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### OUR TIME AND OUR MONEY

I remember a sermon message from many years ago. The pastor said it was simple to determine what was important to an individual by looking at two things; his calendar, and his checkbook. The calendar would show how the person spent

his TIME, and the checkbook would show how he spent his MONEY. How one used those two limited resources would indicate what was important to that person. Just to show how long ago that sermon was, almost nobody nowadays keeps a calendar, nor uses a checkbook today. However, I think it is still a good yardstick for finding out what a person values. Since my last posting, I spent quite a bit of time (five days) and money in the hospital recovering from acute pancreatitis. Certainly NOT how I would wish to expend resources, but I needed to make opportunities for future decisions a possibility. More evidence to cherish our “In our lifetime” mantra at PAK. While I was in the hospital recovering, I heard about a fellow pickler who was evacuated by air with a heart condition. According to him, he “died” four times that day; once in the air ambulance, and three times on the operating table where he received four stents. After a couple of days, he had to have additional surgery to implant two more stents but is now doing well. We are calling him the “cat man” with his many lives. I came out of the hospital ten pounds lighter, with a shrunken stomach. I have taken that momentum to cease alcohol and cigars, and to start a gentler diet in content and quantity to give my organs a better chance of proper function.

Last month, there was a notable increase in unsolicited larger donations to PAK. I always make it a point to call the donor and personally thank them for their support, and to find out what their motivation was to give. Their answers are as varied as the number of donors, but universally, they were grateful for the benefits they have received from our sport, and supportive of our objectives to get more venues to play at. We so very much appreciate the support, and it helps those who are working so hard to make our goals come true. Our initial aim was to create an organization that represented the pickleball community in general. This organization would be marked with a nominal membership donation amount and would indicate the level of support for our mission. Having recently surpassed the three-hundred-member mark, we have successfully moved a highly diverse group of players from the “I” phase to a “WE” level. Our voice is now respected by all, and carries the clout that numbers do. One day, we will need more money to attain our objectives, but until we have identified a specific project to fund, we have refrained from a concerted fund-raising effort. Hopefully, that day will come soon.

For those that need a specific reason to give, this month we have come up with a piece of equipment we would very much like to own. Many of our old-time players know about taping temporary lines on various court surfaces in the early days of pickleball. The challenge was to lay straight lines in the correct court configuration. It is not easy to do, bending low and trying to align and apply tape from a roll. Later, we were given permission to paint “ghost lines” at tennis court locations, which required applying two strips of tape for each line, doubling the effort. If all goes well, we will have a new pickleball facility at Kauai Community College with six dedicated courts and new surfaces. There will be an adjacent two tennis court area that could allow four temporary pickleball courts for a total of 10 courts. This is the site of our 2023 PAK Open in August. We realize the amount of effort it will take to tape and re-tape temporary courts and would very much like to have a machine that lays straight lines without bending or kneeling.

(insert picture of machine here)

The cost of this machine is about \$1,300. It weighs 80 pounds so shipping it to Kauai will be expensive, at least another \$300. We need to keep a good supply of tape, and that would add another \$600. To complete the list of needs, we need a re-usable template of a pickleball court at about \$200, delivered. For those of our members (and non-members) who wish to advance PAK’s reach, this would be a great way to invest in our future! Just go on-line to make your donation, and we will surely recognize your generosity.

Finally, April is National Pickleball Month. April 1 also marks the beginning of Kauai pickleball with a pickleball clinic at Kalaheo Neighborhood Center in 2015. Thank you, Jack and Stephanie Hodges, for “infecting” us with something to spend our time doing. Good news. I just played at Kalawai and won 5 out of 5 matches. Go away rain, we have seen enough of you.

Until next month,

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