

Agenda  
Annual Meeting of the Members  
Ludington Area Pickleball  
June 3, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Patty Jordan-Smith

President's Report - Patty Jordan-Smith  
Welcome remarks  
Introduction of board members

Secretary's Report – Joe Manifold  
Minutes from 2023 Annual meeting  
By-law amendments (vice-president's term and partial year membership)  
Possible 2025 by-law amendment regarding board position nominations

Treasurer's Report – Carol Henke  
Financial report as of May 31, 2023

Indoor committee report – Carmen Chapmen

Outdoor committee report – Dan Neil

Competition committee report –  
2024 Ludington Classic – John Reed  
2024 Ludington / Pentwater Challenge – Carmen Chapmen

Social Committee report –  
Member-member mixer June 8, 2024 – Julie Lowing  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – July Lowing  
Potluck events – Mark Felsenfeld

Long range Planning Committee – Carol Henke and Barb Dentzman

Election of Board Members – Joe Manifold  
The following candidates have been nominated by the Nominating Committee and are recommended for election by the current Board of Directors  
President: Two-year term ending in 2026 – PJ Jordan-Smith.  
Vice President: Two-year term ending in 2026 – Toby Van Ess.  
Treasurer: Two-year term ending in 2026 - Carol Henke.  
Member At Large 1: Two-year term ending in 2026 – Dan Neil.  
Member At Large 2: Two-year term ending in 2026 – Carmen Chapman.  
Member At Large 3: One-year term ending in 2025 – Karen Frederickson

Other nominations from the floor

Election – voice vote for all uncontested positions, secret ballot for contested positions

New business / general membership input

Adjournment

Ludington Area Pickleball  
Annual General Membership Meeting  
June 5, 2023 6:00 p.m  
United Methodist Church

Board Members Present: Patty Jordan-Smith, Joe Manifold, Barb Dentzman, Linda Petersen, Vic Burwell, Katie Provenzano, Andy Guinan, Carol Henke, Dan Neil

Board Members Absent: None.

Members Present: Jane Manifold, Bruce Rillema, Susan Perrone, Ronda Garneau, John Reed Dianna Hodson, Vincent Kennedy, Carol Pehrson, Carol Pepera, Jon Tourje, Bill McGlothlin, Dot Segroves, Larry Segroves, Sharon Berend, Katie Peterson, Scott Wilber, Kathie Bachman, Jim Kuk, Kathy Kuk, David Roberts, Linda Johnson, Carla Shay, Jim Logan, Sandy Holmes, Nancy Ekstrom, Linda Perkins, Belinda Kremer, Lynn Wolfe, John Patston, Karen Frederickson, Judy Rathke, Craig Rathke, Christine Okoren, Julie Knodel, Julie Lowing, Ruthann Kyle, Gene Kyle, Sally Cook, Ed Ekstrom, Michele Jensen, Pam Hughes, Mark Felsenfeld, Laurel Felsenfeld, Barb Bogner

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Patty Jordan Smith.

Welcome: President Patty Jordan Smith welcomed and thanked all the members who came to the meeting.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the 2022 annual membership meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Katie Peterson and Support by Pam Hughes.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Carol Henke summarized key items from her written report as of May 31, 2023, including:

Funds on hand: \$77,997.31

Paid members calendar year 2022 - 239

Paid members as of YTD May 31, 2023 - 208

Recent contributions Received: \$5,000.00

Tournament profit 2022: \$13,284.94

Tournament fees received to date for 2023 tournament = \$19,000

Significant Court Improvement since prior membership meeting:

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Irrigation system                 | \$ 2,275 |
| Storage shed and pad              | \$ 6,139 |
| Court nets                        | \$ 1,431 |
| Umbrellas                         | \$ 1,141 |
| Club share of court resurfacing   | \$ 1,000 |
| School share of court resurfacing | \$32,374 |

John Reed made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Vincent Kennedy. Motion passed.

