



APPL Championships Tuesday Update!

Tuesday was Women's day at the APPL Championships. Dave White Park was serene in the early morning but when 11:00 rolled around things started to heat up fast with another extraordinary demonstration of team-based league pickleball following Monday's kickoff with the Men. The following is a summary of what ensued.

3.0 Women: The first 11:00 match pitted Casa Grande's regional champions, Encanterra who were 9-1 in their region, against the West Valley champions Happy Dinker, 7-1 in their region, on courts 1,2 & 3. Encanterra took an early lead winning all 6 first round matches in round 1 and never looked back. After round 3 the final score: Encanterra 31 - Happy Dinker 12.

3.5 Women: On courts 4,5 & 6 also at 11:00, Casa Grande's 8-0 regional champion Anthem faced the Southern region's undefeated 7-0 champions Hot Shots. After the first round the score was 9-6 Anthem. The Hot Shots shifted the momentum in their favor taking the second round 11-5. The third round took the match time past the 2 hour mark with hard fought matches by both teams. The Hot Shots just wouldn't give back the momentum winning the match in the end. Final score: Hot Shots 28 - Anthem 18.

4.0 Women: In one of the 1:00 sessions the Southern Region's co-champions Designated Dinkers squared off against the Casa Grande Region's 10-0 champions Team Drop Shot in what proved to be one of the most exciting matches of the day. The Designated Dinkers took an early 8-6 lead after round 1. Round 2 was quite a battle with the teams garnering 17 out of a possible 18 team points. The Designated Dinkers grabbed 9 points. Team Drop Shot scored 8, making it 17-14 Designated Dinkers after round 2. The third round had an incredible 3 games that ended with a 12-10 score. The final score after a remarkable Team Drop Shot 11-4 third round: Team Drop Shot 25 - Designated Dinkers 21.

4.0 Women: Also at 1:00 the West Valley, undefeated 10-0 champions Fine Whines, faced the Southern Region's co-champions Dezert Gilas. The Fine Whines took an early 10-7 lead after the first round and followed with a 9-7 performance after the second round. The Fine Whines wouldn't let down, winning the third round 9-7 again. The final score: Fine Whines 28 - Dezert Gilas 21.

3.5 Women: The 2:30 session pitted the West Valley Region champs Dinkalicious against Casa Grande's Anthem returning from an 11:00 loss earlier in the day. Dinkalicious took a commanding 12-1 lead after round 1 but Anthem countered with an impressive 11-5 round 2 performance. Dinkalicious regained their momentum in the third round resulting in a well earned victory. Final score: Dinkalicious 27 - Anthem 17.

3.0 Women: In the other 2:30 session, the Casa Grande champs Encanterra, winners in the 11:00 session, were matched against the Southern region 9-0 champions, Oro Valley. Oro Valley took an early round 1 lead scoring 9-5 over Encanterra. Encanterra rebounded with their own 10-6 round 2 victory making it 15-15 going into the third round. Clearly Encanterra found their second wind and never relinquished, winning the third round 10-3 resulting in a final score of Encanterra 25 - Oro Valley 18. This gave Encanterra a 2-0 win/loss record in their flight and therefore they will take home the State Championship trophy. Congratulations to Captain Mary Ellen Bishop and team Encanterra!

Daily Raffle Winners:

Volunteers:

Carol Barron - Paddle

Yvonne Reynolds - Bag

Mark Fynn - Bag

Cristina Campbell - Balls

Players:

Janet Gannon - Paddle

Krista Deweerd - Bag

Tam Ambrose - Bag

Maria Poulton - Balls