

"NET" NEWS



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MTG

The annual membership meeting was held on November 19th at the Heritage Station Museum. The meeting included updates on facility improvements, a recap of the activities of the past year and discussion of planned improvements and events. A financial and membership update was given as well. Mary Alice Ridgway gave a history of The Net & Betty Brunette & shared the Plaque to be hung in her memory. Lastly & super important the cookies were delicious!



YOUTH TENNIS CLINICS

The NET has been excited to do three kids tennis clinics in May, June, and July. Each clinic had between 10-14 kids ages 11-16. All of the kids did fantastic & showed great improvement over each four-session clinic & over the three clinics. Our thanks to Wells Jones High School boys coach for leading them with the help of Tara Fleshman and Cary Ford. We hope to do more tennis clinics, watch for flyers in the lobby as soon as we can schedule our next one.

New Policies

To ensure the safety of our members and guests and to comply with new insurance requirements, the NET is implementing new policies related to concussion protocol as well as sexual molestation and abuse.

Our new concussion policy requires that any member suspected of a potential concussion as a result of a collision or fall at the NET must get a written approval from their physician prior to returning to play.

The sexual misconduct and abuse policy lays out requirements for those members working with children as well as a reporting standard for any suspected misconduct, abuse or grooming behaviors. The NET has a zero tolerance policy regarding all forms of sexual abuse and misconduct and will report any inappropriate behaviors to the appropriate authorities. Additionally the NET will begin requiring those working with minor children to complete training as well as a criminal background check. The safety of minors in our facilities is of critical importance.

Facility Updates

Supply line shortages have caused delays in the Big Ass Fan order and the manufacturer getting the equipment ready to ship, however we have a tentative shipment date in early December.

We will be installing a bluetooth speaker that can be used to play music and to make announcements. Please see comment about music in the article about courtesy.

Work was done to our heaters which has resulted in temporary loss of the use of the heat override buttons on the north wall. Until the work is complete the heaters come on automatically when the temperature drops below a certain level but cannot be turned on at will. We apologize for the cooler temps.

Equipment & Trash

The Net Board is all volunteer. Help us to vacuum the ball machine and ball sweepers when you can. Also anytime you want to grab the red lobby vacuum to do the carpets that would be great too! Board members are the trash crew, please don't put large items or foods debris in the indoors cans. Use large green city receptacle outside front door for those items. THANKS!

Courtesy at the NET

Several members have asked that we include reminders of courtesy when using the NET while other members are present. We want everyone to enjoy their experience by remembering these items:

- When court one is being used by tennis players we ask that pickleball players set up on the far west side of court two to reduce distractions.
- When exiting a pickleball court always wait for play on courts you are walking by to have a pause in play. It is distracting to have folks walk behind or along side a court and could result in a collision. Use tennis court 1 to exit and enter tennis court 2.
- Do not hit tennis or pickleball balls against the wall when others are playing tennis or pickleball. The wall is for single players in the facility alone or if agreed to by other pickleball players.
- Music should only be used when agreed to by all players. During open pickleball, do not begin a game if there is a chance you will be up next on the challenge court before the game is completed. It is disrespectful and disruptive to leave a game in play even if you get a replacement player.
- If you are a higher skilled player joining a game with less skilled players do not demean or degrade them by taking over a game or making unkind remarks. Open pickleball is intended to be all skill levels playing together on a rotation basis. There is a defined rotation in place and we ask that everyone use it. If you are not willing to play with lower skilled players stick to the challenge court or schedule court time separately with like skilled players.
- During open pickleball, winners stay on the court and split, losers write your name on the board to be moved to the next available court. Please use this defined rotation process. Do not set up your own matches during open play. Again, if you want to play with like skilled players schedule court time outside of open pickleball.
- Less skilled pickleball players should not sign up to play on the challenge court. The challenge court is reserved for a higher level of play.