**By-law amendment:**

Larry Segroves moved, and Carol Pehrson seconded, to approve the board proposed by-law amendment to extend the end date of the current membership year from April 30, 2024, to December 31, 2024; and to agree the membership year to the calendar year starting January 1, 2025. All voted in favor.

**Infrastructure improvements:**

Dan Neil reported on infrastructure projects that may require attention:

Court surface crack repairs – Having our vendor Hentco address this issue once or twice per year may be in our best interests

The low fence on the west border of the courts is in poor condition and may need to be replaced for an approximate cost of \$5,000 - \$6,000.

Windscreens will require replacement eventually

The message board requires repair or replacement. Repairs are currently being attempted.

Members made the following suggestions for future infrastructure improvements:

Additional bike racks. Knowledgeable members to instruct other members on how to use the current back racks most efficiently. Board to monitor bike traffic compared to available bike rack capacity and consider addition fixed or movable bike rack solutions.

Repair trip hazard concrete section currently painted yellow.

Provide water source for players. Potable spigots currently available near rest rooms, softball concession stand and near the new tree line. Drinking fountains believed to pose a significant maintenance and vandalism issue. About 10 members raised their hand in support of the idea of a better source of water at the courts. Modifying a sink in the restrooms to dispense water was proposed.

Need for better lighting in the rest rooms was addressed. Dan Neil to discuss with school maintenance staff.

**Lakeshore Food Club June 3 fundraising event**

Katie Provenzano reported that the event had gone well with total contributions exceeding \$15,000 raised for the Lakeshore Food Club. 92 club members participated. Katie thanked new member Matt Harter who acted as photographer for the event. Katie stated that it was a true partnership with the Food Club as they had solicited the donation of lunches from Jamesport Brewery and paid for the shirts provided to each participant.

### **Ludington Pickleball Classic 2023**

John Reed reported that the event already has 250 registrants and is close to being totally filled. Smith & Eddy is returning as the title sponsor along with most of the prior year's sponsors. John thanked Julie Knodel and Jean White for their help in organizing the event. John asked that members sign up to donate energy bars, water and ice for the event. It was agreed that small bottles of water would be best as there was significant half consumed bottle in 2022 that went into the trash.

### **Election of Officers**

Patty Jordan Smith reminded members that she had solicited nominations for open board positions several times via email and also solicited nominations from the members present for the open board positions to be elected. No additional nominations were made.

Julie Lowing made the motion, and John Reed supported a motion to elect each of the board nominated candidates as shown below:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Vice-President  | Barbara Dentzman One Year term ending 2024 |
| Secretary       | Joe Manifold Two-year term ending 2025     |
| At-large member | Vic Burwell Two-year term ending 2025      |
| At-large member | Katie Provenzano Two-year term ending 2025 |

All voted in favor except for Vic Burwell who voted "no" for each candidate.

### **New Business:**

John Reed stated that he was very concerned that club could evolve away from its current exclusive focus on managing and promoting the sport of pickleball in the greater Ludington, Michigan Area and become a "service club". John encouraged the board to use great caution in deviating from the club's current mission, especially regarding spending club funds on non-mission related activities. John encouraged the board to consider new by-law language that would firm up the board's obligation to stick to the club's current mission statement.

A member suggested that a portion of the net proceeds of the Ludington Classic tournament be allocated to some civic good to be identified.

Julie Knodel questioned whether the membership had an adequate opportunity to comment in advance on the board's significant action to commit to three additional years of supporting the Ludington Food Club as part of our Spring Mixer event. The matter had been raised and passed at a single meeting without ever appearing on a board agenda (which are shared with the membership in advance of the meetings). Joe Manifold supported Julie's concerns by stating that significant matters should not be introduced and enacted at a single meeting without ever appearing on a timely published agenda and committed to discussing the matter with the board at a future regular meeting.

Patty Jordan Smith committed to notifying the membership the names of the donors of raffle prizes and other items and to assure all donors receive appropriate thank you letters.

