

St. James Pickleball Association (SJPA)

Annual Meeting

November 14, 2024

SJPA Mission

Encourage

- Encourage play
- Good sportsmanship
- Friendly competition
- Enjoyment of the game of pickleball

Motivate

- Motivate social interaction on and off the courts through various social activities

Work

- Work with The Clubs at St. James management to improve the quality and quantity of pickleball facilities at The Clubs at St. James.



2024 SJPA Board & Committee Chairs

- **PRESIDENT:** George Johnson
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Christine Cournoyer
- **TREASURER:** Chris Romig
- **SECRETARY:** Paula Franken
- **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR & WEBMASTER:** Diana Kelly
- **SOCIAL DIRECTOR:** Liz Wilson
- **EVENTS & TOURNAMENTS DIRECTOR:** Jeff Franken
- **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Kathy Goliszek
- **INSTRUCTION:** Cynthia Mendoza



Thank You to Past SJPA Presidents

Deb Chiarello - 2023

Sharen Hausmann - 2022

Andrea Velez - 2021

Scott Hettinger - 2020

Biz Wilson – Social Director



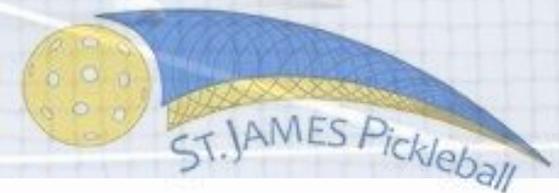
Our Troon Partners

- Kent Silhanek, General Manager
- Brandee Donnelly, Member Relations
- Mike Matthiae, Maintenance Director
- Brian Preston, Director of Racquet Sports
- Kim Mihan, Head Pickleball Pro
- Adam Greene, Assistant Pickleball Pro



SJPA Committees

- Tournaments & Events: On-Court Fun
- Socials: Dinners, Dances & Parties
- Communications: Website, Email, Social Media
- Instruction: New to Pickleball
- Sunshine: Member Support



SJPA TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Jeff Franken – Director

Committee:

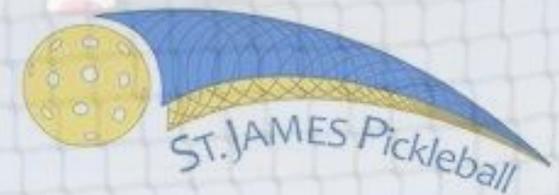
- Lynn Albrecht
- Bernadette Clinton
- Dick Cournoyer
- Becky Jennings
- Bill Kamszik
- Scott Nasiff
- Cherie Nichols
- Leo Pacyna
- Mike Renzaglia
- Robyn Smith
- Andrea Velez



Mixed-up Doubles

Social Play for All Levels, All Seasons, All Weather!

- Winter Classic (January)
- Valentine's Day (February)
- St. Patrick's Day (March)
- Spring Eggsxtravaganza (April – Play with a Pro)
- Dinko de Mayo (May)
- In the Heat of the Night (July – Play with a Pro)
- Halloween (October – Play with a Pro)



SJPA Tournament Champions

Women's 6.0 : Katy Nasiff & Cindy Phillips

Women's 6.5 : Lynne Albrecht & Janice Ammann

Women's 7.0 : Christine Cournoyer & Alicia Mastropietro

Men's 6.5 : David Biederman & Mike Hoffman

Men's 7.0 : Mike Holstein & Jeff Watts

Men's 7.5 : Kevin Daly & Norbert Hobrath



All Aboard!



Battle of the Paddle



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Liz Wilson - Director

- Lynn Albrecht
- Pat Allred
- Jean Christian
- Dede Gonzales
- Cindy Hettinger
- Marion Johnson
- Eileen Kopunek
- Cynthia Mendoza
- Kristie Minor
- Katy Nasiff
- Kim Nowakowski
- Ann Ward



SOCIAL EVENTS

- Winter Dinner & Dance
- Progressive Dinner
- Beach Bonfire
- All Aboard
- Spring Fling
- Pool Party
- Beach Party w/ SJTA
- Battle of the Paddle
- Holiday Tree



Winter Dance (fundraiser)



Beach Bonfire



Pool Party



Spring Fling (fundraiser)



Beach Party (with SJTA)



COMMUNICATIONS

Diana Kelly – Communications Director

- Lynn Koebke
- Barb Shanley

Communications is a key element of keeping SJPA going! This year a new weekly newsletter, “The Weekly Pickle,” was started. It is emailed to all members every Friday with information on past and future events, as well as fun facts and notes from the Board or from the pickleball pros.



