

SCPA AGM Oct. 3, 2023 New Facility Report



This has been a very active and exciting year for SCPA and the New Facilities Committee. Here is an abbreviated chronological summary.

Oct - Dec 2023

Multiple back and forth with the District of Sechelt (DoS) seeking a Memo of Understanding (MoU) for a land lease to build our facility between the Suncoast Racquet Club and the Sechelt Arena. Unfortunately, our efforts were stalled by DoS indecision on the status of the daycare and housing proposed for the site

December 2023

At a social gathering the idea of a pickleball facility at the Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club (SCG&CC) was floated by a golf club member

January 2024

Initial meetings with SCG&CC golfers to explore the concept of a PB facility at the SCG&CC. Multiple possible locations for our facility were discussed and an initial site visit with pickleball player and contractor, Art Dew, was arranged to gain his opinion on issues related to various possible sites.

February 2024

Met with SCG&CC President (Dennis Haggarty), VP (Dave Nestman), Pro (Jim Pringle) and Director of Operations (Julie Knobloch) to present a Concept Proposal to SCG&CC Board. Based on feedback we revised our Concept Proposal for SCPA and SCG&CC member distribution.

March 2024

Developed a preliminary Project Management Plan. Had multiple meetings with the SCG&CC team to develop a MoU.

April 2024

Continued working with the SCG&CC team on the MoU and to answer questions raised by golfers at their April 17 meeting.

May 2024

MOU signed by the presidents of SCPA (Ted Bentley) and SCG&CC (Dennis Haggarty). A small but significant step in our quest for a dedicated pickleball facility at the SCG&CC.

June 2024

Met with Shelley Gagnon, general Manager Community Services, SCR D, to discuss zoning, parking and other SCR D related issues.

July 2024

Met with SCG&CC team to discuss location of our facility and issues related to autonomy and governance. Agreement reached on a preferred location of our facility - between hole #12 & #18 (old practice area).

August 2024

Emails to respective memberships confirming agreement from both SCG&CC and SCPA Boards on the old practice area location.

September 2024

The subcommittees discussed a number of specific infrastructure issues (water supply, power, washroom requirements) and the need for more accurate site development costs. Test holes will be dug in November to determine the nature of the subsurface material at the proposed location. The form of the "Agreement" as referenced in the MoU between SCPA and the SCG&CC also received considerable discussion and is a major issue going forward.

Respectfully Submitted

Ted Bentley

SCPA President and Chair of Facilities Committee