Patty Jordan Smith informed the membership that useful paddle name bands can be ordered at [mypadl.com](http://mypadl.com).

Patty Jordan Smith informed the members that a pickleball benefit for the WillStrong Foundation benefiting cancer patients and families in Mason County is scheduled to be held on November 3, 2023, indoors at West Shore Community College. Jen Flewelling has more information about the event.

Patty Jordan Smith reminded the membership that all orders from pickleballcentral.com receive an automatic discount of 5% off the entire order (use club code CRLudington at checkout) and Ludington Area Pickleball receives another 5% credit to use on ball purchases and other supplies.

Patty Jordan Smith asked all members to assure the umbrellas are taken down at the end of play, even if you did not put them up.

Laurel and Mark Felsenfeld have agreed to coordinate monthly potlucks again this year. The first potluck to take place at the courts on 6/26/23 at 12:30 p.m.

Ladder play to begin 6/13. Vic Burwell reports there are still 7 available spots.

Patty Jordan Smith thanked Vicki Dorrell, Sue Gividen and Teri Wagner for help in opening and closing the rest rooms each day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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Joe Manifold – Secretary

Ludington Area Pickleball  
Proposed 2024 By-Law Amendments

Position of Vice-President

**Current language**

D. Vice President. Two year term. Elected odd years.

**Proposed language**

D. Vice President. Two year term. Elected **even** years.

Membership

**Current language**

C. Partial Year Membership – In the first eight months of the membership year the full membership fee is collected. New members starting in the last four-month period will pay the full membership fee, which will also be accepted as payment for the next year membership.

**Proposed language**

None – proposal is to delete the section above

Ludington Area Pickleball  
Treasurer's Report Summary  
2024 Annual Membership Meeting

|                             |   | 5/31/2024           | 12/31/2023          | 12/31/2022          | 12/31/2021          | 12/31/2020          |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Funds On Hand               |   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Preferred Credit Union-Checking                                 | \$ 18,412.38        | \$ 10,893.01        | \$ 21,930.16        | \$ 10,863.88        | \$ 1,732.72         |
|                             | Preferred Credit Union-CD's                                     | 61,458.87           | 40,726.17           |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | PayPal  | 1,266.93            | 591.26              | 221.09              | 1,085.51            | 458.30              |
|                             | Community Foundation for Mason County (closed and moved to LAS) |                     | -                   | -                   | 33,276.35           | 40,370.15           |
|                             | Ludington Area Schools - LAS                                    | 12,363.60           | 12,363.60           | 36,401.90           | 21,960.00           | 15,160.00           |
|                             | <b>Total Funds On Hand</b>                                      | <b>\$ 93,501.78</b> | <b>\$ 64,574.04</b> | <b>\$ 58,553.15</b> | <b>\$ 67,185.74</b> | <b>\$ 57,721.17</b> |
|                             | Amount Designated for Future Court Resurfacing                  | \$ 28,000.00        | \$ 28,000.00        | \$ 13,000.00        | -                   | -                   |
| Number of Members           |   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Membership-4/30/2022 Full Year                                  | 178                 |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Membership-4/30/2023 Full Year                                  | 239                 |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Membership - 5/1/23-4/30/2024                                   | 208                 | YTD As of 5/31/2023 |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Membership - 5/1/23-12/31/2024                                  | 347                 | YTD As of 5/31/2024 |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | <b>YTD</b>  | <b>5/31/2024</b>    | <b>12/31/2023</b>   | <b>12/31/2022</b>   | <b>12/31/2021</b>   | <b>12/31/2020</b>   |
| Contributions Received      |   | \$ -                | \$ 5,191.10         | \$ 15,025.11        | \$ 10,265.76        | \$ 13,735.00        |
|                             | Note: All Courts have been sponsored.                           |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Open Tournament Profits     |   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | In progress   | \$ 16,201.70        | \$ 13,284.94        | \$ 10,143.11        | \$ 6,400.73         |                     |
|                             | <b>YTD</b>  | <b>5/31/2024</b>    | <b>12/31/2023</b>   | <b>12/31/2022</b>   | <b>12/31/2021</b>   | <b>12/31/2020</b>   |
| Infrastructure Improvements |   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Storage shed and Pad  | \$ 6,139.38         | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |                     |
|                             | Sidewalks and hitting wall                                      | 7,884.00            | 24,513.89           |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Signage   |                     | 154.40              |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Welding for Mailbox and bench                                   |                     | 372.50              |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | 3rd Color for Court resurfacing                                 |                     | 1,000.00            |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Umbrellas   |                     | 1,140.90            |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | New Court Nets  |                     | 1,431.00            |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Irrigation System   |                     | 2,275.00            |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Tree Installation   |                     | 3,705.03            |                     |                     |                     |
|                             | Picnic tables   |                     | 4,248.46            |                     | 3,513.61            |                     |
|                             | Tree removal  |                     |                     |                     | 3,200.00            |                     |
|                             | Fence Extensions and new gate                                   |                     |                     |                     | 3,491.00            |                     |
|                             | Bike rack   |                     |                     |                     |                     | 1,319.00            |
|                             | Pavillion   |                     |                     |                     |                     | 11,971.71           |
|                             |   | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ 14,023.38</b> | <b>\$ 38,841.18</b> | <b>\$ 10,204.61</b> | <b>\$ 13,290.71</b> |

