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COLGAMLP Family, past, present, and future,

One year ago, Columbus Georgia Municipal League Pickleball was just an idea and a handful of players scattered across parks, country clubs, university courts, county rec centers, the YMCA, driveways, and a military post.

Today, we're the first organized pickleball league in Columbus, with 209 adult registrations, 27 junior players, five City Championship trophies, and more than \$7,000 raised for breast cancer research, youth leadership, and veterans. None of that happened without you.

I've just posted our **Annual Report & League Summary (April 2025 thru April 2026)** on www.colgamp.com. Please take a few minutes to read it. It's the full story of what we built together: the seasons, the champions, the charity partners, the volunteers, the venues, and the numbers behind it all. I think you'll be proud of what your league has accomplished.

To every player who laced up, every captain who led, every coach who donated their hours to our juniors, every sponsor and partner who believed in us, every charity organizer who let us stand beside them, and every spouse, parent, and friend who showed up to cheer, thank you. You turned a league into a community, and a community into a force for good in Columbus.

We're just getting started. Summer Youth Camp, the DUPR Calibration Event, our return to Fort Benning for the 9/11 Remembrance, Fall 2026 Adult season, and another Winter Youth season are all ahead.

If you'd like to volunteer in any way, whether coaching, organizing, sponsoring, promoting, or just helping set up courts, please reach out. There's a place for everyone who wants to contribute.

Grateful for each of you. See you on the courts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RDM".

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Columbus Georgia Municipal League Pickleball

League Summary Report — Since Inception

April 2025 thru April 2026

Executive Summary

Columbus Georgia Municipal League Pickleball, LLC (COLGAMLP) launched its inaugural season in Spring 2025 under the leadership of founder and Commissioner Doug Miller. In just over a year, the league has grown from a single eight-team spring season into a year-round program serving adult league play across three skill divisions, youth development, and community fundraising — establishing itself as the first organized pickleball league in Columbus, Georgia.

Through the close of the Spring 2026 adult season, COLGAMLP has recorded approximately 209 league registrations, awarded five City of Columbus championship trophies, competed at seven different venues, and introduced 27 junior players to the sport. The league also proudly partnered with community organizations on charity events that raised more than \$7,000 combined for breast cancer research, veterans support, and Columbus youth development.

The league's reach now extends across competitive divisions (Intermediate, Advanced, and Elite), youth programming, and two charitable partnerships.

Mission

The mission of Columbus Municipal League Pickleball, LLC is to grow and strengthen the pickleball community in Columbus, Georgia by providing inclusive, well-organized, and enjoyable league play for players of all ages and skill levels. A central focus is youth development while using pickleball as a platform to teach teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, confidence, and lifelong healthy habits. Through structured team-based competition, youth and family programming, and community-centered events, COLGAMLP works in partnership with local organizations and dedicated volunteers to expand access to pickleball and enrich the community both on and off the court.

By the Numbers — Year One

Metric	Result	Context
Adult registrations	209	Across three completed adult seasons
Unique adult contacts	152	Per master roster
Adult teams fielded	28	Plus 8-player Elite round robin
Junior players introduced	27	Across two youth seasons
Volunteer youth coaches	9	16+ donated hours each, per season
Total games played (12 mo.)	669	All adult and youth league play
Estimated court hours (12 mo.)	169	Nearly 7 full days of continuous play
Website visitors (12 mo.)	12,996	www.colgamlp.com visitor hits
Different venues used	7	Public, private, military, university, regional
Columbus City championships	5	Trophies awarded across three seasons
Superlative awards	19	Individual recognition beyond team trophies
Charity dollars raised by partners	\$7,000+	Breast cancer, youth leadership, veterans
Community awareness and charity events supported	3	9/11 Remembrance at Fort Benning, Teen Advisors, Rally For The Cure
Donations to local collegiate talent	1	COLGAMLP player now on University of Georgia team
End-of-season league socials	1	Chattabrewchee (Spring 2026)



Season Recaps

Spring 2025 Adult League — Inaugural Season

The purpose of the Spring 2025 inaugural season was to unite several "tribes" of pickleballers from all corners of Columbus, bringing together players from across the city's parks, country clubs, university courts, military community, YMCA, and rec centers to play and compete together for the first time as a single, organized city league.

