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## **Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. – Pickleball Event Coming Up.**

(SUN PRAIRIE) — Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. (SPPF) is hosting a Pickleball Community Event and Exhibition to support the expansion of the Wyndham Hills pickleball courts. The event will take place on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Wyndham Hills Community Park at noon and feature local area national champion Dave Weinbach. Dave is one of the most decorated players in the sport of pickleball and the holder of over 150 medals since he started playing the sport nearly ten years ago, Dave is also one of the game's leading ambassadors as he travels throughout the country, sharing his passion for pickleball through his clinics and lessons.

SPPF and the pickleball community is closing in on its fundraising goal, so far raising \$54,000 towards a goal of \$60,000 to match funds from the City to construct four new courts at Wyndham Hills Park and hopes to finish the effort soon.

The schedule for Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> is as follows:

Noon-12:45 pm, learn to play pickleball where local players will teach anyone wanting to learn how to play pickleball. Equipment will be provided.

12:45 pm-1:00 pm Kristin Grissom, Director of Sun Prairie Park & Rec, will speak about the new courts. Bill Dunlop, Vice President of Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. (SPPF) will speak about the fundraising and SPPF.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm will be an exhibition by Dave Weinbach and other top local players including Ryan Weinbach, Drew Depies, and Nate Kilsdonk.

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm will be an opportunity for local players to play with the Dave Weinbach.

During the event t-shirt sales will take place and the on-line auction that has been going on will be closed out. Further information on the auction, July 11<sup>th</sup> event and opportunities to donate to the project are on the group's website, [www.parksfriends.org](http://www.parksfriends.org).

The group is hoping to close out its fundraising efforts to have a completed complex that will increase the total number of pickleball courts to ten and become a regional destination for pickleball enthusiasts and events. Support amongst the city's Common Council Alders for this project has been extremely high. The group still needs that final push of donations to reach the goal of \$60,000.

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