Note: Resurfacing costs of \$32,374 were covered by Ludington Area Schools in Sept. 2022.

Ludington Area Pickleball  
Treasurer's Report  
05/31/24

|   | Mar-24              | Apr-24              | May-24              |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Grand Totals Preferred Credit Union</b>    |                     |                     |                     |
| Beginning balance                             | 52,479.12           | 52,958.29           | 73,581.27           |
| Receipts                                      | 139.77              | 3,639.90            | 745.59              |
| Disbursements                                 | (10.60)             | (16.92)             | (1,155.61)          |
| Transfers In (Out)                            | 350.00              | 17,000.00           | 6,700.00            |
| Ending Balance                                | <u>52,958.29</u>    | <u>73,581.27</u>    | <u>79,871.25</u>    |
| <b>PayPal</b>                                 |                     |                     |                     |
| Beginning balance                             | 373.82              | 113.55              | 1,648.27            |
| Receipts - Member Dues                        | 75.00               | 550.00              | 200.00              |
| Receipts - Member Tournament                  |                     |                     |                     |
| Receipts - Open Tournament                    |                     | 18,750.00           | 6,405.00            |
| Receipts - Indoor Fees                        | 20.00               | 40.00               |                     |
| Paypal Fees                                   | (5.27)              | (805.28)            | (286.34)            |
| Transfers In (Out)                            | (350.00)            | (17,000.00)         | (6,700.00)          |
| Ending Balance                                | <u>113.55</u>       | <u>1,648.27</u>     | <u>1,266.93</u>     |
| <b>Mason County Community Foundation</b>      |                     |                     |                     |
| Beginning balance                             | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Receipts                                      | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Foundation Expenses                           |                     |                     |                     |
| Transfers In (Out)                            |                     |                     |                     |
| Ending Balance                                | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         |
| <b>Petty Cash / Ludington Area Schools</b>    |                     |                     |                     |
| Beginning balance                             | \$ 12,363.60        | \$ 12,363.60        | \$ 12,363.60        |
| Receipts                                      |                     |                     |                     |
| Disbursements                                 |                     |                     |                     |
| Transfers In (Out)                            |                     |                     |                     |
| Ending Balance                                | <u>\$ 12,363.60</u> | <u>\$ 12,363.60</u> | <u>\$ 12,363.60</u> |
| <b>Grand Totals Ludington Area Pickleball</b> |                     |                     |                     |
| Beginning balance                             | \$ 65,216.54        | \$ 65,435.44        | \$ 87,593.14        |
| Receipts                                      | 234.77              | 22,979.90           | 7,350.59            |
| Disbursements                                 | (15.87)             | (822.20)            | (1,441.95)          |
| Transfers In (Out)                            | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Ending Balance                                | <u>\$ 65,435.44</u> | <u>\$ 87,593.14</u> | <u>\$ 93,501.78</u> |
| Designated for Future Court Resurfacing       | \$ 28,000.00        | \$ 28,000.00        | \$ 28,000.00        |
| Memorial Funds                                | 25.00               | 25.00               | 25.00               |
| Undesignated                                  | 37,410.44           | 59,568.14           | 65,476.78           |
| <b>Total Ending Balance</b>                   | <u>\$ 65,435.44</u> | <u>\$ 87,593.14</u> | <u>\$ 93,501.78</u> |

