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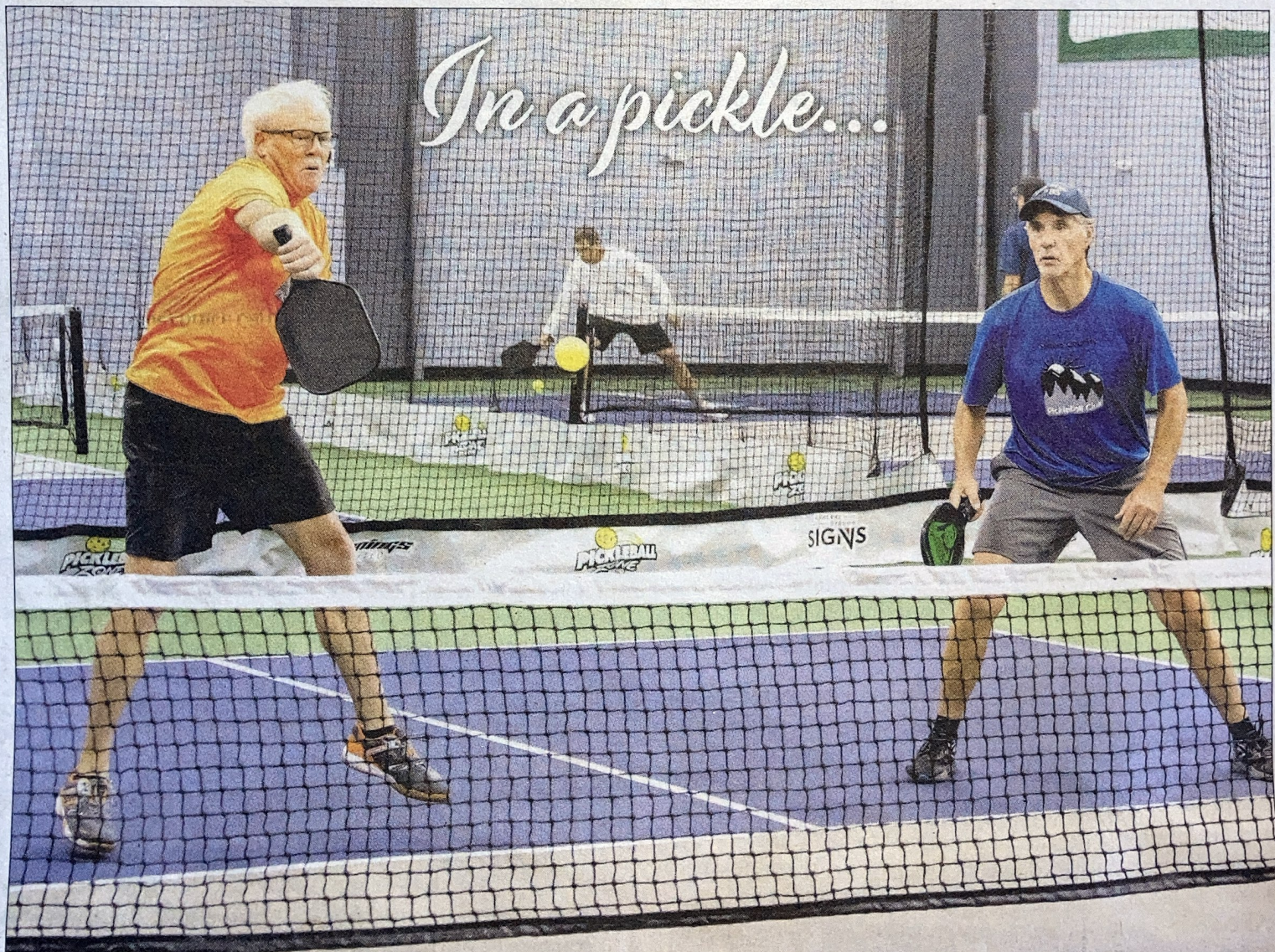


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Dave Miller (blue) Bruce Carpenter (orange) competed in a Pac NW Classic pickleball championship that drew 600 competitors. See related story, page 18.

Pickleballers bring home the gold

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Despite the grueling temperatures last week, members of the Sisters Country Pickleball Club (SCPC) came home with medals from the Pacific Northwest Pickleball Classic tournament played over five days at the Pine Nursery courts in Bend.

Temperatures every day were well above the 100-degree mark. The court asphalt surface on Friday was measured at 154 degrees.

Jim Kane, SCPC, and Stephen Turner, Bend PC, won gold in the men's doubles for 55-plus, 3.5 level. Tracey Nichols, SCPC, and Cori Perry, Portland, earned bronze medals in the women's doubles, 35-plus, 4.0 level.

The Sisters Country Pickleball Club boasts 150 members and is actively promoting public pickleball



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Jim Kane and Stephen Turner won gold in men's doubles pickleball.

courts in Sisters for residents and visitors. The club recently created two public courts on the elementary school tennis courts on Locust Street. These courts will be removed when the roundabout is constructed in 2024. For more information visit www.sisterspickleball-club.com.