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It was a very proud day for me last Thursday at the Women's Pickleball Tournament. My favorite time at this event happened during the thirty minutes before play even began. This was the time where excitement, nerves and friends collided. Watching the players connect with each other just before play starts is a special moment. The tournament really isn't about winning a few prizes but rather reinforcing the reason that we belong to the Racquet Club... friends and fun. While the competition was spirited, I observed most players were complimenting good shots and encouraging each other. The lower division was particularly inspirational. I watched as four ladies made new friends and even vowed to start playing regularly with each other, looking forward to next year's tournament. Well done, players!

While the social conduct and play of participants inspired me, I was equally impressed by the team of volunteers that chairs Pete Cannon and Fred Savage put together. Pete and Fred laid out a game day plan that included scheduling, communications, runners, scorekeeping and the post tournament social. The plan took dozens of volunteers that did their jobs to perfection and the plan was executed flawlessly, allowing the ladies to have a fun day.

I am very proud that you all lived up to our tagline . . .

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*Bob James*

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