COMMUNICATIONS

Website Posts – Pictures, Events, Signups, ...

Halloween Mixed Up Doubles – Play with a Pro

Pickleball spooky fun continues after Halloween on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 with a FUN, Social & Spooky Halloween themed Mixed Up Doubles, Play With A Pro event! There will be two sessions. Be sure to sign up as space is limited. Registration begins October 19, 2024. For more details and to sign up, visit the...

by [littkoe](#) October 11, 2024

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3rd Annual Battle of the Paddle — and the winner is....

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WHITE TEAM! Over ninety players, divided into four teams, competed in the 3rd Annual Battle of the Paddle event which was held at the Rymer Pickleball Courts on September 28th and 29th. Included in the competition were skill drills, dinking matches, and round robin play. Competition was fierce but friendly! Captain Joe...

by [Diana](#) October 3, 2024

[SJPA Sponsored](#)

SJPA Donates to Southport Schools' Pickleball Program

The St. James Pickleball Association (SJPA) started teaching pickleball to students at the Southport Elementary School two years ago. The kids were engaged and enthusiastic from the beginning, and now, they get very excited when they see the pickleball nets set up in the gym because they know what the day's event is going to...

by [Diana](#) September 19, 2024

SJPA Latest Posts (list)

- [Halloween Mixed-Up Doubles](#)
- [SJPA 2024 Annual Meeting](#)
- [Halloween Mixed Up Doubles – Play with a Pro](#)
- [3rd Annual Battle of the Paddle — and the winner is....](#)
- [SJPA Donates to Southport Schools' Pickleball Program](#)



SECRETARY – Paula Franken

The Secretary maintains records of Board meetings, prepares meeting minutes, and this year began publishing a public summary of the monthly meetings. They are available on the SJPA website:



StJamesPickleball.com

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SJPA Board & Committee Meeting Summary

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[Click to access Pickleball-Board-and-Chair-Meeting-Summary-for-Sept-10-2024.pdf](#)

[Click to access Pickleball-Board-and-Chair-Meeting-Summary-for-August-13-2024.pdf](#)

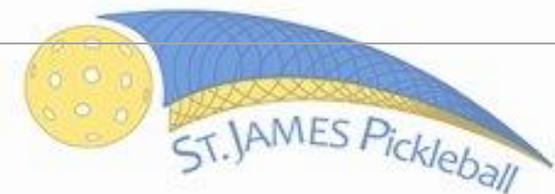


TREASURER – Chris Romig

SJPA 2024 Budget Summary

(577 Members)

