



Georgian Triangle Pickleball Club

Collingwood, Ontario

Message from our President:

On February 21 & 22 the *members only* club tournament took place featuring 16 teams, in front a meagre yet enthusiastic gallery of onlookers and supporters of the players. I was particularly inspired by the feedback during the tournament that acknowledged the core values of our club: competitive play, fun, laughter, exercise, testing of skills, and embracing challenges outside of one's comfort zone. One team, who regularly plays in other tournaments, made a point of telling me how impressed they were with amount of dinking they had to endure from a 3.0 team which they rarely see in other places!

For me, that confirms that our club level players are working on all elements of their game and are having the courage to use those skills in a competition regardless of outcome, although winning was still the goal.

For those of you who chose to, or were unable to attend, I believe this was a missed opportunity to compete against a variety of levels, experience different strategies, and to pit your own skill set against peers. Personally, it provided me a couple of humbling matches in which my favourite shots were overwhelmed by more experienced players who seemed to be parked the NVZ most of the match while I struggled to get there. Although uncomfortable, I did come away knowing about some areas for growth and the need for intentional practice.

It is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate all the Winners!

Men's Doubles: First Place - Mike Hurley & Corey Osborne
Second Place - Jeff Steers & Akos Tozser

Women's Doubles: First Place - Michelle Steers & Shauna Tozser
Second Place - Susie Keast & Cindy Long

Mixed Doubles: First Place - Jeff Steers & Michelle Steers
Second Place - Bill Dennis & Susie Keast

I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to OJ Grolman, the winner of the **Share the Pot** raffle, for donating her winnings back to the club to be used for extraneous expenses. We are all enriched by your generosity.

John McPhee
President