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A Letter from the Advisory Committee Chair

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Pickleball continues to grow at a rapid pace not only here, but throughout the country. The ability to get great exercise, connect with great individuals, and to enjoy the spirit of sport has been the driving force behind the growth. Because of this growth St George is bursting at the seams with individuals who want to participate in this great sport. As the pickleball committee, in cooperation with the City we have been trying to understand how we can find solutions to the many issues that are brought about by this growth as we have more players than our courts can accommodate during the peak hours of play. We quickly found out in our discussions that we needed more information in order to make a more educated



recommendation to the City. Because of that need, we decided that a survey would be the best way to get information from the community and have a wide representation of players. We are so proud to say that we had over 480 individuals respond to the survey. We have begun to formulate the information and continue to have discussions about using the information to continue in the need to support all players through; open play, league, clinics and tournaments. There is the understanding and acknowledgement that more courts are needed and we are having discussions about adding courts. As you'll see from the survey results, the majority agrees that adding courts to our City is greatly needed.

We are sharing the results of the survey with you in this newsletter and ask for your patience as we work through the results, as there are a lot of factors affecting the ability to make changes to any program. As we make recommendations to the City and they make plans to implement them, we will continue to keep you informed through our newsletters. Lastly, we want to thank those who took the

survey. We understand and acknowledge that there was a need for additional questions and comments sections. As we reviewed the results, we also acknowledge that there will be a time when another survey will need to be sent out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of us.



Pickleball Survey Results

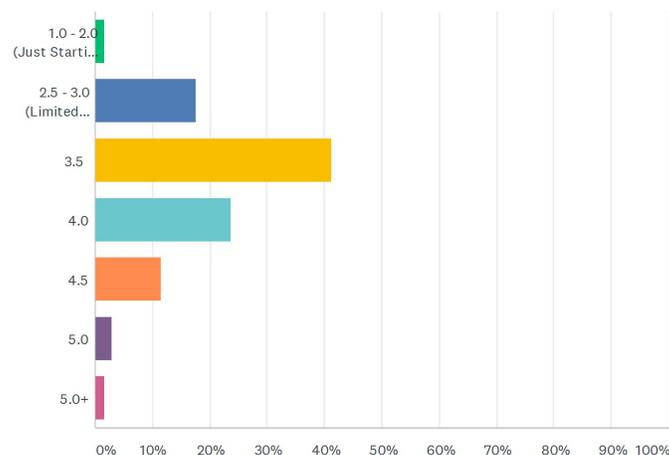
A big **thank you** to all who participated in the June 2020 Pickleball Survey. With 481 respondents completing the survey, the results provide the City with a starting point and good cross-section of players' opinions.

Types of play reflect the highest number of participants in drop-in play (91.68%), tournaments (59.04%), leagues (56.34%) and then clinics (23.91%).

Drop-in play / Recreational	91.68%	441
Leagues	56.34%	271
Clinics	23.91%	115
Tournaments	59.04%	284
Doesn't Apply	1.87%	9
Total Respondents: 481		

Level of players

The survey shows players rated at 3.5 make-up 41% of the surveyed participants.



Most popular St. George City courts ranked

It appears Little Valley was ranked the most played-at complex in St George City, with 84% ranking it as their first choice to play.

	1	2	3	TOTAL	SCORE
Little Valley	84.43% 385	8.55% 39	7.02% 32	456	2.77
Bloomington	11.75% 39	53.31% 177	34.94% 116	332	1.77
Vernon Worthen	8.04% 25	39.55% 123	52.41% 163	311	1.56

Most popular days to play

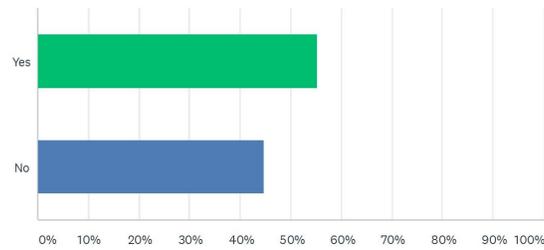
The most popular days to play Pickleball are *Mondays* and *Wednesdays* with Fridays and Tuesdays coming in at a close 2nd. Most players said they played between the 7 AM - 10 AM time slot.



Monday	56.34%	271
Tuesday	51.98%	250
Wednesday	56.34%	271
Thursday	39.92%	192
Friday	53.85%	259
Saturday	38.05%	183
Sunday	19.75%	95
Used to play at Little Valley, but, don't due to having to wait to get on courts	16.01%	77
Not Applicable	7.90%	38
Total Respondents: 481		

Leagues on tournament weeks

There are 55% vs 45% of players who prefer leagues be cancelled on tournament weeks.



Most popular days for leagues to be held

Tuesday AM (54.95%) was the most popular answer for leagues to be held, with Tuesday PM (39.78%) and Thursday PM (37.80%) nearly tying for 2nd.

