

Quarterly WSPC Club NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022



Toys for Tots & Food Drive



WSPC held its third annual Food Drive and Toys for Tots collection in December. Brenda Furnace scheduled various drop off locations to benefit our local community. WSPC volunteers coordinated time slots with Linda Griffith to fill bags for the families at the Toys for Tots facility. Once again, the drive was a big success!



These are some of the many members who volunteered to coordinate and bag the Toys for Tots gifts



WSPC Updates from the Board

From Jeffrey Smith, Board President

Grand Valley court projects:

Lincoln Park court expansion update

The contractors have started work at Canyon View Park on the tennis court phase of this project. Lights were installed on the existing 12 tennis courts. New lights on the Lincoln Park courts will be installed in January and February. Construction of four new tennis courts at Canyon View will begin in February with an expected completion by end of May. During May, the contractors will start concrete work at Lincoln Park to expand the court surface to the north. We do not expect much disruption of pickleball play during the concrete expansion phase. The current plan for full scale work at Lincoln Park is to begin in June. Twelve new pickleball courts will be installed where the current tennis courts reside and all existing courts, east and west, will be resurfaced.

The current configuration of the west courts will be modified to increase the back court space. During this phase of the project all courts at Lincoln Park will be closed to play for approximately two months. We are currently looking into alternative playing sites for pickleball during this closure. Club representatives have been meeting monthly with the Park department and reviewing the project plans and time schedules from the contractors. We are hoping to have a diagram of the pickleball court plans from the contractor at our next meeting in January.



[Chipeta Golf Course](#)

The manager of the Chipeta Golf course recently contacted us with news they are looking into converting the old tennis courts at the course to eight pickleball courts. We have agreed to assist them in analyzing the viability of this project by surveying area pickleball players to determine the level of interest this project will generate.

Look for a players' survey in the coming weeks. The court project they are discussing would include some nice amenities like court-side shade structures and benches where players can enjoy snacks and beverages from their club house including beer and wine.

[Fruita court projects](#)

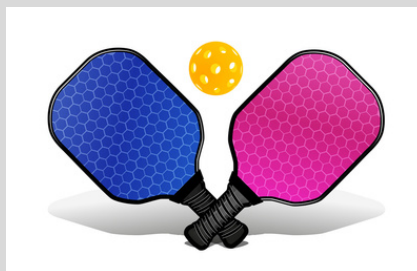
The City of Fruita is planning two projects that include pickleball courts. The first is a multi-sport playing surface at Reed Park that will include one pickleball court. This project is scheduled for next summer. A longer-term project at Little Salt Wash Park will include a set of six to eight pickleball courts. No dates are currently available on this project but they are hoping to begin within the next two to three years.



From George Gerson,

Communications & Membership Director :

WSPC membership has now passed the 600 member mark with 200 new members joining so far this year. This is a new record number for WSPC.



Upcoming Tournaments:

WSPC Spring Fling

(the WSPC RESCHEDULED Fall Tournament)
Tentatively rescheduled for April 15-16, 2023
Back-up Date is April 22-23, 2023
We hope for much better weather this time!

Delta Sweet 16 Mixed Doubles

Delta pickleball needs a few more players for the mixed doubles tournament.

Please sign up ASAP!

Where: BHRC in Delta Division: 3.5 / 4.0

When: 9:30 - noon on Sunday Jan. 8th

Fee: Price of admission to the gym, plus \$5

No charge to spectators who just want to come and watch!

Contact Teresa Baier at teresa@cityofdelta.net or call/text 970-589-3264.

Check your WSPC emails regularly as new 2023 tournaments are announced and George Gerson will send the details

WSPC Round Robin Coordinators

Fun on the pickleball courts would lack player variety without the consistent dedication of these members:



Cheryl Reigle at Lincoln Park



Tobin & Sheila Kueper at Pineridge

Thank you for all you do! We appreciate you!!



WSPC Christmas Social

Social Director Cindy Fewell planned the annual Christmas event and it was a great holiday evening!
THANK YOU to these amazing volunteers for all your help!



- *Butch & Peggy Shaw
- *Rob Schoeber
- *Catherine Callaghan
- *Alecia Gordon
- *Sandy Mallory
- *Michael Gallegos
- *Tom Davis
- *Cindy Fewell
- *Gayle Smith

Setup Crew



- *Jim & Anna Goetz
- *Catherine Callaghan
- *Tom Pearson
- *Jerry Spurr
- *Gene & Rita Clausen
- *Elise & David Lind
- *Marci Chambers
- *Madonna Hayes
- *Cindy Fewell



Cleanup Crew



WSPC Christmas Social



Jeff Smith recognized Tao & several other members for their contributions to the Club



