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4th ANNUAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT SET TO ATTRACT OVER 800 PLAYERS TO DELRAY BEACH

DELRAY BEACH, FL - After canceling the 2020 classic due to the pandemic, the 2021 Gunther Delray Beach Pickleball Classic is back stronger than ever with over 800 registered players, making it one of the largest pickleball tournaments in the southeast. The Delray Beach Pickleball Club (DBPC) is honored again to have Gunther Motor Company as this year's title sponsor for the four-day event which is being held at the Delray Beach Tennis Center on Atlantic Avenue.

"This year's Pickleball Classic has surpassed our expectations," said DBPC president, Norm Dickman. "We take pride in being known as one of the best run tournaments in the area as well as our efforts to promote the sport and give back to the community through our charitable endeavors." Proceeds from the tournament and other events hosted by the club are used to support local organizations including the Make-A-Wish Foundation Southern Florida, Achievement Center for Children and Families and the Gift of Life.

The 2021 Gunther Delray Beach Classic will start this Thursday, December 2 through Sunday December 5 and will include participants from all age and skill levels, including a singles division, a first for the Classic. Considered one of the most popular tournaments in the area for its player-friendly experience, participants will compete on 28 courts including center stadium where the medal matches will be played.

The influx of visitors supporting local hotels, restaurants and shops will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy activities on Delray Beach's popular Atlantic Avenue including the beautiful beaches, the famous 100-foot Christmas tree, and the Downtown Delray Beach Art Festival, all within walking distance of the Classic.

For further information on the Delray Beach Gunther Pickleball Classic, please visit delraybeachpickleballclub.com or pickleballtournaments.com

About Pickleball

Considered one of the fastest growing sports in America, pickleball is a family-friendly racquet sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong and played with a wiffle ball and composite paddles on a surface half the size of a tennis court. Pickleball is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick fast-paced competitive game for experienced players.

About Delray Beach Pickleball Club

The Delray Beach Pickleball Club was founded in 2016 as a not for profit 501c3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to promoting the sport of pickleball and supporting local charities. The club has expanded to include free clinics for members, fundraisers, and hosting the annual tournament, the Delray Beach Pickleball Classic. Currently over 400 members have joined, making it one of the fastest growing, successful pickleball clubs in the area.

About Gunther Motor Company

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