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Miami Beach Produces Pickleball Champs *-- The Sports Craze for all Ages --*

Miami Beach, FL – The Scott Rakow Youth Center on Miami Beach, home to the ever growing popular sport of pickleball, has just won bragging rights as two of their players — Patty Kinne and Lily Azel — won gold in the women’s division 19-59 years of age range at the Florida State Pickleball Tournament. Both ladies met at the Youth Center and play often together.

Named for the family cocker spaniel of one of the co-inventors, pickleball is played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center, and uses a perforated plastic ball (similar to a whiffle ball) and a wood or composite paddle. It’s easy enough for beginners to learn, however can develop into a fast-paced competitive game for experienced players.

This sweet sport with a sour name was introduced to Miami Beach by Rena Rosenfeld, a snowbird resident from Sag Harbor, New York who is not only an avid player, but also a USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) Ambassador.

The Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department encourages those wanting a great cardio workout to come out and play! It’s a multigenerational game that the whole family can enjoy. There is no charge at this time. Visit www.miamibeachparks.com or contact the Scott Rakow Youth Center at 305. 673.7767 for more information on how to join the pickleball craze.

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