



Marc Lanphear sends a ball over the net Saturday during the third annual Pickleball Tournament at the Transit-Community Center.

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Pickleball: Tourney raises money for Shelton food bank

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Shelton tournament this year was the format. This time, there was a random draw for partners for every game. Each player's points were tracked and whoever had the most at the end would play in the

championship games. Players were also split into advanced and intermediate groups.

The winners of the advanced group were Dea Marshall from Olympia and Terry Gregg from Shelton; in second place were Ros Grigsby of Aberdeen and Steve Evander of Shel-

ton; and rounding out the top three were Ken Arndt of Shelton and Nick Judy of Olympia.

The first-place finishers in the intermediate group were Chris Broche of Shelton and John Coates of Olympia; in second place were Linda Haderli of Shelton and Danny Ballesteros of Olympia; and in third were Justin Stang of Olympia and Bev Ballesteros of Olympia.

Arndt, 42, has played pickleball since he was in middle school and competed for the third time in the tournament.

"I like that it's diverse," he said. "You get to go out and play with different people. If you don't come here just to have fun, you're not going to like it. Other than that, it's just a great and fun tournament to play in."

Proceeds from the tournament went to the Saint's Pan-



Linda Haderli waits to serve Saturday during the third annual Pickleball Tournament at the Transit-Community Center.

try food bank for the school backpack food program. As of Monday, Olsen said the tournament raised about \$800.

One of the newest players was Portland's Kimberly Pizer Brumfield.

She picked up a pickleball

racket last winter when she was living in Arizona. Pizer Brumfield quickly was addicted to the sport.

"I love anticipating the next play," she said. "It's fun. Every game is a different learning experience for me. It's great."

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