

SCPA AGM Oct. 3, 2024

President's Report



Hard to believe that it has been 10 years since the Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association (SCPA) was incorporated. With the exception of the dreaded Covid years the Association over the past 10 years has successfully grown its membership and programs. In many ways 2023-24 was the most successful yet.

- Our membership grew to 404 members – an all time high – a 28% increase over last year!
- New programs and events were introduced – Drill Club, PADS tournament, a week-long introduction to pickleball for Chatelech students, improved rating system, expanded Gibsons Elementary School play, expanded play and coaching at Roberts Creek Elementary.
- Established programs and events were successfully maintained – Festive Dinner, Arena Bowl with an added Beer & Burger Social, Volunteer Fair, Canada Day, Dinks and Drinks.
- *Finally, finally after many years of trying we have made some genuine headway on securing a dedicated indoor facility with a Memo of Understanding signed and a location identified.*

The individual year-end committee reports provide details for each of the above programs and activities.

Our committee structure served SCPA well again this year thanks to the hard-working director chairing each committee. My sincere thanks to all 10 SCPA directors for their contributions this past year, with special thanks to Brian Chipman, SCPA's Vice President, who provided leadership and very welcome backup.

We welcomed a new director, Richard Hoath, who replaced Rhona Law who stepped down mid term. Richard has effectively assisted Rick Semel on the Player Development Committee.

Sadly, two directors are stepping down, Carlyne Oughton, our Treasurer, and Diane Lamb, our Secretary. Carlyne has done a stellar job of organizing and keeping track of our financials, but has agreed to stay on for a while until we can find a replacement Treasurer. Diane is amazing at accurately recording minutes and distributing them quickly. Both Carlyne and Diane have also served effectively on other committees. Diane also assumed the role of SCPA photographer and her video productions are second to none in capturing our events. Thank you both, Carlyne and Diane, you will be missed.

Lastly, I thank the membership for its support. As we go forward with new programs and a work towards new facility, we will need even more active engagement and support from our membership.

Respectfully Submitted
Ted Bentley
President, SCPA