Dave from Komodo contributed 2 paddles for the raffle. Stan (below) won one



Catherine & Cindy





WSPC Christmas Social



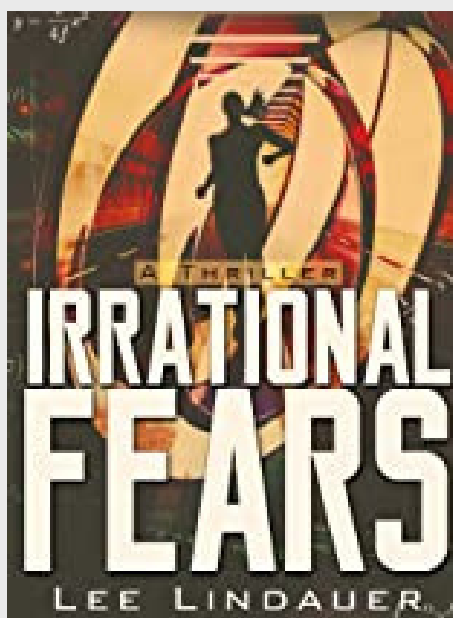
Some of the many holiday attendees...



Meet Some WSPC Authors



Latest Release



First Thriller



Lee Lindauer

Local Author

Pickleball Player

Lee is a longtime WSPC member who has just released his second book. Here is the back cover narrative of:

The Sava Steps

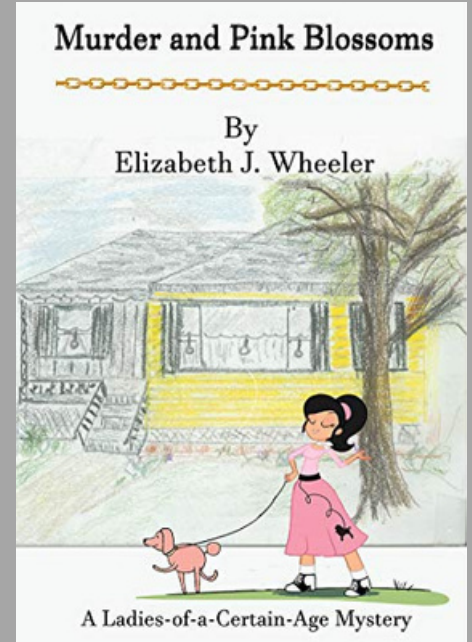
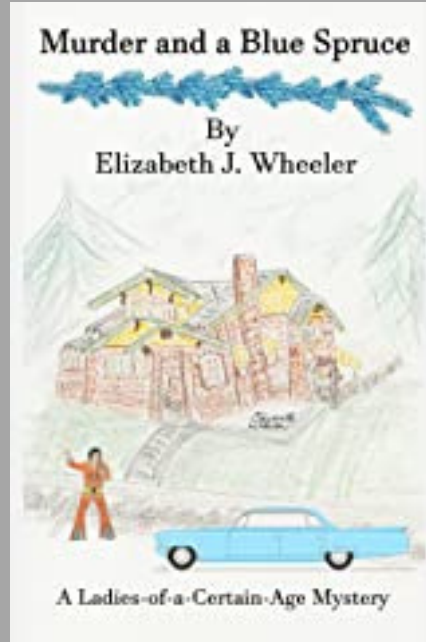
Twenty-five years after the Srebrenica Massacre, the worst genocide in Europe since World War II, survivor Melika Žbanić encounters two vicious men from her past. Intent on revenge, her plans are derailed by disgraced FBI agent Thorne Hightower, who has personal reasons to involve himself in her affairs.

Melika escapes Hightower's pursuit only to be kidnapped and taken somewhere in the Balkans where a grim fate looms. With the clock ticking, a persistent Hightower follows clues to her whereabouts—and by chance meets Melika's daughter Valery, a physically impaired but gifted young woman determined to confront her own existence—and soft-spoken Victor Alvarez, whose sole purpose in life is to keep his wife alive. Amid the splendor of a desolate mountaintop nouveau riche hotel, they find themselves locked on an emotional collision course between brutality, and the GIFT OF LIFE

Lee's books are available on Amazon, either in paperback or e-book versions

Visit the author's website at www.leelindauer.com

Another WSPC Author



Ladies of a Certain Age Mysteries

by Elizabeth J Wheeler

Elizabeth has recently released the third book in her 'Ladies of a Certain Age' series: ***Murder and a Blue Spruce***

Two of the characters live on the Western Slope, and it is rumored that Book 4 takes place there.



Elizabeth's books are available on Amazon, either in paperback or kindle versions

Passionate about old houses, Elizabeth started Denver's Old House Society. The organization offered guided walking tours and an old house fair attended by hundreds each year.

Elizabeth is also passionate about writing mysteries and she includes Denver historical home facts in these books.

Visit author's website:

www.LadiesofaCertainAge.com

Elizabeth J Wheeler

Colorado Native

Local Author

Pickleball Player

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WSPC Business Sponsor News

WSPC member *Lisa Gan* is now sponsored by Komodo



Lisa Gan





If you know someone who would like to join the Western Slope Pickleball Club, the membership application can be downloaded on our website:
<https://westernslopepickleballclub.com/join/>
or contact George Gerson at g20520@aol.com

For further club events and news, check the calendar on the website

www.wspcgj.com

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