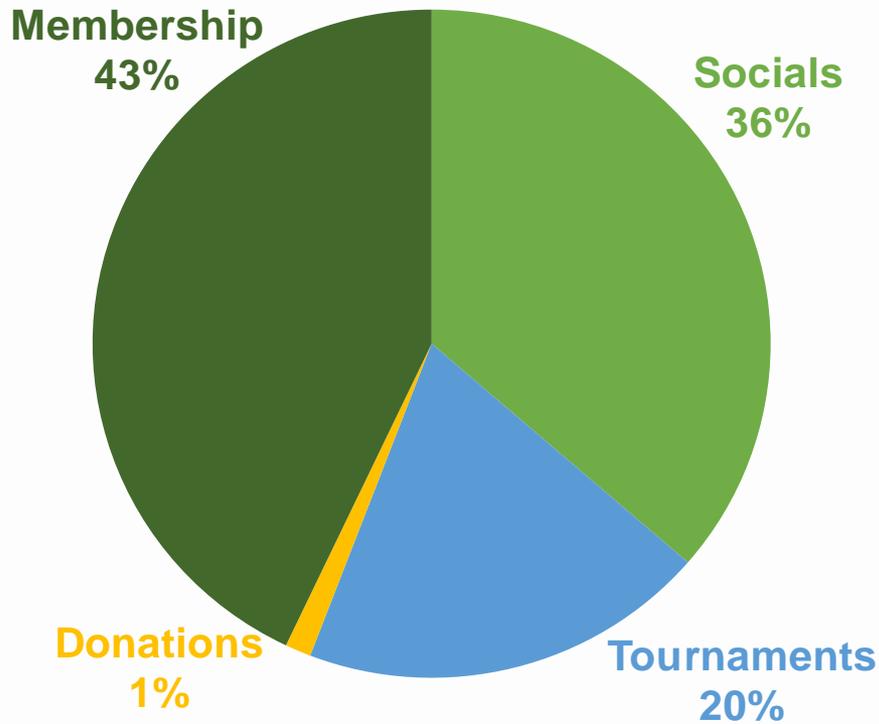
<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$ 11,540 Membership	\$ 12,633 Socials
\$ 9,773 Socials	\$ 5,587 Donations
\$ 5,235 Tournaments	\$ 4,239 Tournaments & Events
\$ 333 Donations	\$ 4,296 Organizational, Sunshine Comm.
<u>\$ 26,881 Total</u>	<u>\$ 26,931 Total</u>



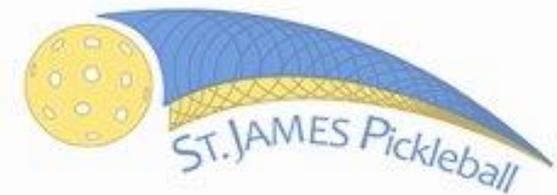
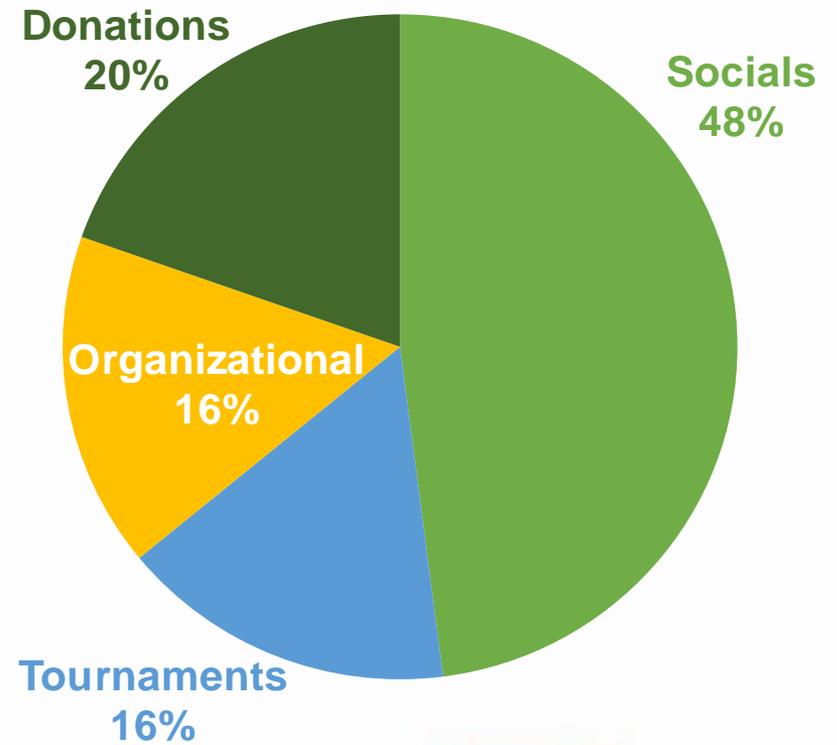
TREASURER

SJPA 2024 Operating Budget

INCOME



EXPENSES



INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Cynthia Mendoza – Chair

- John Alexander
- Kathy Goliszek
- Eileen Kopunek
- Mike Kopunek
- Zeke Mendoza
- Diane Norton
- Kim Nowakowski
- Barbara Shanley