| Totals<br>2021      | Totals<br>2022      | Totals<br>2023      | Y-T-D<br>May-23     | Y-T-D<br>May-24     |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1,732.72            | 10,863.88           | 21,930.16           | 21,930.16           | 51,619.18           |
| 790.76              | 5,731.11            | 16,416.16           | 7,410.00            | 4,822.70            |
| (10,270.86)         | (17,220.45)         | (32,768.04)         | (9,422.01)          | (1,220.63)          |
| <u>18,611.26</u>    | <u>22,555.62</u>    | <u>46,040.90</u>    | <u>20,620.90</u>    | <u>24,650.00</u>    |
| <u>10,863.88</u>    | <u>21,930.16</u>    | <u>51,619.18</u>    | <u>40,539.05</u>    | <u>79,871.25</u>    |
| 458.30              | 1,085.51            | 221.09              | 221.09              | 591.26              |
| 4,270.00            | 5,650.00            | 6,800.00            | 4,650.00            | 1,150.00            |
| -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| 14,948.00           | 15,894.00           | 19,785.00           | 17,556.22           | 25,155.00           |
| 880.00              | 1,220.00            | 1,180.00            | 160.00              | 140.00              |
| (859.53)            | (1,072.80)          | (1,353.93)          | (1,022.55)          | (1,119.33)          |
| <u>(18,611.26)</u>  | <u>(22,555.62)</u>  | <u>(26,040.90)</u>  | <u>(20,620.90)</u>  | <u>(24,650.00)</u>  |
| <u>1,085.51</u>     | <u>221.09</u>       | <u>591.26</u>       | <u>943.86</u>       | <u>1,266.93</u>     |
| \$ 40,370.15        | \$ 33,276.35        | \$ -                | -                   | \$ -                |
| 410.81              | 1,684.61            | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| (500.00)            | (32.00)             | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| (7,004.61)          | (34,928.96)         | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| <u>\$ 33,276.35</u> | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         |
| \$ 15,160.00        | \$ 21,960.00        | \$ 36,401.90        | 36,401.90           | \$ 12,363.60        |
| 10,000.00           | 15,000.00           | 662.50              | 112.50              | -                   |
| (10,204.61)         | (35,487.06)         | (4,700.80)          | -                   | -                   |
| <u>7,004.61</u>     | <u>34,928.96</u>    | <u>(20,000.00)</u>  | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>            |
| <u>\$ 21,960.00</u> | <u>\$ 36,401.90</u> | <u>\$ 12,363.60</u> | <u>\$ 36,514.40</u> | <u>\$ 12,363.60</u> |
| \$ 57,721.17        | \$ 67,185.74        | \$ 58,553.15        | 58,553.15           | \$ 64,574.04        |
| 31,299.57           | 45,179.72           | 44,843.66           | 29,888.72           | 31,267.70           |
| (21,835.00)         | (53,812.31)         | (38,822.77)         | (10,444.56)         | (2,339.96)          |
| <u>\$ 67,185.74</u> | <u>\$ 58,553.15</u> | <u>\$ 64,574.04</u> | <u>\$ 77,997.31</u> | <u>\$ 93,501.78</u> |
| \$ -                | \$ 13,000.00        | \$ 28,000.00        | \$ 13,000.00        | \$ 28,000.00        |
| 67,185.74           | 45,553.15           | 25.00               | 40.00               | 25.00               |
| <u>\$ 67,185.74</u> | <u>\$ 58,553.15</u> | <u>\$ 64,574.04</u> | <u>\$ 77,997.31</u> | <u>\$ 93,501.78</u> |
| -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |



