Broad River Pickleball Update

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Double Shoals Summer League Assignments and News

Summer league at Double Shoals is not for the faint of heart or for anyone who avoids sweating at all costs as there is no air conditioning other than the overhead fan and open doors.

This summer's league is proving to be highly competitive even on the lower level nets, which makes for a hot summer action.

We welcome our newbie leaguers at Double in Aaron Perlman, Arthur Holland, Kelli Jones, and Sami Peeler. Aaron Perlman comes to us from up Morganton way and is one good player. Arthur Holland is soon retiring as a Methodist minister and will now have more time to devote to pickleball, we have all missed Arthur and welcome him back. Kelli Jones is a tennis and racquetball player who is now ready to take up pickleball. Kelli has retired from teaching nursing at the community college and we are happy she is joining us. Sami Peeler is Phil Peeler's daughter and they are teaming up for the double's league. Sammie has just completed her junior year at Burns High and is an accomplished softball pitcher at Burns.

Monday Doubles Action saw 3 groups battling it out in the heat. In Group 3, team Shuford/Falls swept all their matches to move up to group 2 this week. Following them was team Packsoy/Clontz who won 3 of 4 matches to also move up to Group 2.

Group 2 had some tough competition with the mean girls Lynn and Jan taking 3 of 4 matches and the top spot to move up to group 1. Team Jackson/Anders coming off some medal wins in spring tournaments finished only 3 points behind the mean girls to move up to group 1 as well. The husband wife team of Andrew and Jamie Dills finished third to remain in that spot.

On the top group 1, team Clary/Carter rolled through the competition winning all their matches. Teams Laughlin/Johnson, Clary/Webb, and Simpson/McPherson were bunched together with scores of 39, 35, and 39 respectively. Clary/Webb had a tough final match scoring only 2 points to send them down to group 2.

Net assignments below:

Here this week's doubles assignments for Monday Night:

Group 3 at 6:15

Huggins Hamrick, Filler, Poston/Teague, Team Peeler, Cornwell/Bridges

Group 2 at 7:30

Clary/Webb, Nicole/Daniel subbing for Team Earwood, Team Dills, Shuford/Falls, Packsoy Clontz

Group 3 at 7:30

Clary/Carter, Laughlin/Johnson, Simpson/McPherson, Mean Girls, Jackson,/Anders

If anybody wants to play we have we need a filler team for 6:15.

Tuesday Night Individual Action

A couple of players raised some eyebrows Tuesday night. Arthur Holland was zipping all over the courts and looked good, Aaron Perlman is obviously going to be a shooting star as he rises up the ladder, and Anna Moss continues to hold her own on net 2. We also saw a lot of potential with Kelli Jones just learning the game but bringing her tennis and racquetball background with her.

On net 6 at 6:15 Charlotte Teague took the lead followed by Betsy McPherson to rise to net 5. Some very good play was seen on net 5 as Art Dunn returned in good form to beat out his buddy from Morganton Aaron Perlman as they finished first and second. Arthur hung tough to remain on net 5. Net 4 saw the return of the gallant Bob Borders who swept the net to rise to net 3 in the 7:30 slot. Hew was followed by Clint Shuford. Willie Hamrick hung tough to remain on net 3.

At the 7:30 slot there was a bit of controversy as Jan and Kimery protested that Carl was posted on net 2 instead of net 3. So shaken was the league facilitator at the harshness of tone directed at him that he was unable to lead in prayer as he tried to hold back his sobs. Carl voluntarily, like the good gentleman and kind soul that he is, took the net 3 spot and allowed Kimery to move to net 2 where she rolled her ankle; I am not saying the two are related but still......

On net 3 Phil Poston took first one point ahead of Carl Clary, both will advance to net 2. Joe scored well enough to remain. Jan, who was one of the instigators will move to net 4 at 6:15 thank you very much.

On net 2 Brian Johnson was able to overcome the bitterness of the unfair criticism leveled at him and was able to sweep the net, in second was the cool-headed Ed Webb both will advance to the top net. Anna Moss fought hard to hang on to net 2. Kimery will be on net 3, just saying.....

On net 1 Jeremy Simpson took the top spot winning 3 of 4 matches followed closely behind by Steve Boatwright. Randy Moss finished 3rd and will remain on the top net.

Net assignments for next week below:

Tuesday Night Net Assignments:

Playing at 6: 15

Net 6: Phil Peeler, Ken Simpson, Beverly Blackwell, Kelli Jones, Katie Cornwell

Net 5: Rick Falls, Willie Hamrick, Arthur Holland, Charlotte Teague, Betsy McPherson

Net 4: Kristal Watkins, Jan Kendrick, Donna Poston, Art Dunn, Aaron Perlmon

Playing at 7:30

Net 3: Gage Earwood, Kimery Laughlin, Joe Harris, Bob Borders, Clint Shuford

Net 2: Bill Cameron, Kebo Earwood, Anna Moss, Phil Poston, Carl Clary

Net 1: Jeremy Simpson, Steve Boatwright, Randy Watkins, Brian Johnson, Ed Webb

Places to Play Schedule

Shelby City Park will be open in the evenings beginning around 6:15. Because of summer programs there will be no morning play.

Elizabeth Baptist Church will be open for Saturday morning play and morning play

Play continues at Ruby Hunt YMCA in the mornings

Play continues at Kings Mountain YMCA in the mornings except for some camp weeks which are: Friday-May 31; Thursday June 6; June 17-21, July 1-3, July 18-20, July 28-August 2.

Outdoor play is available at the old Shelby Middle School tennis courts.

Dilly News

Dick and Desire Osman are District Ambassadors and produce a wonderful monthly pickleball newsletter called the Charlotte Dilly News which I will forward to the BRP folks. It has some great information on all things pickleball including rules discussion, tournaments, and clinics.