The inaugural season ran for two months and brought together 58 players across 8 teams. Players competed in 34 matches at 6 different pickleball venues throughout Muscogee County representing Cooper Creek, Columbus State University, Country Club of Columbus, Green Island Country Club, the YMCA, and a Military / Veteran / Dependent / Federal / State team. Each team carried seven players with a minimum of two women and two men. The season concluded with the city's first-ever city-wide pickleball championship hosted by Green Island Country Club.

Spring 2025 City Championship Team — Cougars, captained by Payton Mobley

Fall 2025 Adult League — Draft Season

The Fall 2025 season ran an eight-week schedule beginning August 2025, with 55 registered players distributed across 7 teams. Departing from Spring's 'tribal' format, Fall teams were assembled through a draft to balance skill and experience using DUPR ratings — a structure intended to recur each Fall going forward.

Matches were played on Monday evenings, primarily at Cooper Creek Park, with additional venues used at captain discretion. Captains contributed leadership voluntarily, and the championship final was held at Cooper Creek Park.

Fall 2025 City Championship Team — Fountain City Flickers, captained by Casey Geringer

Winter 2025–2026 Youth League — Bringing Pickleball to Junior Players

The inaugural Winter Youth League ran from November 2025 through January 2026 for ages 9–14, in a fun, structured, and supportive environment. All 18 junior players who started the season completed it: a testament to engagement and program quality. Nine volunteer coaches donated 16+ hours each towards junior development.

Spring 2026 Adult League — First Three-Division Season

The Spring 2026 season represented a major structural evolution for COLGAMLPL, splitting league play into three skill-based divisions for the first time. The season ran on Monday evenings from February through April 2026, returning to the popular captain-chosen team format with free-agent placement available for individual registrants.

Spring 2026 brought together 72 registered players plus 8 substitutes across 13 teams in the Intermediate (3.0–3.6) and Advanced (3.7–4.2) divisions, with an additional 8 elite players (4.3+) competing head-to-head in a round-robin format. Teams represented competitive groups from Cooper Creek, Green Island Country Club, the Country Club of Columbus, Fort Benning, County Recreation Centers, and Columbus State University.

Spring 2026 also marked the league's first use of the new 12-court facility in Phenix City, expanding capacity for league play and providing a premier purpose-built venue for matches.

Three Division City Champions Crowned:

- **Elite Division (4.3+) City Champions** — Mario Mullins and VJ Smith
- **Advanced Division (3.7–4.2) City Champions** — The Dill-Inquints, led by Payton Mobley
- **Intermediate Division (3.0–3.6) City Champions** — Dink and Destroy, led by Zach Youngstrom

19 Individual Superlative Awards:

In addition to division championships, the Spring 2026 season concluded with the league's first-ever individual superlative awards. 19 player awards recognized standout contributions, achievements, and personalities across the three divisions. The awards expanded recognition beyond team trophies to celebrate the individuals who make the league community what it is.

End-of-Season Social at Chattabrewchee:

The increase in the league registration fee from \$40 to \$50 (with discounts for military, veterans, teachers, first responders, and youth coaches) directly enabled the league to host its first end-of-season social at Chattabrewchee. The social brought players from all three divisions together off the court, reinforcing COLGAMLP's mission of building community alongside competition.

Spring 2026 Youth League — Currently Underway

The Spring 2026 Youth League is currently underway with 15 registered players, 9 of whom are new to the sport this season. With this season's class, COLGAMLP has now introduced 27 junior players to pickleball across its first two youth seasons — a 50% growth in the youth player base in less than a year.



