



# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

*nominated by Ric Hutchenson.*



Volunteer Name: Liz Blount, Training Administrator

Activity Supported: Introduction to Pickleball and Beginner Training

Four months ago, Liz volunteered to join the Player Development Team and assume the duties of Training Administrator. As training Administrator, she is “the point of the spear” for all new (and old) members who want to enroll in Introduction to Pickleball and Beginner Training Classes. She handles all the initial requests for training, provides scheduling information to the members and fits them into a training schedule that meet their needs. While this only takes seconds to read, it requires hours of work to make it happen. But that is just the beginning, because we all have lives and thus when members have to cancel their classes, she works with them to reschedule their classes and with other members to try to fill the newly opened class slots so that all our training classes are full. This requires an exceptional amount of patience and dedication.

In addition, she is responsible for preparing all of the advance materials for each Beginner Training class, including name tags, reading assignments, training handouts and graduation certificates. Liz is also responsible for making sure the materials get to the appropriate coaches and that the beginner training students receive their training books and advance reading materials.

I can truly say to all who believe that we have the best training program in the country, that without the tireless effort that Liz puts in day in and day out, it wouldn't happen.

So, the next time you see her on the courts tell her THANKS.