
- \* Mixed Pro Doubles two year's in a row!!!



East Naples Community Park 3500 Thomasson Dr Naples, FL



THE US OPEN IMPACT AWARD was created in 2018. This award is given to the person or the group who has had a great impact on the sport of pickleball and the growth and success of the US OPEN. The inaugural recipients were Bob and Jettye Lanius, the co-founders and creators of Pickleball Tournaments.com. In 2019 the very deserving team from Pickleball Channel received the honors. Our 2020/2021 recipient was the incredible, Commissioner Donna Fiala.

The winner of this year's award has not only become one of the anchors of the US OPEN but has become a great friend. In 2015 when Terri and I had the idea to create a very special pickleball event, we knew we needed to surround ourselves with people with knowledge, passion, dedication, and fun-loving spirits. This person has all of that and more.

Melissa McCurley is the President, and the heart and soul, of PickleballTournaments.com. She, along with her incredible team, brings tournament efficiency to another level.

They are the first to arrive in the morning, and they stay until the last medal is awarded. These past 7 days, they have managed approximately 2800 athletes and over 5,000 matches! That is something us mere mortals cannot even wrap our heads around.

To say they are passionate about what they do and dedicated to serving tournament directors and players is an understatement.

Melissa loves to say, "Pickleball found me." In 2014 while she was working with American Express in Phoenix, AZ, she met Bob and Jette Lanius, the founders And creators of PickleballTournaments. com. She soon saw an exciting opportunity to take her career in another direction. Late in 2014 she, along with her brother Greg, bought the company. A year later we were calling her to come on board with the US OPEN! When she and Greg bought PickleballTournaments.com there were 93 tournaments using the platform. There are now over 1,000 tournaments throughout the world who rely on the expertise of the PT.com team.

In 2018, she joined forces with Pickleball Central. She knew they shared her core values and would be able to add resources to PT.com to bring her company to another level.

Although Melissa loved playing, she loved the challenge of running tournaments more. She calls being on site at any 'tournament command center', her happy place! And what makes it all

even better are the people she gets to work with day in and day out. One being her mom, Linda Dillon who has been by her side every step of the way!

This week, her US OPEN "A" team, THE BEST OF THE BEST consists of: Dee Davison, April Price, Nicole Hobson, Marilyn Holladay, Kelly Gent and Jim Wiggins.

But there was another dream... Her dream of one day being a sports broadcaster. That dream came to life in 2019, when she joined the US OPEN broadcast team.



lf to rt: Nicole, Melissa, April, Dee (in white) and Marily n (in red)

Melissa is always willing to go the extra mile whenever needed. She isn't afraid to challenge you and she is always open to new ideas and to thinking outside the box. Something we value at the US OPEN. Her core values and her respect for people and for the game are unmatched in the industry.

In Melissa's words: "We love the US Open! As tournament operators it's our super bowl that brings out our very best and tests our skills every year!"

No one in the sport knows more about the history, the players, the industry, than Melissa McCurley. That is why we have affectionately named her after one of America's most popular books... "Webster".

Chris Evon and Terri Graham Co-Founders of the US Open Pickleball Championships





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