City Champions Through Spring 2026

Five City of Columbus Championship trophies have been awarded to date. Below is the complete title roster since inception (full team rosters available at www.colgamp.com):

Season	Division / Format	City Champion
Spring 2025	Tribal — single division	Cougars (Payton Mobley, CSU)
Fall 2025	Draft — single division	Fountain City Flickers (Casey Geringer)
Spring 2026	Elite (4.3+) — round robin	Mario Mullins and VJ Smith
Spring 2026	Advanced (3.7–4.2)	The Dill-Inquints (Payton Mobley)
Spring 2026	Intermediate (3.0–3.6)	Dink and Destroy (Zach Youngstrom)



Venues

League play through Spring 2026 has utilized seven different venues across the Columbus and Phenix City area, giving players the opportunity to experience a variety of courts and connect with players from across the local pickleball community.

Venue	Notes
Cooper Creek Park	Public facility, 10 tennis courts chalked for pickleball, site for charity events, \$3 pp
Country Club of Columbus	Private club, 8 dedicated courts
Green Island Country Club	Private club, 5 dedicated courts
Columbus State University Courts	CSU representation, 6 dedicated courts, free
Phenix City — New 12-Court Facility	Public Facility; premier purpose-built venue, 12 dedicated courts, opened 2026, free
Opelika Sportsplex	Regional venue used for league play, 24 dedicated covered and lit courts, free
Fort Benning Courts	Military community venue; site of the 9/11 remembrance event, 6 dedicated courts, free

Community Events & Charitable Impact

Through Spring 2026, COLGAMLP affiliated charitable activity generated more than \$7,000 combined for community causes. In every case, charitable revenue was collected in full directly by the charity leaders and partner organizations. COLGAMLP was honored to partner with these wonderful community organizations to amplify their reach through the pickleball community.

Rally For The Cure (October 2025)

Held at Cooper Creek Park, Rally For The Cure was a doubles tournament organized to fight breast cancer through awareness and fundraising. Tournament Director Sham Haque set a goal of \$2,000 and the event raised \$3,177.59, well exceeding the target. Proceeds went directly to the Chattahoochee Valley Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society.

The format featured 8 teams competing in round-robin play across four divisions: Men's Doubles 4.0+, Women's Doubles 3.5+, Mixed Doubles 3.5+, and an Open Event. Suggested participant donation was \$30, with a second event at \$10 additional. Promotion included a televised interview on WLTV Channel 9 with organizers Rania, Elizabeth, and Rebekah.

Teen Advisors Charity Tournament (April 2026)

COLGAMLP partnered with Teen Advisors, Inc. and Marie Arballo on a charity tournament that raised more than \$4,000, collected directly by Teen Advisors, Inc. to support the mission of developing leaders within Columbus's young students. Suggested participant donation was \$40, with a second event at \$10 additional. The partnership extends COLGAMLP's existing youth-development focus into a direct fundraising channel for the next generation of community leaders.

9/11 Remembrance Pickleball Event (September 11, 2025)

COLGAMLP commemorated the 24th anniversary of the tragic 9/11 terrorist attacks as the Columbus / Fort Benning pickleball community joined the Great American Pickleball Club Challenge (GAPCC). As a part of the GAPCC, hundreds of pickleball clubs across America participated in a meaningful movement supporting first responders, military personnel, and their families. At Fort Benning's six pickleball courts 26 soldiers, veterans, and family members played a sport we love to honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11 and the War on Terror.

Direct Community Support

In 2025 the league also made a humble donation to a rising local pickleball talent representing Columbus at the University of Georgia collegiate level, extending the league's impact beyond league play to direct support for emerging players from the area. Go Apoorva!

Youth Development as a Community Investment

Beyond charity events, COLGAMLP's youth programming is itself a form of community investment. Across the Winter 2025–26 Youth League and the currently underway Spring 2026 Youth League, the program has now introduced 27 children ages 9–14 to a lifetime sport in a structured, safe environment, supported by 9 volunteer coaches contributing 16+ hours each.

Volunteers & Leadership

COLGAMLP runs on volunteer leadership. The roles below were filled by community members who contributed their time without compensation.

- **Founder & Commissioner:** Doug Miller — Certified Pickleball Coach (PPR), oversees league operations, scheduling, communications, finances, and championship coordination.
- **Spring 2026 Season Co-Leadership:** Payton Mobley and John Clark Auer co-signed the Spring 2026 Welcome Letter and helped lead the league through its first three-division season, communicated with captains, settled match disputes, refined league rules, coordinated the league social, designed/purchased/distributed t-shirts, and recorded/posted scores.

