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PKS Celebrates 12th K4TW

By Jean McDanal

Are your running shoes, kayaks and paddleboards ready for Pine Knoll Shores' 12th Annual Kayak for the Warriors events? What started 11 years ago with eight stalwart paddlers has blossomed into a full week's worth of events. The events comprise the major fundraiser for Hope For The Warriors, an organization whose mission is to help those warrior heroes and families who have sacrificed so much in the name of freedom.

Pine Knoll Shores has always come out in full force to support these activities, and without our volunteers, none of this would be possible. We are lucky to have such outstanding leaders who willingly step up each year to organize the events. If you would like to get involved in any aspect, please email coordinator@k4tw.org. The following people are the lead contacts for this year's events:

- **5K/10K Beach Runs**—Bob Holman
- **Coordinator & Publicity**—Jean McDanal
- **Financial Officer**—Julie Anderson
- **Loaner Kayaks**—John & Donna Fountain
- **Logistics**—Janice Harvey
- **Manpower**—Dom Baccollo
- **Photography**—Cathy Martin & Amy Mansfield
- **Drone video**—Bernie Williford
- **Race Day Activities**—Sam Scudder
- **Race Safety**—Rob Cheshire
- **Raffle**—Elaine Holt & Susan King
- **Reception/Auction Day Activities**—Celeste Lindley
- **Saturday Picnic**—Pine Knoll Shores Realty
- **Website/Social Media**—Donna Fountain

Programs that Hope For The Warriors provides are varied. They include Spouse Scholarships; Warrior's Wish grants; immediate needs to aid in the recovery process and transition to life beyond; the Warrior House that provides adaptive living quarters for wounded families until long-term arrangements can be made; Family Support Program; Above and Beyond, a program designed to provide professional tools and guidance to move beyond recovery; and an outreach program providing education and other resources.

Hope For The Warriors has had a four-star rating for eight years in a row from Charity Navigator, an evaluator that independently investigates and rates non-profit organizations to determine transparency and how effective and efficient the organization is with donated money. Hope For The Warriors consistently spends 90% to 93% of funds raised to serve our wounded, with only 7 to 10 percent being used for administrative costs. Complete financial data is available at charitynavigator.org.

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Neither Kayak for the Warriors nor Hope For The Warriors is affiliated with The Wounded Warrior Project.

On Saturday, May 25, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., our 5K and 10K Beach Runs will begin on the beach near The Inn at Pine Knoll Shores. It will be low tide at race time and both runs will remain entirely on the beach. At 8 a.m. the serious, competitive runners will line up first, with casual runners next. Fees for the 5K and 10K races are \$25 and \$50, respectively, and both include a t-shirt and water. T-shirts will also be available for purchase, and we will again have digital timing by runtheeast.com. To register for either event or for more information, please visit runtheeast.com or k4tw.org.

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Third Annual PKS Pickleball Tournament

Recreational and Fun Pickleball Tournament makes a return

The Pine Knoll Shores Parks and Recreation Committee and The Country Club of the Crystal Coast will host the town's third annual mixed doubles Recreational and Fun Pickleball Tournament on April 27 (rain date April 28). There will be four pickleball courts for the competition, located at the club's Tennis Center. This location has Har-Tru clay courts, and players must wear approved court shoes. There are limited tournaments played on clay courts in the United States, making this a unique opportunity for pickleball play—and play on clay courts is gentler on joints and the back.

The tournament will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with check-in beginning at 8:30. Registration is full at this time, but we will maintain a wait list in the event of a cancellation. Interested players should contact Natalie Gobble at ngobble@townofpks.com or 247-2268 on or before April 6. Registration is \$25 per player, and registered players will receive a hot dog lunch. Spectators will be able to purchase lunch at the tournament. Due to limited seating, players and spectators should bring portable chairs.

Weather permitting, there will be open pickleball play on the country club's clay courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays in April, beginning at 3 p.m., and on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 2 p.m., for registered tournament participants only. There will be a \$5 fee at each session for players who are not club members. Those interested in playing should email club Tennis Pro Chris Baile at crystalcoasttennis@gmail.com.

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.

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