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## Second Annual PKS Pickleball Tournament

### Recreational and fun pickleball tournament makes a return

The Pine Knoll Shores Parks and Recreation Committee will host the town's second annual mixed doubles Recreational and Fun Pickleball Tournament on September 30 (rain date October 1). While final details are still in the works, some improvements are planned for this year. There will be four pickleball courts for the competition, located on Pine Knoll Boulevard near town hall. The Pine Knoll Shores Police Department will block off a section of the street from Live Oak Court to Fern Court for this purpose.

The tournament will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration beginning at 8:30. Competition is open to all skill levels, with a limit of 24 players. Advance reservations are required and may be made by contacting Connie Brophy at BrophyConnie@gmail.com on or before September 8. Registrants are welcome to sign up as a partnership, but for those who do not have a partner, an attempt will be made to pair you with another player. Registration is \$15 per player, and registered players will receive an embroidered visor and a hot dog lunch. Spectators will be able to purchase lunch at the tournament.

In addition to the competition, there are plans to run pickleball clinics on the courts behind town hall for those interested in learning more about this popular sport. Loaner paddles will be available for participants, if needed, so lack of equipment won't keep anyone from participating in the clinics. Another special clinic that will be announced later is also in the works.

There are four outdoor pickleball courts in Pine Knoll Shores, three behind town hall and one at Garner Park. The courts are available for anyone to use (children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult), and the nets are stored in a locked deck box behind town hall. Just come to town hall and ask for the combination that opens the lock. On most weekends players can be found on the courts at town hall around 9 a.m. on Saturday (and sometimes on Sunday). This is a good time to learn what pickleball is all about. Contact Jerry Price at jerryaprice@gmail.com for questions about weekend play or to get on the Pine Knoll Shores pickleball email list.

## Second Annual PKS Fishing Tournament

By Bill Steenland

The second annual Pine Knoll Shores fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, October 14. Everyone living in Pine Knoll Shores, property owners and town employees are eligible to fish. Participants may fish for a limited list of species from a boat, kayak, the surf or from a pier in this inshore tournament.

We want everybody in town who ever fishes or wants to fish—and that includes men, women, children and grandchildren—to join the fun. There's plenty of time to teach those grandkids to catch big fish before tournament day.

Registration and other details, including rules, species and some changes from last year's tournament, will come well in advance of the tournament. Proceeds from the \$10 registration fees will benefit the Crystal Coast Hospice House. Please mark your calendars now.



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