Youth League Volunteer Coaches

The youth program is led by the Commissioner and supported by nine volunteer coaches who each donated 16+ hours per season:

- Chami Chedrick
- Payton Mobley (two seasons)
- Maddie Riccinto (two seasons)
- Noah Theriault (Assistant Commissioner of Youth League, two seasons)
- Greg Miller (two seasons)
- Will Pitts
- Ursula Trimiar (two seasons)
- Brian Phillips (two seasons)
- Juli Pope (two seasons)

Community Event Organizers

- **Rally For The Cure:** Tournament Director Sham Haque, with promotional/organizing leadership from Rania, Elizabeth, and Rebekah.
- **Teen Advisors Charity Tournament:** Marie Arballo led the partnership effort with COLGAMLP for the Spring 2026 fundraiser with superb assistance from Maddie Wendt.



Player Participation

Adult league participation has grown season-over-season in scope and structure. The league moved from a single-division format in 2025 to three skill divisions in Spring 2026, allowing players at every competitive level to find appropriately matched competition.

Multi-Season Player Tenure

Analysis of the master roster shows strong, growing engagement across the league's three completed adult seasons (Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026). Of the 139 unique adult players who participated in at least one league season:

League Tenure (per master roster)	Players	% of Roster
Played in 1 league season	84	60%
Played in 2 league seasons	35	25%
Played in all 3 league seasons	20	14%
Total players with at least 1 league season	139	100%

Roughly 4 in 10 league players have returned for a second or third season — a meaningful retention signal for a league only 12 months old. The 20 players who have completed all three seasons form a core cohort that has helped sustain league culture and competitive continuity from inception. An additional 13 adults from the master roster participated only in the Rally For The Cure charity tournament without registering for a league season, bringing total unique adult contacts to 152.

Adult Skill Level Distribution

Skill levels are recorded on the master roster for the majority of adult players. Distribution reflects the depth of competition COLGAML P supports across all three divisions.

Skill Tier	Players	% of Adult Roster
Intermediate (3.0–3.6)	57	38%
Advanced (3.7–4.2)	36	24%
Elite (4.3+)	12	8%
No DUPR skill level recorded	47	30%
Total adult contacts	152	100%

Finances & Budget

Operating posture: lean, volunteer-driven, and player-funded. The league is structured as Columbus Municipal League Pickleball, LLC and operates without paid staff for league management.

Registration Fee Structure

- 2025 seasons: \$40 per player per season
- Spring 2026 (current): \$50 per player per season with \$10 discount for military, veterans, teachers, and first responders; \$25 for youth league coaches

How the Spring 2026 Fee Increase Was Reinvested

The \$10 per-player Spring 2026 fee increase was deliberate and directly funded an expanded player experience. Per the published Spring 2026 registration page, the \$50 fee covers:

- League management
- Official league t-shirts for every player
- Awards (including the new individual superlative awards)
- Invitation to the end-of-season social — held for the first time at Chattabrewchee
- Five pickleballs per team
- Support of the youth league

The Chattabrewchee social, the league t-shirts, and the 19 individual superlative awards were each directly enabled by the fee increase — representing a tangible, multi-faceted return on the additional player investment.

Charitable Revenue (Collected Directly by Partner Organizations)

Charitable revenue raised through COLGAMLP-affiliated events was collected in full directly by the charity leaders and partner organizations. COLGAMLP was honored to partner with these organizations to amplify their reach through the pickleball community:

- Rally For The Cure (Oct 2025): \$3,177 — collected directly by Chattahoochee Valley Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society
- Teen Advisors charity tournament (Spring 2026): \$4,000+ — collected directly by Teen Advisors, Inc.
- Combined charitable impact through Spring 2026: \$7,000+

Spring 2026 Adult League Budget

The Spring 2026 Adult League was the first operational season since the Columbus Municipal League Pickleball, LLC formed on September 17, 2025. The season closed with a perfectly balanced budget.