Ludington Area Pickleball  
Treasurer's Report  
05/31/24

|  | Mar-24           | Apr-24              | May-24             | Totals<br>2021      | Totals<br>2022      | Totals<br>2023      | Y-T-D<br>May-23     | Y-T-D<br>May-24     |
|--|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Receipts Details</b>                      |                  |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Member dues                                  | \$ 75.00         | \$ 550.00           | \$ 200.00          | \$ 4,345.00         | \$ 5,775.00         | \$ 7,850.00         | \$ 5,425.00         | \$ 1,150.00         |
| Open Tournament - Participant fees           | -                | 18,840.00           | 6,405.00           | 15,198.00           | 16,595.00           | 21,315.89           | 17,556.22           | 25,245.00           |
| Indoor fees                                  | 20.00            | 40.00               | -                  | 880.00              | 1,300.00            | 1,280.00            | 160.00              | 140.00              |
| Banner Sales - Tournament Sponsors           |                  | 3,400.00            | 600.00             | 600.00              | 6,400.00            | 7,800.00            | 1,550.00            | 4,000.00            |
| Court Rental                                 |                  |                     |                    | -                   | -                   | 662.50              | 112.50              | -                   |
| Interest income                              | 139.77           | 149.90              | 145.59             | 10.81               | 84.61               | 726.17              | -                   | 732.70              |
| Ladder                                       |                  |                     |                    |                     |                     | 18.00               |                     |                     |
| Contributions - Cash box                     |                  |                     |                    | 60.76               | 25.11               | 126.10              | 45.00               | -                   |
| Contributions - other                        |                  |                     |                    | 10,205.00           | 15,000.00           | 5,000.00            | 5,000.00            | -                   |
| Memorial Fund - Sue Gividen                  |                  |                     |                    |                     |                     | 25.00               | -                   | -                   |
| Memorial Fund - Julie Marshall               |                  |                     |                    |                     | -                   | 40.00               | 40.00               | -                   |
|  | <u>\$ 234.77</u> | <u>\$ 22,979.90</u> | <u>\$ 7,350.59</u> | <u>\$ 31,299.57</u> | <u>\$ 45,179.72</u> | <u>\$ 44,843.66</u> | <u>\$ 29,888.72</u> | <u>\$ 31,267.70</u> |
|  | -                | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| <b>Disbursement Details</b>                  |                  |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Bank fees and supplies                       | \$ 5.27          | \$ 805.28           | \$ 286.34          | \$ 859.53           | \$ 1,072.80         | \$ 1,353.93         | \$ 1,022.55         | \$ 1,119.33         |
| Court expenses - indoor                      | 10.60            |                     |                    | 322.22              | -                   | 897.11              | 197.15              | 10.60               |
| Court expenses - Outdoor                     |                  | 16.92               | 225.61             | 1,788.90            | 1,059.60            | 2,314.37            | 874.15              | 242.53              |
| Office supplies                              |                  |                     | 22.33              | 114.84              | -                   | 12.60               | -                   | 22.33               |
| Pickleball balls                             |                  |                     | 398.60             | 556.01              | 164.00              | 1,370.71            | 269.58              | 398.60              |
| Rent - St John's Church                      |                  |                     | 43.75              | 1,050.00            | 750.00              | 699.00              | 24.00               | 81.25               |
| Tournament - shirts                          |                  |                     |                    | -                   | 3,660.00            | 3,900.00            | -                   | -                   |
| Open Tournament expenses                     |                  |                     | 325.24             | 5,654.89            | 5,356.01            | 7,812.49            | 72.06               | 325.24              |
| Event supplies                               |                  |                     |                    | -                   | 38.96               | 394.29              | 214.59              | -                   |
| Infrastructure improvements                  | -                | -                   | -                  | 10,204.61           | 38,841.18           | 14,023.38           | 6,139.38            | -                   |
| Mason County Foundation fees                 | -                | -                   | -                  | 500.00              | 32.00               | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Web site management-Pickleball Den           |                  |                     |                    | 712.00              | 1,285.75            | 4,575.75            | 1,588.75            | -                   |
| Donor recognition                            |                  |                     |                    | -                   | 1,074.65            | 874.35              | 42.35               | -                   |
| Memberships                                  |                  |                     | 140.08             | 72.00               | -                   | -                   | -                   | 140.08              |
| Insurance                                    |                  |                     |                    |                     | 400.00              | 400.00              | -                   | -                   |
| Memorial Fund Disbursement                   |                  |                     |                    |                     | -                   | 40.00               | -                   | -                   |
| Michigan Corp Fee                            |                  |                     |                    |                     |                     | 70.00               | -                   | -                   |
| Miscellaneous-Flowers - BOD/Committee member |                  |                     |                    |                     | 77.36               | 84.80               | -                   | -                   |
|  | <u>\$ 15.87</u>  | <u>\$ 822.20</u>    | <u>\$ 1,441.95</u> | <u>\$ 21,835.00</u> | <u>\$ 53,812.31</u> | <u>\$ 38,822.77</u> | <u>\$ 10,444.56</u> | <u>\$ 2,339.96</u>  |
|  | -                | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |

