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Special Events

I had a chance to talk with Janis Hogan, and Jackie Barto about their Special Events they have been running this year. Here are their responses.

Q -Janis - How have the responses been regarding the Special Events you and Jackie have been running.

A – The very first event we ran which was the Beginner Drills didn't fill up, and this could have been for a few reasons. The next two events we ran were a huge success and filled up completely.

Q – Janis - What do you think is the most important aspects for the Special Events you are running?

A - Our main goal of the Special Events was to get all levels of play involved in Pickleball activities in the Park. Our goal was to give people some of the skills to improve their game, and what drills were important to work on. Also, we wanted people to experience tournaments at their level so they can think about the next steps they need to take. Pickleball really is about making improvements in your game, so you feel good about your game.

Q – Jackie – After helping with the Beginners Tournament, what was your reaction, and takeaway from this event.

A – I thought the Beginners/Intermediate Tournament was a wonderful afternoon of play. There was great play, comradery, and competition and enthusiasm. There was a large number of participants and it's great to see pickleball grow here in Golf Lakes

Q- What is your overall feeling about this new format you and Janis have started with the Special Events this year.

J -The nice aspect is that it gives the pickleball community a couple of special



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events that happen in January, February, and March.

With all these special events being different, we have something for all the pickleball community.

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Beginner Tournament



Beginner Tournament Winners:



1st Place

Christian Cliche

Becki Kuse

2nd Place

Karon Bell

Bob Ridgway



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Advanced Tournament



Tournament Winners



1st Place

Kevin Hogan
Joe Beffrey

2nd Place

Janis Hogan
Steve Augsburger

Upcoming Events

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, March 14th

PICKLEBALL PARTY

Friday, March 15th

COFFEE HOUR

Saturday, March 16th

We still need volunteers for this event.

SPORTS MIXER

Friday, March 22nd

9:15 a.m.

We need volunteers to help at the courts.

Topspin Links

With the design of the new racquets, more topspin can be imparted onto the ball. I have included a few links that will explain what topspin is, and how to impart the spin on the ball. Remember, it is important to practice this technique to improve your game. Go to the court with a few friends and try what you have learned, either from reading about this, or watching videos. Practice makes perfect.

<https://simplypickleball.com/blog/how-to-put-topspin-on-a-pickleball/>

<https://www.selkirk.com/blog/sp/pickleball-education/spin-in-pickleball-and-why-should-we-use-it>

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Integrity of the Game

The Players

Pickleball is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy. A sense of fair play from giving the opponent the benefit of any doubt is essential in maintaining the game's underlying principles of fun and competition. To that end:

- All points played are treated the same regardless of their importance; the first point of the match is as important as match point.
- Either partner in doubles can make calls, especially line calls; there is no place in the game for one partner telling another, "That was my call, not yours."
- Prompt calls eliminate the 'two chance option.' For example, a player cannot claim a hinder from a ball rolling on the court after they hit a ball 'out;' they gave up their ability to call the hinder by choosing instead to hit the ball.
- Players strive to cooperate when confronted with a situation not covered by the Rulebook. Possible outcomes can be a replay, allowing the rally to stand, or in extreme cases, asking for a referee to resolve a dispute.

- Where possible, rules accommodate players with various adaptive needs
- Players avoid wearing clothing that closely matches the ball color.
- Players should not question or comment on an opponent's call, although any player may appeal a rally-ending line call to the referee before the next serve occurs.