The Instruction Committee organizes weekly Beginner Round Robins open to men and women who want to learn pickleball and improve their game. Instruction during these sessions focuses on serves, volleys, dinking and much more. It is a great way to meet other players at a similar level who then form groups on their own.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Kathy Goliszek – Chair

- Sherrill Bohon
- Brenda Howard
- Debbie Humbertson
- Allyson Little
- Marie Martin
- Cynthia Mendoza
- Karen Pasquale
- Sue Pugh
- Marilou Rubright
- Kathleen Thomas
- Andrea Velez



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The goal of the Sunshine Committee is to provide a little sunshine to SJPA members who've experienced an illness, injury, or loss of an immediate family member.

In 2024, the committee has sent out 49 get-well or condolence cards and 6 gifts (meals, flowers, gift card, etc.) for extended illness or loss of a spouse.

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine, please be sure to let a Board or committee member know! There is a "Contact Us" form, on the SJPA website, that goes directly to the Sunshine committee.



Charitable Donations (Social Comm.)

Matthew's Ministry

Proceeds from the Winter Dance provided \$2,225 which was donated to Matthew's Ministry, whose goal is to eliminate weekend and non-school day hunger for Brunswick County children

SOIICF Food Pantry

Proceeds from the Spring Fling provided \$2,947 which was donated to the Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship (SOIICF) Food Pantry, whose goal is to help meet emergency human needs of people in our area



Charitable Donations (Sunshine Comm.)

Local Schools

The Sunshine Committee donated pickleball paddles, balls and portable nets to the P.E. programs at Southport Elementary and South Brunswick Middle Schools.

SOIICF Food Pantry

The Committee also collects food for donation to the Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship (SOIICF) Food Pantry at a variety of the SJPA on-court events



Charitable Donations

GotSneakers Campaign

The SJPA co-led, along with the SJTA, the 2024 GotSneakers campaign. GotSneakers helps the environment by recycling sneakers that cannot be reused, sending sneakers in good condition to underserved communities around the world where they can be reused, and helps us earn money for a charitable cause. The cause we chose is WAVES 4 K.I.D.S., a local program helping "kids in difficult situations." So far over \$3,000 has been raised for the K.I.D.S.



SJPA Members Teach Pickleball!

- Several members of our SJPA volunteered to teach pickleball to children in Brunswick County.
- The National Junior Tennis and Learning program was founded over 50 years ago by Arthur Ashe to bring tennis and educational programming to underserved kids. They have added our favorite sport, Pickleball, to their program.
- Many thanks to those who volunteered!



Facilities

Rymer

- Dinking board
- Windsocks

Seaside

- Shade structure
- Mitigated trip hazard



- Benches
- Fence screen to block glare from cars
- Fans w/ misters
- Folding seats in bathrooms
- Permanent blower for the courts

- Windsock
- Picnic table
- Benches
- New address signs for 911 calls



SJPA CHALLENGES FOR 2024

- Fine-tuning the whiteboard open process
- People not canceling courts in a timely manner
- Fewer people attending events



Upcoming Vote on Bylaw Changes

Voting will begin tomorrow (November 15) on proposed changes to the SJPA Bylaws.

This would normally accompany the election of officers for next year, but there is only one candidate for each of the open positions.

We are still looking for someone to fill the Communications position.



2025 Board and Committee Chairs

Board (Continuing)

Pres.: Christine Cournoyer

Secretary: Paul Franken

Treasurer: Chris Romig

Committee Chair (Continuing)

Instruction: Cynthia Mendoza

Board (New)

Vice President: Don Ammann

Communications: ???

Tournaments: Scott Nasiff

Social: Cindy Hettinger

Committee Chair (Appointed)

Sunshine: Diane Norton

Webmaster (Appointed)

Chris Roberto



The rest of the program this evening

- Chris Romig will discuss using Zeffy for membership and event signup (NOTE: Membership registration for 2025 is live now!)
- Dr. Matt Landfried will discuss orthopedics and pickleball ... and how to avoid seeing him!
- Committee signup sheets are on the tables in back in case you didn't get a chance to sign up already.

