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I Brotche hits the ball in a pickleball match Saturday at the Mason Transit Authority Transit-Community Center before the tournament moved to Shelton High School. Thirty-six people signed up for the event, which raised about \$750 and 100 pounds of donated food for the Saints' Pantry Food Bank.

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Rain showers move pickleball fundraiser tourney inside

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Rain showers didn't dampen the participation or diminish the charitable efforts at the second annual Shelton Outdoor Pickleball Tournament on Saturday in Shelton. The wet weather forced the organizers to move the event from Railroad Avenue first to the Mason Transit Authority's Transit-Community Center, and then because of another booking at that facility, into the Shelton High School Mini Dome. Tournament founder Mike Olsen, a Shelton City commissioner, said 36 people competed, up from 24 last year. About half of the competitors came from outside Shelton, he said.



Pickleball: This year's collections surpass last year's

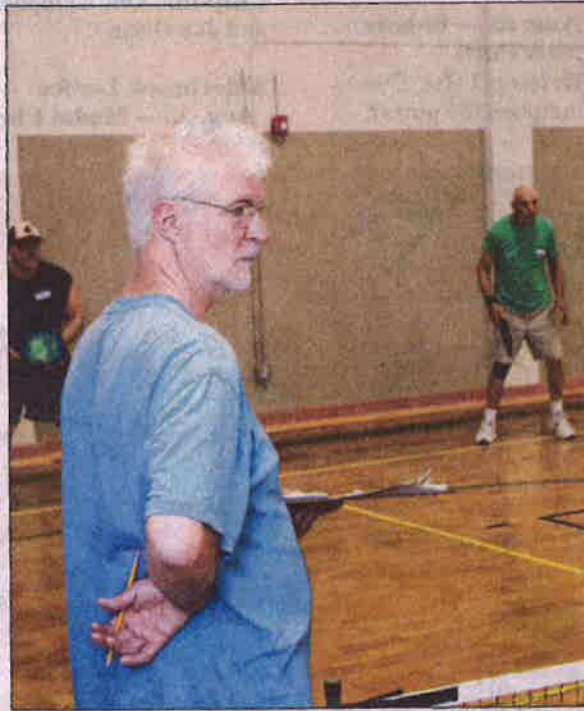
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pounds of donated items for the Saints' Pantry Food Bank in downtown Shelton, Olsen said.

About \$400 and 100 pounds of food was collected at last year's in-

augural event.

Al Brotche and Gene Marks won the tournament. Ken Roberts and Mike Colton placed second, Todd Young and Paul Williams placed third, and Harlan Buitenveld and Bob Barnes placed fourth.



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Event organizer Mike Olsen keeps score Saturday at the Mason Transit Authority Transit-Community Center during the annual pickleball tournament.

Susan Schorr of Shelton, right, serves the ball to Chris Brotche.

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