72 registrants generated \$3,356.67 in net registration income (after discounts and Venmo processing fees).

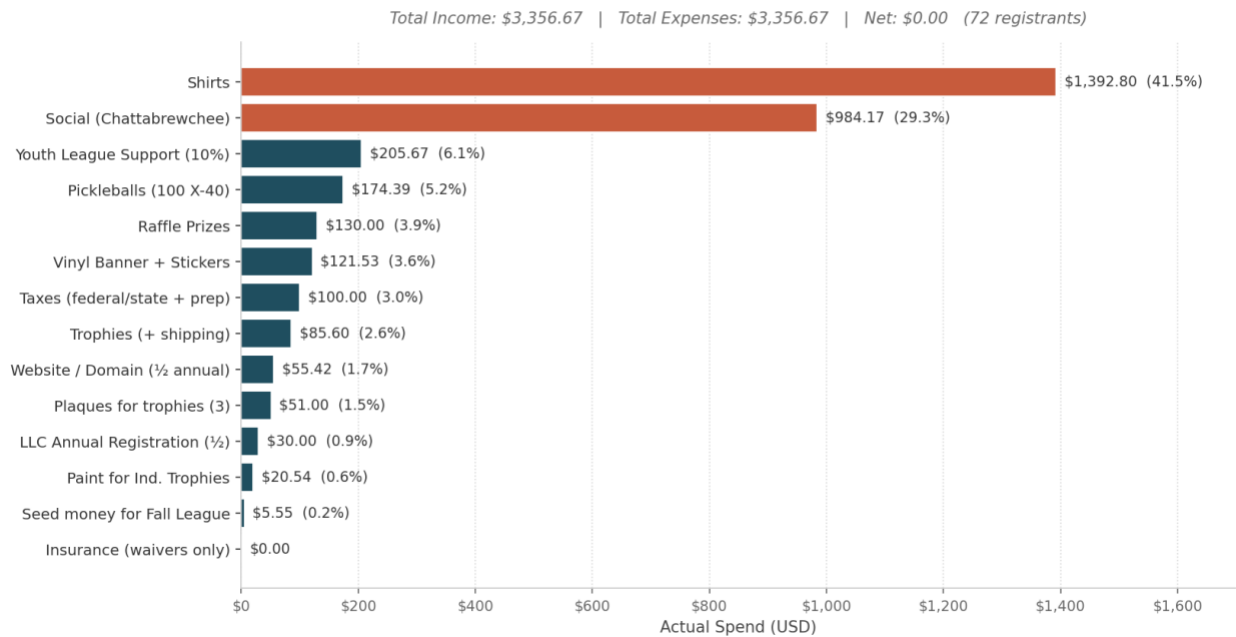
Two factors drove the balanced budget: insurance came in at \$0 against a \$1,100 estimate (the season operated on signed waivers only), and several discretionary line items (Vinyl Banner + Stickers, Youth League Support, Seed Money for Fall League) were trimmed below estimate where appropriate.

The two largest categories, league shirts (\$1,392.80, 41.5% of spend) and the end-of-season Chattabrewchee social (\$984.17, 29.3%), together accounted for over 70% of the season's spend — and were precisely the player-experience investments funded by the Spring 2026 fee increase from \$40 to \$50.

The remaining 30% covered pickleballs, trophies and plaques, the youth league donation, taxes, LLC and website fees, raffle prizes, promotional materials, and a small reserve seeded toward the Fall 2026 league.

2025 Federal and State Income Taxes were filed through a tax professional with zero dollars owed and a \$100.00 preparation fee.