Monday AM	32.31%	147
Monday PM	16.92%	77
Tuesday AM	54.95%	250
Tuesday PM	39.78%	181
Wednesday AM	22.86%	104
Wednesday PM	34.29%	156
Thursday AM	35.38%	161
Thursday PM	37.80%	172
Friday AM	9.45%	43
Friday PM	8.13%	37
Saturday AM	7.91%	36
Saturday PM	6.15%	28
Sunday AM	5.27%	24
Sunday PM	5.27%	24
Total Respondents: 455		

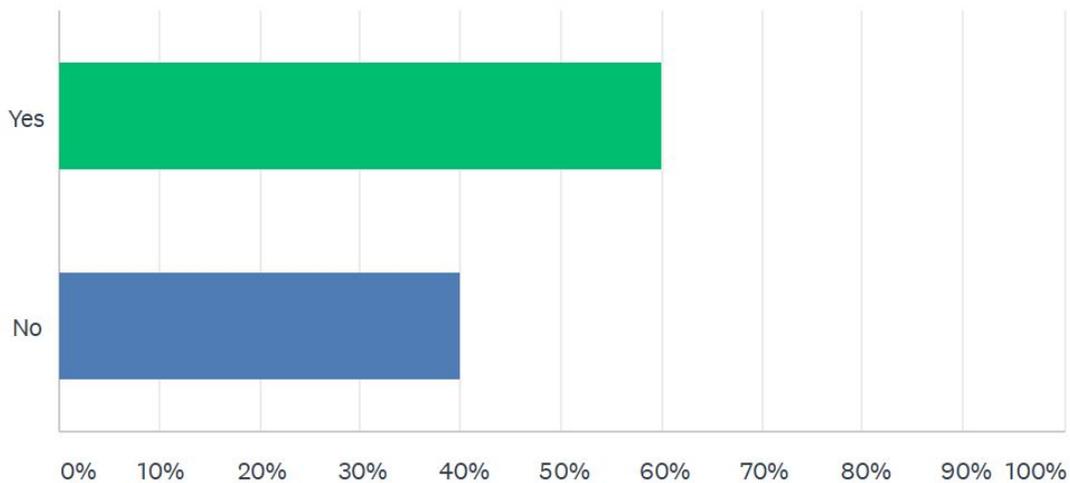
Future courts

Perhaps the most shocking result was the split decision of whether to add to Little Valley courts (44.77%) or develop another large complex (44.35%).

Added to existing Little Valley Complex.	44.77%	214
Build 2-4 courts in various locations in the City.	10.25%	49
Develop another large complex, similar to Little Valley.	44.35%	212
No new courts needed.	0.63%	3
TOTAL		478

Court Clean-up

And last, but not least, a big thank you to the 60% of players who said they'd volunteer to help clean and maintain the courts.



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The property tax used to support the Leisure Services is about \$11 per month per household, or about \$3 per person per month.

What is covered by the \$3 per person? The City of St. George through the Leisure Services department provides: 47 parks, Tree crews, Cemeteries, 48 miles of paved trails, Trail heads, Youth Sports Programs, Adult Sports Programs (such as pickleball), Recreation Center, 2 Swimming Pools, Special Events, Dog Parks, Art Museum, Electric Theater, Opera House, Social Hall, Marathon, Art Festival, Sports facilities and fields, Community Arts Programs, many miles of road median maintenance, roundabout maintenance, and other facility rentals and partnerships with a variety of non-profit organizations.

St George City is adding new pickleball courts!

We are excited to announce that Bloomington has **generously donated** money to the City of St. George to build more courts, and it is happening! Construction on four new courts will begin shortly. These courts will be added to the four existing courts at Bloomington Park.

Pickleball is a fast and growing sport, so we will do our best to keep up with the demand for new courts. With the community's help, support, and cooperation, we will continue to grow pickleball so generations, now and to come, will be able to enjoy this amazing sport.



Current Events



We watched many exciting and fast-paced pickleball games at the **June Midnight Pickleball Heist Tournament**. Congratulations to all the winners and participants that enjoyed this late night tournament.

SIGN-UP NOW! July Midnight Pickleball Heist Tournament will be Mens' and Womens' Doubles tournament scheduled for Friday, July 31, 2020 beginning

at 8 PM at the Little Valley Complex. Be sure to register at [Midnight Pickleball Heist / M & W Doubles](#)

Tips of the Month

We Call It A.D.D.

We call it "A.D.D." (All Dang Day). It's a groove that you can find while playing at the net, where you don't miss a dink. The only way that point will end is when your opponent makes a mistake ... Find your A.D.D.!



USAPA Rules Changes Document 2020

Thus far, this year, there are many new definitions and rule changes that are of interest. Check these out at [USAPA Rule Changes 2020](#)



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