Note:

Resurfacing costs of \$32,374 were covered by Ludington Area Schools in Sept. 2022.

# **2024 PICKLEBALL STATISTICS AND ADVANTAGES**

Although Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island near Seattle by 3 vacationers, it has absolutely swept the nation to become the fastest growing sport in America for the third year running. This sport is a cross between ping-pong, badminton, and tennis. Pickleball has evolved over the years as it is easy to learn, fun to play and can be enjoyed by all age groups allowing players to mix and match in many settings. It certainly is booming in popularity with more growth on the horizon. Pickleball is alive and well as it is here to stay!

## **KEY PICKLEBALL STATISTICS** - Please take a look at the figures for 2022:

- There are an estimated 36.5 million pickleball players in the United States, according to the Association of Pickleball Professionals in 2022.
- Pickleball participation has grown an average of 158.6% over the last 3 years.
- Players 18-34 make up the largest percentage of players at 28.8% nationwide.
- There are currently 10,320 pickleball courts in the United States.
- Ludington Area Pickleball in Ludington, Michigan converted 3 old tennis courts into 8 pickleball courts in 2014.
- Pickleball participation in 2017 was 3,132,000. In 2022 participation was 8,900,000.
- The annual Pickleball growth rate % in 2017 was 11.3%. In 2022 the rate was 85.7%.
- With our Ludington Communities support, our club has grown from 27 members in 2009 to 300 members in the beginning of 2024. Thank You!

## **PARTICIPATION COMPARED TO OTHER POPULAR SPORTS & ACTIVITIES:**

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| - 51.4% Biking                   | - 27.0% Basketball | - 15.6% Baseball |
| - 49.0% Running                  | - 25.1% Golf       | - 12.6% Soccer   |
| - <b><u>36.5% Pickleball</u></b> | - 22.6% Tennis     | - 5.2% Football  |

## **PICKLEBALL COURTS BY STATES:**

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|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| - California     | 794 locations | - Illinois               | 396 locations |
| - Florida        | 770 locations | - <b><u>Michigan</u></b> | 377 locations |
| - Texas          | 519 locations | - Pennsylvania           | 357 locations |
| - North Carolina | 421 locations | - Washington             | 348 locations |
| - New York       | 400 locations | - Ohio                   | 337 locations |

Utah is the state showing the most interest in pickleball currently. Arizona has the second highest interest followed by Minnesota in third.

