

Good evening ladies and gentleman and welcome to the Yorkton pickleball annual general meeting. I would like to start with, thanking the current board for their hard work, dedication and general interest in representing the membership as too their best of their abilities. Each one brought a unique talent which was much appreciated. The process ran like a well oiled machine.

Too our sponsors, that extented an olive branch, some in as much as the whole olive tree, you haven't gone unnoticed. Your generosity has given members, the drive, incentive to participate within a sport that delivers health benefits thats we all can concur has improved to quality of our lives.

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Yorkton Pickball club would like to thank Madalina Kozushka and Gina Resler for your hard work in reaching out too our business community.

Thank you.

The sponsorship sends a two way message. Our message is, We are a recognized club and are here to stay. There message is, we support your club and we want you to stay.

Lets us reflect on our prevous year 22/23

Currently, YPC has 188 members and are among 22 registered clubs in the province of Saskatchewan. We held approximately 6-8 successful learn to play clinics, success defined as these players have returned to join us in drop in, and club booked events. We ran approximately 3 pre-intermediate clinics and 2 intermediate clinics .

Then a group of us set out a challenge, the challenge was one of instruction

and participation. The 10 session player development program. I love the sound of that, sounds so Pickleball heavy, has a really neat ring. This program was ran internally, consisted of 12 like minded individuals. Our goals were set out, simply to become the best players we can with current tools available. The Internet..... our members researching online and bringing what was learnt to the courts and for all practice/drill and impliment in game situations. I do believe at in the up and coming 23/24 Mr. Weiman has planned a 6 session Player development program, looking forward to that. Our xmas party and fun tournament has become a permanant enjoyable fixture with approximately 24 participant playing last year and enjoyed a smorgasborg. You can't beat, frest perogies and wedding style meatballs. OH, and the hunters pudding..mmmm. As the same as last year, I'm encouraging all too attend, great time and social event Dec 02nd from 1-5 pm at the GHCC and potluck supper to follow, location for the new board to arrange. *The member Appreciation BBQ WAS Nicely Attended @ KofC Park this past summer 35 Attendees Cost \$600 well worth spend* Into the new year we held two of our major tournaments, Mid winter tournament at the GC and You go Girl tournament GH center. Both tournaments were met with hugh positive result, with many of our participants coming from Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Many positive remarks as to looking forward to next years event and very enjoyable venue. So, I will leave this challange to the new Executive and board. " Make it better " Good luck. Mid winter tournament date set Feb 10th and the " You go Girl " Tournament March 3rd both are from 9-5pm and held at the GC. New this year will be the " Tickle the testosterone" tournament, all mens tournament March 16th 10-3pm GHCC.

In closing our tournament porfolio, the Dobsicki tournament at goodspirit lake was attended by approximately 20 participants and played in the provincial park parking lot. Social and meal which followed. Thank you too Craig Dobko, Gerard Osicki and those who supported their efforts, for your work in court layout, arrangements with the park and wooden metals & prizes.

Let's us now cover the schedule for Pickleball play. 22/23 year was very favorable for day and evening play, we are fortunate to have Galligher Center as possible alternative. We did have to cancel evening womens play

at the GHCC as attendance didn't support the event. We changed it to all members drop in and eventually increased the club drop in rate from 5 dollars to 7 dollars. In due time the venture was well attended and became profitable.

This year, Julia is faced with more of a challenge as compared to last year. More teams or interest have come forward looking for recreational venues and slot times. This, along with the new prioritization policy being implemented for booking is more of a challenge for our club.

Priority Policy is as follows:

1. Department of Recreation & Community Services
2. Major teams/Events
3. Minor age organizations
4. Adult Leagues/rentals
5. Individual hourly bookings
6. Special events and Tournaments

We fall under Priority 4.

We did secure two spots Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8pm till 10pm, as membership club drop in, with a fee of \$ 7 per player paid to the club.

Unfortunately, evening play has really taking a hammering this year.

There will be alot of day time play available, please keep an eye open for the city's Perfect mind registration site and or Sign up genius for play times. I also believe the city is still providing ladies drop in on Thursdays during the morning.

I will continue to Post the city calendar schedule on Pickleball Yorkton FB site.

Anne has made a application to GSSD and Catholic School Board to investigate the availability of a gym at the local schools. It does appear that Sacred Heart may be available for \$50 per hour from 7:30 to 9:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, as a possible option.

In closing, I want to wish the new Executive and board the best of luck in your endeavors, looking forward for good things too happen, when we all work together.

Yours in Pickleball, Ken Kolisnek