



BYC Courts Director
Annual Report 2020
By: DAVID HAYES

General

COVID led to many challenges for BYC and this included the courts. We started the season with a strict COVID treatment of no doubles, locking all gates and restricting play to using an individual's equipment only. No Sharing. All this to prevent the spread of COVID. We were successful in this regard. We have had no cases of COVID. As the season progressed we relaxed COVID instructions based on the guidelines by various officials including City and Tennis associations. Since we have an older demographic and since this demographic is more susceptible to COVID risk, we erred on the side of caution when making decisions regarding the state of COVID throughout the season. A minority of courts players were inconvenienced and most agreed to the precautions and enjoyed the season. Overall the feedback at the AGM was that despite some of the restriction the season was fun, entertaining, healthy to be outdoors and competitive for our annual tournament. A great group of people with special thanks to Sandy Braden for all her amazing work. When the season was in full swing we had excellent weather and round robins and individual play were generally excellent. People had fun! During a pandemic this was a gift.

Improve the asset

Court 2 was in a terrible unplayable state in the early season. As such a team of people spent many hours gouging out cracks, filling cracks and sealing cracks on court two. After such an initiative the court 2 was a playable court. More work is needed and some budget will need to be made for 2021 to finish the job and resurface court 2 to make it fully usable for tennis and 2 pickleball courts. BYC will be the premium tennis and pickleball location in Ottawa as your cottage in the city.

Busy, Busy, Busy.

COVID had an unexpected consideration. Usage for tennis and pickleball increased. The kid's camps filled two of the courts during the weekdays in the camp months and this left only one court available for members. In addition we noted a larger number of people wanting to play tennis and pickleball. The increase in courts usage had many times created a wait for members. Typically not a long wait and people were reasonable when they saw other members waiting. This is more reason to fully fix court two so that we can accommodate more players.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was completed and was successful. People agreed that the steps taken during the season for COVID were the right steps even though somewhat inconvenient t

times. The resurfacing and adding of Pickleball courts to Court two was fully accepted. Work parties were willing and helpful in duties such as fixing court two, gardening around the courts outside the fence perimeter, seeping and removing water, puddles and other debris throughout the season. The tournament was successful. The gift of BYC logo items to Max Bouclin, our young provincial competitor will allow BYC recognition at many courts across Ontario. All motions and the renewal of my directorship was unanimous. Minutes are on file.

Pickleball

Pickleball will gain attention in 2021. We are looking to gain 50-100 new members with the promotion of pickleball hence the need to resurface court two with both tennis and 2 pickleball lines/pads. Pickleball is growing faster than any other sport and we hope to capture new members. I have engaged Luc Germain who is the top pickleball promotor and clinic provider in Eastern Ontario. He hopes to help draw new members with our position that we are the only premium pickleball facility in Ottawa.

Budget

A budget has been submitted to do the work required to maintain and enhance the pickleball asset. Total budget for the enhancements include resurfacing of court two at \$4000, fixing low spots and touching up the resurfaced topping, fixing cracks on all courts at \$1500, 2 gently used pickleball nets at \$500 and miscellaneous at \$1000.

Total estimated is \$7000.

Court Two Layout. Green and Blue will be reversed in final design.