Spring 2026 Adult League — Actual Expenses by Category



Partners

COLGAMLP's growth has been supported by partnerships with the following organizations and sponsors:

- Teen Advisors, Inc. — youth development partner; Spring 2026 charity tournament beneficiary
- Imperial 1916 — hat company for youth headgear (Kayla Bloor)
- Columbus Pickleball Association — advocate for city pickleball facility (Lance Tankersley)
- Cross Court Tennis
- Exstream Water Solutions — Rally For The Cure sponsor (Bill Swain)
- Chattabrewchee — Spring 2026 end-of-season social venue
- Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR) — coaching credential affiliation
- American Cancer Society / Chattahoochee Valley Relay For Life — Rally For The Cure beneficiary
- Fort Benning Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) — provided courts for 9/11 event

Partnering with COLGAMLP delivers year-round, multi-channel exposure to a documented audience of 152 unique adult contacts and 27 youth families across Columbus, Phenix City, and Fort Benning — supported by 12,996 website visitors and a 40% multi-season player retention rate that signals durable, engaged brand reach. As the only organized pickleball league in Columbus with a proven charitable footprint (\$7,000+ raised), clean LLC governance, and a presence at seven venues including the new 12-court Phenix City facility, partners gain credible, community-anchored visibility in one of the fastest-growing sports in America.

Risk Management & Governance

COLGAMLP operates with deliberate attention to legal structure, participant safety, and financial governance. This foundation allows a volunteer-run league to scale responsibly.

- **Legal Structure:** Columbus Municipal League Pickleball, LLC was formed September 17, 2025. The league operates as a registered Georgia LLC with no paid staff.
- **Liability Waivers:** All adult and youth participants sign the COLGAMLP Waiver and Release of Liability prior to participation. The waiver covers assumption of risk, release of claims, emergency medical authorization, conduct expectations, and photo / likeness release. Waivers for minor participants require parent or guardian signature.
- **Insurance Posture:** Spring 2026 operated on signed waivers only; insurance is reviewed each season as the league scales.
- **Safety Record:** One reportable on court injury during the Spring 2026 adult and youth seasons.
- **Tax & Compliance:** 2025 federal and state income taxes prepared by a licensed tax professional, filed on time, zero dollars owed.
- **Financial Controls:** Charitable revenue is collected directly by partner organizations rather than by COLGAMLP, eliminating fiduciary risk on those funds.
- **Photo & Likeness:** The participant waiver includes a perpetual photo and likeness release, allowing the league to use event imagery in publications, promotional materials, and on the league website.

What's Next

With the Spring 2026 adult season complete and the Spring 2026 Youth League underway, COLGAMLP's near-term calendar continues to build on the league's growing momentum:

- **Summer Youth Day Camp** — A 9-12am weekday camp for junior players, dates TBD.
- **DUPR Calibration Event** — A dedicated event to formally calibrate player DUPR ratings, supporting more accurate skill placement for future divisions and draft seasons. Summer 2026.
- **9/11 Remembrance Event at Fort Benning** — Returning in September to honor the sacrifices made on 9/11 and to bring the Columbus pickleball community together in remembrance.
- **Fall 2026 Adult League** — Continuing the established rhythm of a Fall draft season following the Spring captain-chosen format. September 2026.
- **Winter 2026–27 Youth League** — Building on the success of the inaugural Winter youth season and the current Spring season, returning to give Columbus junior players another opportunity for structured play. November 2026.

Future Goals for the Next 12 Months

1. **Grow league membership** — 100 adult players (Fall 2026) and 24 youth players (Winter 2026).
2. **Enter a high school club team** — Partner with a local school to add pickleball as a club sport.
3. **Secure local business partnerships** — Build sponsorship and support from area businesses.
4. **Expand media presence** — Promote the league through local radio, television, and online.
5. **Pickleball 101** — Launch an adult clinic series to convert beginners into league-ready players.
6. **Build a formal volunteer leadership structure** — Create defined roles such as Division Coordinators, a Social/Events Chair, and a Communications Lead to distribute responsibility, ensuring the league can scale sustainably as membership grows.
7. **Advise on new court facilities** — Provide input to public and private endeavors as new pickleball venues open in the area.

Sources & Notes on This Report

This report consolidates publicly available information published on www.colgamlp.com (Commissioner's Reports, season recap pages, event pages, registration pages, and the youth coach roster), along with championship results, player counts, charity totals, captain names, superlative award counts, and venue information provided directly by league leadership. Please contact Doug Miller at colgamlp@gmail.com for more information.

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