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BOARD MEETING REPORT

March 13, 2024 Special Meeting – The SSIPB Board held a special meeting and discussed the following:

Treasurer Bill Carmichael presented a financial report. Currently SSIPB has about \$20,000 in the bank pending the results of the Pickle Paddle Battle tournament. Current club membership stands at 164, down somewhat from the 2023 total of 203 (it's not too late to join!).

The Board voted to provide food for the Grand Opening event at the new North Glynn courts as well as offer the use of the club's PA system and tent. Mary Kline has offered to make trophies for the tournament that is to be part of the event.

Bill Carmichael also reported on the upcoming Pickle Paddle Battle Tournament and the Spring League. The Board agreed to look into the possibility of hosting a tournament at the North Glynn Complex in October and to also continue our fundraising tournament in November at the Kings Park Courts. The Board is developing ideas for a potential charitable cause for the November tournament.

The Board heard committee reports from Board liaisons; Suzi Hassel, Social Committee, Bill Carmichael, Competition Committee, and Murray Pounds, Public Relations Committee (*see Page 3 for more committee info*).

Murray Pounds reported on a meeting with Glynn County staff to discuss the possibility of developing more dedicated pickleball courts in Glynn County. Hopefully more discussions are forthcoming.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. in Room 112 of the Casino Building.



April 20 - 21, 2024

Get Ready For Pickle Paddle Battle III

Pickle Paddle Battle III is almost here! Registration for this highly popular tournament reached capacity in most divisions six weeks prior to the tournament. Almost 200 players are registered, more than last years 188.

Volunteers are needed to help conduct the tournament. Interested in helping? Email volunteer coordination Murray Pounds at: poundsm@att.net to learn more.

<https://pickleballbrackets.com/ptd.aspx?eid=0aa58766-a4ec-4848-a47e-d77572b8a06f>



Some of the Winners At the Grand Opening Round Robin Tournament

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE RULES?

Here are some of the changes in the 2024 version of the rules:

“Carrying” the ball, meaning that it does not bounce away from the paddle, but stays on the face of the paddle for an extended period, is now considered a fault, regardless of whether or not it was intentional.

If a referee or player stops a rally to correctly identify that a player is in the wrong position, the rally shall be replayed. If the rally is stopped incorrectly, the player doing so is at fault. If the rally is completed the results stand even if a player started the rally in the wrong position.

Even if you suspect the ball you are playing with is cracked during a rally, the rally should continue until it ends. If both teams agree that a broken or cracked ball impacted a rally, a replay occurs.

GRAND OPENING HELD FOR NEW COURTS AT NORTH GLYNN RECREATION COMPLEX

At long last the conversion of four tennis courts at the North Glynn Recreation Complex to twelve pickleball courts has been completed. The new courts look fabulous and will be appreciated by pickleball players throughout Glynn County.

To celebrate the completion of the courts a “Grand Opening” event was held Saturday, March 23. Despite a wet start to the morning, nearly 100 pickleball players of varying skill and abilities participated in the event. The day began with Open Community Play followed by a series of beginner and intermediate clinics taught by local players. Along the way attendees had the opportunity to grab a hot dog and a bag of chips. Throughout the day there were drawings for prizes including hats, visors, insulated cups and even a brand new (and very nice) Franklin paddle.

Many thanks to the organizers of the event. Led by Teresa and Joe Peebles, they include David Neville, Matt Kolar and Mary Kline. Thanks also to the clinicians, including Robert Gentile, Derek Goreczny, Cynthia Stix, Charon Sharp and Murray Pounds,

For those of you unfamiliar with the North Glynn courts, play will be governed by the Community Play rules established by Glynn County Parks and Recreation. These rules require players to engage only in doubles play when there are others waiting to play and no courts are available. Players should play a standard 11 point game (win by 2) and then vacate the court for the next group waiting to use a court. When finished with a game players can then stack their paddles for the next available court. No singles, lessons, drilling, or use of ball machines is allowed when players are waiting.

Open Community Play sessions typically occur Monday, Wednesday Friday and Saturday from 8:30—11:00 a.m. Evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Players of all skills and abilities are encouraged to participate in these sessions.



Some of the Participants at Picklebowl II

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The new initiative to involve more SSIPB members with the operation of the organization continues to gather momentum. The three committees include Social, Competition, and Public Relations. The hope is that by involving members in such committees we can identify and develop future leadership for the organization while at the same time enhancing our activities.

The Social Committee has already conducted its first event, a bowling party held March 8. Future plans include a Bingo Night, Beach Party, Putt Putt tournament and Holiday Party.

The Competition Committee has organized and is assisting with the operation of the upcoming Pickle Paddle Battle tournament. A special shoutout to Bob Irwin for his tireless efforts to recruit tournament sponsors.

The Public Relations Committee is still looking for more members. In particular we're looking for individuals to help create the quarterly newsletter and update the ssipickleball.org website.

If you're interested in joining any of these committees please email your name and committee you are interested in participating on to: ssipickleball@yahoo.com

Pickleball Recycling is Here!

Perhaps you've seen the new pickleball recycling boxes at both the dedicated and dual use courts in Kings Park. SSIPB has placed the recycling boxes at the courts to help dispose of used pickleballs in an environmentally friendly way. In 2023 SSIPB used over 500 pickleballs at the courts and numerous balls from other sources were used at the courts as well. While some balls get repurposed for things like holiday wreaths and parade decorations, most of those used still wound up in a landfill.

Our first batch of balls has already been sent to the recycling company. Many thanks to Susan Geeslin for organizing this first shipment. If you are interested in sponsoring a shipment of recycled balls to the recycler, please contact Bill Carmichael, ssipickleball@yahoo.com.

2ND ANNUAL PICKLEBOWL!

If you missed the 2nd Annual "Picklebowl" event you missed a really good time. Fifteen SSIPB members and significant others met at the Strike Zone bowling alley to enjoy a couple of games of bowling (and perhaps an adult beverage to two as well). Afterwards, several participants had dinner at Willie Jewel's Old School Bar-B-Que.

The star of the evening was Parker Pittman, who bowled both high game and high series for the event. The jury's still out as to whether Parker is a better bowler or pickleball player.

Many thanks to organizer Bill Clyatt.

Save the Date!

If you missed last year's Beach Party, you missed a really fun evening. The year's Beach Party is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, June 15.

Like last year, you can look forward to some fun games like Bocci Ball, Corn Hole, and Spike Ball. The Social Committee plans on providing light refreshments.

The event will be held on East Beach on SSI between 5th and 6th Streets. Stay tuned for more info.