Interest in pickleball has increased 467% over the past 5 years as measured by Google Trends.

### **PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENTS**

- There will be 47 major pickleball tournaments in 2023 held in the United States.
- These will be between the top three pro tours: Major League Pickleball, The Professional Pickleball Association and the American Association of Pickleball Professions.
- The total prize money of these pickleball tournaments will be between \$9 million and \$11 million.
- There are numerous tournaments held at the State and local levels.
- The Ludington Area Pickleball Classic has held annual tournaments for 7 years.
- Ludington's tournament has increased in participation from 110 the first year to 250 players in 2023.
- In 2018, The Ludington Area Classic tournament profited \$2,500. In 2019 the profit was \$6,400.
- In 2023, The Ludington Area Classic tournament profit was \$18,527.

### **WHY THE INTEREST?**

- The rules are simple and can be picked up quickly.
- The court is much smaller than a tennis court.
- Most games are played as doubles so it can be very social with meeting players.
- Data proves this is a multi-generational game for grandparents to school-aged kids all enjoying fun together.
- Pickleball involves skill and strategy.
- The game provides a great way to improve stamina and hand-eye coordination.
- It is relatively inexpensive.

### **PICKLEBALL HEALTH BENEFITS:**

- It boosts mood and mental health as you stimulate chemicals that can make you more relaxed and happier, and stave off depression.
- Your self-esteem and confidence also get a boost.
- Pickleball burns calories and maintains weight.
- It is a low impact and low risk sport.
- It specifically works on your balance and agility.
- Pickleball provides socialization and meeting others.
- It promotes a warm and welcoming culture.

## **INVESTING IN PICKLEBALL MAKES CENTS:**

- Community leaders should think about how pickleball can impact the local economy.
- Pickleball is on the rise and the demand for facilities will be valuable.
- Pickleball can bring sports tourism to your town.
- Pickleball promotes a healthy lifestyle for local residents and visitors.
- A typical pickleball facility provides a greater availability for players than tennis.
- Halff's Sports Entertainment and Tourism (SET) team has experienced a significant uptick in design requests for pickleball facilities. Investing in sports facilities, like pickleball, continues to provide an economic boost for many communities.
- David McCaskill (dMcCaskill@halff.com) is the Sports, Entertainment and Tourism Leader with Senior Landscape Architect Project Manager Brian Binkowski ([bBinkowski@halff.com](mailto:bBinkowski@halff.com)).

\*\* Several Statistics and information have been taken from "Pickleball Statistics. The Numbers behind America's fastest growing sport in 2023." Updated February 24, 2023 @pickleheads.com with author, Brandon Mackie.

\*\* Article information also from Ryn Gargulinski December 22, 2010.

## **THE FUTURE OF PICKLEBALL:**

- It is extremely exciting to realize that the future of Pickleball is here to stay and not a passing fad as research proves the increase of players nationally and within our community.
- It has benefits for recreational and competitive opportunities.
- It involves all ages and all skill levels.

## **GOALS:**

- To have our community provide an adequate facility which will accommodate the increase of participation in pickleball.
- To provide a place to play and people to play with.
- To continue to introduce the game of Pickleball to others allowing them to learn.
- To offer lessons, clinics and training sessions.
- To provide a variety of play opportunities to include: open play, recreational play, Round Robin Sessions, ladder play and a competitive tournament.
- To continue to be a prime location for out of town players and vacationers looking for a place to play Pickleball. Currently we are a desirable place to play in West Michigan.
- To bring economic value to the community through pickleball as we have been a vacation destination place for many people.
- To be a place that welcomes visitors to play with us.
- To provide another recreational opportunity for our citizens.
- To promote Pickleball and allow it to flourish and grow in our community.