



2023

Annual Report – President

Bill Grandy

It has been a busy season and truly a team effort. Your Executive Committee has been active in working to make the Shediac Pickleball Club welcoming and a fun place to play pickleball for members.

The Club would like to formally acknowledge the hard work of your past President, JP Beaudreau.

Some achievements of your Executive Committee this year include:

- Creation of Club By-laws
- Creation of Guidelines for Open Play
- Affiliation with Pickleball New Brunswick and Pickleball Canada.
- Development of monthly calendars to provide opportunity for at-level play, courts booking times, and open-play periods.
- Collection of court usage statistics.
- Inside play has been secured at LJR for 2 nights per week.

Significant effort has begun to establish a more formal relationship with the Town of Shediac. This includes identifying roles and responsibilities, discussion of need for additional outside courts, possible interim measures to deal with short-term pressures, getting water at the courts, and possible purchase of court drying machine. The Town of Shediac have repaired our fencing, cleaned up the grounds around the courts, and ordered a VAPTR court dryer for the club. Mayor Roger Caissie attended the start of the mixed scramble and the Director of Community Living attended National Pickleball Day activities.

We have been busy trying to secure additional funding to help with activities, indoor play and equipment. We were successful in getting a \$1000 grant from COIN G (Horizon Health) to assist with the cost of inside

play. We have also applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Town of Shediac to further expand inside winter play. This proposal will go forward to Council budget meeting in November 2023. Donations were received from the Knights of Columbus, ION Nuclear Consulting and Babineau Appraisals. IGA and Moosehead provided nonfinancial donations towards several of our fun events this year.

Mikes Bike Shop provided 4 - \$50 gift donations for door prizes tonight.

Plans for fall 2023/2024:

New memberships/renewals will go through Pickleball Canada. The annual membership fee will be \$20.00 per year. This will minimize the need for special fundraising activities.

Work with the Town to plan access to the Arena and/or Multi-Surface sports facility to have additional temporary courts for next summer.

Finalize an agreement with the Town to the clearly articulate roles and responsibilities and identify ways to promote and develop pickleball.

Work with the Town to plan for additional outside courts during 2024 with a goal to construct during 2025.

Member engagement – Looking to establish sub-committees for certain activities, such as scheduling, events, training . More information to follow in the New Year.

Member Input- will be looking to solicit ideas and input on key activities.