



**WSPC Membership
Continues to Grow**

Our club has now grown to
250 members

This includes 32 members who live outside Mesa County. The biggest source of new members comes from the beginner clinics. The next one is scheduled for April 14. Thank you, George Gerson. for leading these clinics.

**WSPC Outreach Events
Adopt a Street Program**

WSPC volunteers have met twice to keep our designated street section clean. As a city of Grand Junction street sign advises, 24 Road from F 1/2 to I-70 has been adopted for litter control by WSPC. The first work day was on Sept 15. The 16 volunteers collected 16 full bags of trash.

The second group met on Nov. 18 and consisted of 13 volunteer club members. In addition to the large bags of trash, the group cleaned up abandoned signs and large piles of wood and metal debris.



This public service is conducted quarterly and is organized by Bruce Gregg. Future dates in 2018 will be announced in your email. Bruce participated in both of these events, and photographed the group pictures.

Parade of Lights

Many club members worked tirelessly to construct a float for the 2017 Parade of Lights.



The float was a part of the Grand Junction Parade on Dec. 2



Grand Junction Parade participants Not shown is Barry Peterson, driver & photographer

and the Fruita Parade on Dec. 9.



Fruita Parade participants Not shown is Barry Peterson, driver & photographer

The crowds loved it and it was huge exposure for the club. In addition to the festive lights, decorations and music emanating from the float, there was an active pickleball game continuously played on the float. Walking members gave out candy & toys. For more photos and a video of the float, please go to <http://westernslopepickleballclub.com/photo-gallery-2017/>



PLACES TO PLAY INDOORS

As the weather gets colder, we are all looking for places to play pickleball indoors. There are several options listed below.

Grand Junction

Lincoln Barn (970) 254-3866

910 N. 12th St.

3 indoor courts: all levels

Cost: \$6 drop in fee or \$40 for a 10 visit punch card.

Punch cards can be purchased at the GP Parks and Rec office at 1340 Gunnison Avenue. You may still use your old punch cards from last year.

Schedule

Mon/Wed/Thurs, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Tues/Thurs 9:30-12:30 pm.

and 5-8:00 p.m.

Fri: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

and 5-8:00 p.m.

Sat: 9-12:00 p.m.

Sun: 1-4 p.m.

NOTE: All Morning times are only offered after December 21. This schedule is subject to change.

Before attending, please confirm with the posted monthly calendar on the pickleball bulletin board by the north entrance to the barn or call 970-254-3866. If there are not at least 4 players present within a half hour of opening or within a half hour of closing, that play time will be cancelled. Also, the site may have been rented out for an event during a previously scheduled time, so be sure to check the most recent schedule before attending.

New portable nets have been purchased by the club for indoor play at the Lincoln Barn, along with enough tarps to ensure that the windows are covered to cut down on glare and previous lighting problems.



Other Indoor Areas in the Grand Valley

For those neighboring areas privileged to have a recreation center, the times listed are actual designated times, that are not cancelled for other paying clients (events) or small attendance. **The rec center drop in fees also include use of the pool, spa, weights, aerobic machines walking track etc. Silver Sneakers members are free.**

Some of the area Rec centers with designated pickleball times are:

Delta Rec Center

Fruita Rec Center

Grand Valley Rec Center

Montrose Rec Center

There are many other rec centers on the Western Slope, however, only the closest ones are listed. For detailed information of the above listed locations, including cost, and designated pickleball times, please go to this link:

<https://goo.gl/FdJjQJ>

We have also listed this information on our website under places to play indoors in the Grand Valley area.

PLACES TO PLAY WHEN TRAVELLING

Ever wonder where to play pickleball when you are travelling? Did you know that there are 163 places to play in Colorado? The USA Pickleball Association has that info on their website which is free to everyone. Go to usapa.org and click on the PLACES TO PLAY tab. The USAPA site also lists places to play in other states besides Colorado.

Additionally, to find play in the Denver area only, go to pickleballken.org and scroll down to places to play in the Denver area.

Holiday Party Trivia

Q: What do you call a frozen pickle hanging from the roof?

A: An icepickle.

Q: What do you call a pickle who is a bad loser?

A: A sour pickle

Q: What is green and carries a gun?

A: Marshall Dill

Q: What is green and flies through the air?

A: Super Pickle.



2018 Tournaments

Our club website will be updated soon with local and regional tournaments for 2018. You will also see the dates posted soon for our Members Only Sweet 16's. The WSPC members only tournament will be in April. Exact date TBA.



SWEET 16 ON OCT. 14

Although the October Sweet 16 was very windy, they all had a lot of fun. Special thanks to our volunteers who made it happen: Tom Brown, Bill Schapley, Sue Goebel, Maxine Behrman, Rick Marion, and Barbara Douchant. And also thanks to all who brought goodies for all to enjoy.



3.0 participants



3.5 participants



4.0+ participants being blown over by Hurricane Lincoln



3.0 winner was Tim Brower, who was undefeated in 8 rounds.



3.5 winner was Terry Newlin who was undefeated in 8 rounds



4.0+ women champions Jana Donahue and May Liang



4.0+ men champions Walter Cummings and Nate Baker

UPCOMING EVENTS!

JOIN IN THE FUN!

WSPC

Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 17

Lincoln Barn

Play (free) from 9-4

Delicious potluck: 11:45-1:00

**Please bring a dish to share with
a serving spoon.**

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2017

USAPA Nationals

Saturday, Dec. 23

11 a.m. MST

**CBS Sports Network viewing
options, go to**

**<https://www.cbssportsnetwork.com/>
and enter your zip code.**



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westernslopepickleballclub.com

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