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## CASPER RECREATION CENTER WILL HOST 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL “DINK THE HALLS” PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Casper Recreation Center will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Dink The Halls” Doubles Pickleball Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, December 17-18. The tournament will begin at 3 pm on Saturday with round robin play in which players compete with a different partner each game. All players will then advance to one of the double elimination brackets on Sunday. Players will be seeded into bracket play based on Saturday’s point total from round robin games. Competition is offered in three levels: Highly Skilled=4.0 or higher, Intermediate=3.0-4.0 and Recreational=less than 3.0.

The entry fee is \$20 per player and registrations must be received by Thursday, December 8. Players may register online at [www.ActiveCasper.com](http://www.ActiveCasper.com) or by contacting the Recreation Center at 235-8383.

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. What is it? According to the USA Pickleball Association, it's a fun game played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. Pickleball players say it's easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

The Casper Recreation Center offers a number of programs for youth, adults, and seniors. For further information, please call the Casper Recreation Center at 235-8383, stop by 1801 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, or visit [www.casperwy.gov](http://www.casperwy.gov). Online registration for recreation classes is available at [www.activecasper.com](http://www.activecasper.com).

