



1. Membership Renewal: We already have 145 members who have renewed their 2025 membership. This note will be sent to these 145 current “active” members and to the 2024 members who have not yet renewed. Future newsletters will be sent only to the active members. However, newsletters will continue to be posted on our webpage. A reminder: when renewing your membership please specify the club we have created: Whitehorse Pickleball Club (in Pickleball Canada/YPA).

2. Q and A Meeting, January 9. The board was pleased that so many of you attended this meeting. We heard several suggestions and will discuss them at our next board meeting. For those who did not attend, here are some of the topics discussed and some of the feedback we received.

a) **A cap on # of passes:** Members expressed an interest in not capping the number of passes sold. We tried this last fall. It created problems. I doubt that this will be tried again.

b) **A cap on # of early registrations:** On the other hand, members recognized that some limit ought to be placed on the number of early registrations (made prior to Tuesday evenings) to give a chance for more players to play at least once per week.

c) **Board membership:** We typically have our AGM in mid-March. Although we asked for suggestions for how to encourage more to join the board, our interest is not necessarily to have a larger board. Rather, our interest is to have a more diverse board, that better mirrors the diversity of our club. We have about a 50-50 split male/female, a 50-50 split, retired/working, and a diversity of priorities: social/recreational/competitive. Ideally our next board will more closely reflect this diversity. As well, many of the board have served for 5 or more years. We would like to encourage others to take over from some of these long-serving members.

d) **Other indoor court options:** There is an opportunity to expand our contract (the JUA-Joint User Agreement) this winter. Some members have expressed an interest in using Golden Horn school. We need to finalize the details but will ask to have Thursdays from 6-8 pm added to our JUA. We will also investigate if other gym times and schools are potentially available.

d) **Outdoor Courts-Public Hearing at City Hall, January 13:** Hector Campbell, VP, has offered to speak to City Council next Monday, to thank the City for adding pickleball courts as a line item in the 4-year budget (2025-2028). It is in Appendix B (which means that it will require “outside funding” - in other words, support from YG). Nevertheless, this is the first time in the seven years we have tried to get the City interested in building dedicated pickleball courts that they are a budget line item. I’m told that Stacy Lewis from Sport

Yukon (and from Tennis Yukon) will also make a presentation. Members are welcome to show up at the public hearing to show support. The hearing is at City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 on Monday, January 13. Enter via the Steele Street entrance and go up the stairs.

3. Pickleball Brackets (PB) Ladder Leagues: We now have 68 members who have registered in the Whitehorse Pickleball Club. The reason for joining the club (in PB) is to join one of the three leagues. As of January 10: 10 have registered for Tier 1, 13 for Tier 2, and 9 for Tier 3. Some of the 68 will not be here for much of the winter. However, at least probably about 60 will be here for much of the next 4-5 months. Yet only 32 have joined a league so far. I realize that the initial registration process is not straight forward. I did not realize until this week that some were trying to do this on a phone. Although the weekly routine (of opting in to play that week, and of submitting game scores) is quite straight forward and can easily be done with a smart phone, the initial registration is not straight forward and should be done on a computer. If your only computer is a phone, one option is to use a computer at the public library to sign up for the club, create a DUPR account, and register for a league. Here are the players currently registered in the three leagues. If you are having difficulty in completing this process perhaps one of the 32 would be willing to help you.

Tier 1 (3.5 +)

Rank		Previo	Rating
1	Joanne Love	0	3.7030
2	Brenda Dion	0	3.6810
3	Jim Gilpin	0	3.5000
4	Daniel Shorty	0	3.5000
5	Jeffrey Seaman	0	3.5000
6	Kyle Marchuk	0	3.5000
7	Jayme Curtis	0	3.5000
8	Don Emond	0	3.5000
9	Tristan Sparks	0	3.5000
10	Mike Baker	0	3.5000

Tier 2 (3.0-3.4)

Rank		Previous	Rating
1	Susan Staffen	0	3.1860
2	TAN NGUYEN	0	3.0000
3	Donna Stockstill	0	3.0000
4	David Fulgham	0	3.0000
5	Andrea Buckley	0	3.0000
6	Sue Lin	0	3.0000
7	Jessica Coulombe	0	3.0000
8	Melanie Harris	0	3.0000
9	Walter Brennan	0	3.0000
10	Yvonne Clarke	0	3.0000
11	Arnil Ramos	0	3.0000
12	Karen Loos	0	3.0000
13	jen meurer	0	3.0000

Tier 3 2.0-2.9)

Rank		Previous	Rating
1	Sean Booth	0	2.5000
2	Jane Wilson	0	2.5000
3	Pam Booth	0	2.5000
4	Anne-Marie DaSilva	0	2.5000
5	Shawna Dalley	0	2.5000
6	Carmen Komish	0	2.5000
7	Eric Meyer	0	2.0000
8	Audrey Meyer	0	2.0000
9	Storri Chesson	0	1.0000

Given that the tiered round robins fill up quickly each week, there clearly is an interest in tiered play. We would like to have at least 20 registered in each of the three leagues, and to have 15 opt-in each week. When you join the club (in PB) your request needs to be accepted by one of the managers (Sean Booth or myself, Jim Gilpin) since the leagues are only open to YPA members with a winter pass. Once we approve, then you can sign up for the appropriate league.

Volunteers: Thanks to Sean Booth who has offered to co-manage the leagues, and to Don Emond, Walter Brennan, Jessica Coulombe, Jane Wilson, and Anne-Marie DaSilva for offering to be hosts.

5. January Schedule: We hope to confirm an additional option soon. namely: Golden Horn, 6-8 pm on Thursdays

6. February Schedule: The major change is that the three ladder leagues will start February 2. The step-by-step process to join one of the three leagues is included in this newsletter and will be posted on our webpage.