

4TH ANNUAL YAKIMA ATHLETIC CLUB DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual Yakima Athletic Club Doubles Pickleball Tournament took place on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Two outdoor tennis courts and one pickleball court were used for play. A total of 20 participants took part in the tourney. Mixed doubles, men's doubles, and women's doubles teams competed together in the event.

Play began around 10:00 am when 10 teams were divided into two pools of five teams for round-robin matches played to 21 points. The top three teams in each group advanced to the championship bracket with the fourth and fifth place teams competing in consolation play. During bracket play, each match consisted of best 2-out-of-3 games played to 11 points.

The teams of Rick Bomar/Dennis Smithgall and the father-son team of Carlos Reyes/Martin Rogers-Reyes each were a perfect 4-0 in their respective pools and received byes into the semi-finals.

Bomar/Smithgall (both of Moses Lake) won the first semi-final, defeating Haley Koreski/Jeff Brantner (both of Yakima) by the score of 11-8, 11-1. The husband-wife team of Jacob Whiteside/Anne Whiteside (both of Yakima) prevailed over Reyes/Rogers-Reyes in the second semi-final by the score of 4-11, 11-6, 11-9.

The closely contested championship match saw Bomar/Smithgall out-pickling Whiteside/Whiteside by the score of 11-9, 11-5.

All tournament entrants received a specially designed T-shirt for participating. Kudos to Anne and Jacob Whiteside for putting on another great tournament!

Final placements were as follows:

First: Dennis Smithgall and Rick Bomar (both of Moses Lake)

Second: Anne Whiteside and Jacob Whiteside (both of Yakima)

Third (tie): Carlos Reyes and Martin Rogers-Reyes (both of Yakima)

Third (tie): Haley Koreski and Jeff Brantner (both of Yakima)

Fifth (tie): Tanner Dean and Laura Munson (both of Yakima)

Fifth (tie): Craig Rath and Josh Koreski (both of Yakima)

3RD ANNUAL YAKIMA ATHLETIC CLUB DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The 3rd annual Yakima Athletic Club Doubles Pickleball Tournament took place on Sunday, September 8, 2008. Four outdoor tennis courts were marked off with pickleball boundaries and used for the tourney. A total of 20 participants took part in the so-called "Chop Suey" event

(thus named because mixed, men's, and women's doubles teams competed together).

Play began at 10:00 am when 10 teams were divided into two pools of five teams for round-robin matches played to 21 points. The top three teams in each group advanced to the championship bracket with the winner of each group receiving a bye into the semi-finals.

During bracket play, each match consisted of best 2-out-of-3 games played to 11 points. Consolation matches were also played, so everyone had an opportunity to play plenty of pickleball. A tight final was contested, with the doubles team of club tennis pros Jacob Whiteside and Eric Robbins (both of Yakima) edging Rick Bomar and Dennis Smithgall (both of Moses Lake) 11-8, 11-9. The father-son team of Carlos Reyes and Martin Rogers-Reyes (both of Yakima) won the match for third-place (score not available).

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