

Regency Pickleball Nation Celebrates Dinko de Mayo

By Bob Zyontz

“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night can keep Regency pickleballers from the swift completion of their appointed activities”.

Sorry United States Postal Service. We not only have co-opted your unofficial motto but also pulled off the cultural appropriation of a major holiday from south of the border down Mexico way.

On the night of May 5, 2025, the Regency Pickleball Club, unwilling to bend the knee to inclement weather, moved its Dinko de Mayo-themed event indoors to Ballroom 3 so that its members could party and still celebrate the game they love. What we did not celebrate was the May 5, 1862, Battle of Puebla, where Mexicans defeated French colonists who were trying to expand into Mexico. But I digress.

Over 90 pickleballers attended, including Steve “Cisco Kid” Stein, who arrived wearing a very cool sombrero. Activity was brisk at the nacho station where the Club’s events committee served up bowls of nachos that members customized with a variety of toppings that satisfied every palate. Both regular and Mexican brownies were the featured dessert while bottled water was provided for all.

It was a great night for socializing and catching up with friends, many of whom like Bruce and Sharon Mineroff and Abe and Ruth Bawarshi, had just gotten back from wintering in Florida. The only things missing were the mariachi band, some pinatas, and a few pitchers of margaritas.

Special thanks goes to Board chair for events Eva Nyman and her hard-working committee of volunteers for coming up with the concept, shopping, setting up, and working this fun event. All committee members deserve recognition for a job well done. The group included Sylvia “Patty” Smith, Gita Master, Jo Reisman, Stacey Chusid, Meg Pribyl, Lori Ragovin, Sherry Vitanza, Sharon Mineroff, Cindi Drum, Risa Jarvis, and Wendy Strauss.

Stay tuned as the Club has scheduled a wide array of social and competitive play events throughout the year. Please keep the Club’s TeamReach site on your radar and visit regencyatmonroepickleballclub.org to register for upcoming events as they are announced. The Pickleball Club is the largest, most active sports group at Regency, so if you are interested in joining, please visit the Club’s website.



[Caption]

Jim Freeman, Mozey Ghaffari, Steve Stein (in the sombrero), David Berkowitz, Stan Wainberg, Mitch Grossman, and some guy with a drink in his hand just hanging out and having a good time.

[Photo by Tom Cullen]



[Caption]

It's miles of smiles for friends Sharon Mineroff, Helen Zyontz, Phyllis Greenberg, and Eva Nyman as they share nachos and a few laughs with Bruce Mineroff and Bobby Harris.

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