

**Golden Pickleball Club**  
**2025 Annual Report**



## **Introduction**

We are pleased to present our second Annual Report for the Golden Pickleball Club.

This past year has been a period of exciting momentum and significant growth. We've seen a remarkable increase in court activity, especially with a vibrant influx of younger players. This demographic shift is energizing the entire community and bodes well for the future of pickleball in our area.

Looking ahead, we are confident that this growth trajectory will accelerate. We anticipate continued expansion in membership and play once our new courts are fully operational. We look forward to welcoming even more players and creating more opportunities for competitive and social play in the year to come.

## **President's message**

For every member or player of the Golden Pickleball Club, the game holds a unique meaning. For some, it's all about the social side, a perfect reason to connect with friends and share a few laughs. For others, it's a drive to compete and progress to the next level.



No matter your reason for stepping onto the court, I believe we can all agree that this past year has been defined by smiles and laughter. It's been wonderful to witness the incredible spirit of our club and to see so many players forming lifelong friendships both on and off the court.

The future of pickleball in Golden is incredibly bright! We are nearing the exciting completion of our new courts, and the enthusiasm across our community is palpable. This marks the beginning of a major new chapter for the Golden Pickleball Club.

I am proud to lead the club into this thrilling new era and want to extend my sincere gratitude to all our players and members for your continued support and passion.

Warmest regards,

Philip Dockerty  
President of the Golden Pickleball Club

## **2025 Key Accomplishments**

We are thrilled to highlight the following key accomplishments:

### **Keith King Sports Courts are under construction**

With hard work of the Golden Pickleball Club board of directors and the support of our players the courts are almost complete.

These courts will have four pickleball courts, two tennis courts, a practice wall and basketball hoop.

The funding sources for the project are:

Whitetooth Legacy Funding \$194,000

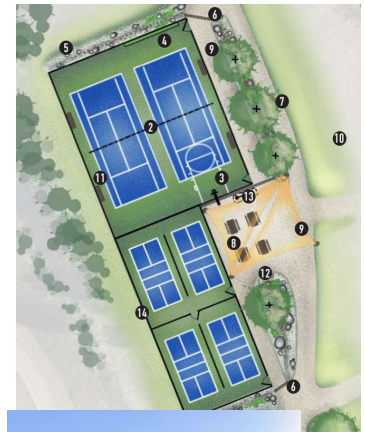
Golden Pickleball Club ReDi grant \$48,550

CSRD Community Works Fund \$500,000

The ReDi grant funded the purchase of all posts and nets for the pickleball and tennis courts, as well as 50% of the Plexipave court surface.

We anticipate that the courts will be finished by July 2026, once the final surface of Plexipave is applied and court lines are applied.

The club would like to thank the Town of Golden, Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) Area 'A', Columbia Basin Trust, and all of our players.



### **Increased attendance at Mount 7 Rec Plex**

Pickleball has become a resounding success at Mount 7 Rec Plex.

Since 2016, participation has increased dramatically, from 694 visits to an impressive 1,750 visits in the 2024-25 season.

This substantial growth highlights the facility's commitment to offering diverse recreational opportunities and meeting the community's growing interest in pickleball.

A huge thank you to the Town of Golden Recreational Department.



### **Beginner Clinics**

ITPA Coach Rachel hosted several beginner clinics with 42 players attending these during the 2024-2025 indoor season.

### **Development Clinics**

We were delighted to have Elena Zimmer host a development clinic that was well received and we hope to have Elena host more clinics in the future.

### **Selkirk Sports Demo and Play with Murray Siekls**

Murray Sielski was kind enough to host a free Selkirk Pickleball Demo session. Murray is a skilled coach and referee. The morning with Murray was fun and very informative. We hope to have Murray back next year.



## Hosted our second Pickleball Tournament

The Golden Pickleball Club proudly hosted its second tournament, which was bigger and better than the previous year.

The event attracted 34 participants and showcased the talent and enthusiasm within our pickleball community. The tournament provided a competitive platform for players, fostered camaraderie, and raised awareness of the club and the sport.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous contributions from our sponsors, including the Island Restaurant, Kicking Horse Culture, Prestige Inn, Kicking Horse Lodging, Golden Skybridge, Columbia Valley Credit Union IGA, Top Notch, Golden Outdoors, Glacier Raft Company, McDonald's, Golden Medi Skin & Laser Clinic, Town of Golden and Golden Golf Club. Their support was instrumental in making the tournament a success. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to organizing and running the event. Finally, we extend our sincere appreciation to all the participants for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm.



### **Rising Stars**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Peter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Deb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jenn
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Bonny



### **Competitive Challengers**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Elena & Sebastian
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Phil
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Shawn
- 4<sup>th</sup> – John



### **Developing**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Stacey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Val
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Delanee
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Lori

2026 tournament will be on April 11<sup>th</sup>

## **2025 Challenges**

Our major undertaking continued to be the construction of the courts at Keith King Memorial Park. This project has demanded considerable resources, including the preparation of numerous documents and attending Council meetings, as well as extensive meetings with the Recreational Services Department. As a volunteer-run organization, our capacity is limited, and this concentrated effort on the courts has meant that other important areas of club development have not been our priority. Now construction is underway these areas will be addressed during 2026.

We remain committed to fair and inclusive play and will continue to promote Pickleball in Golden.

## **Looking forward to 2026**

We will continue to work with the Town of Golden to ensure fair and shared play for all abilities. 2026 is going to be an exciting year for the Golden Pickleball Club.

2024 – 2025 Board of Directors

Philip Dockerty – President

Deborah Kwiatek - Treasurer

Linda Shibley

Gurmeet Summan – Vice President

Rachel Wilde - Secretary

