



PENTICTON PICKLEBALL CLUB (PPC)

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 14, 2023

Welcome to the 2023 season of the Penticton Pickleball Club! Your Executive is looking forward to offering members a full range of programs.

Your 2023 Executive (and specific areas of responsibility):

- President – Dave Burgoyne (Programming)
- Vice President – (Currently vacant, if interested in filling this position contact Dave Burgoyne)
- Secretary – Deb O’Mara
- Treasurer – Don Milne (Court Maintenance/New Courts)
- Director – Jan White (Guest Procedures)
- Director – Dianne Hill (Website)
- Director – Brian Hodson (Communication/Media & Lessons/Instruction)

Thank you to the following volunteers who have stepped up to help the Club with committee work:

- Court Host Coordinator – Sue Munro
- Membership – Deb Wagar
- Court Maintenance – Don Milne, Mark Hammerquist & Bob Beatty
- Social – ***Need someone!!!***
- First Aid/Safety – Diane Monych/Irene Henderson
- Referees - Dianne Hill
- Lessons/Instruction - Brian Hodson
- CourtReserve Booking Program - Darryl Baldock

If you are interested in assisting with any of the standing committees, please reach out to President, Dave Burgoyne at daveburg@telus.net.

Booking Program

We plan on having CourtReserve active for bookings by April 24 at the latest. We are unable to give an exact date/time as there is still work to be done to set it up.

Please ensure you download CourtReserve and ensure you have PPC as your club of choice. A separate attachment contains instructions on how to download CourtReserve. If you have any issues contact Darryl Baldock (darrylbald@gmail.com).

Rules for booking Events/Reserved Courts

Due to the record number of members this year, the following procedures are in effect:

1. You may only **play once per day during Club time.**
2. You may only play at one “level” each week. Example: If you sign up for the Monday “3.5 -3.9 event” you can only sign up for “3.5-3.9” events that week. (You may not sign up for 3.0 or 4.0 events that week.)
3. Bookings can be made up to 14 days in advance at 3:00 p.m.
4. If you can’t attend a previously made reservation you must cancel more than 12 hours before the start of your session – this gives sufficient time for someone from the waitlist to be added in your place and notify the Court Host. “No shows” for events are extremely frustrating for Court Hosts. Not only could a waitlisted member have taken your place, the CH has to re-organize the session at the last minute. “No shows” may lose their court booking privileges.
5. Members may only book one court per day. A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players must be entered in CourtReserve when a court is booked.

6. If a Reserved Court has not been claimed after 10 minutes of the scheduled time, it is open to other members or the public (i.e. a 12:00 noon booking that is not claimed by 12:11 PM is open to other members or the public).
7. Non-member/Guests must abide by the PPC guest policy/procedures. The person who books the Reserved Court is the "Court Host" for their court and is responsible for ensuring Club rules/procedures are followed. The Court Host is also responsible for any non-member/guests completing a waiver (if one is not already on file), collecting the \$10.00 drop-in fee and placing it in the locked cash box in the cabinet.
8. Members who do not follow these rules will lose their CourtReserve booking privileges.

New Courts

A portion of our Club's registration fee each year is designated for capital improvements such as new court construction. It is our understanding that two additional pickleball courts are in the City's Parks Master Plan for construction on the west side of the existing courts. Although timetables and budgets may change, the additional courts are tentatively scheduled to be constructed in 2024.

Programming

The 2023 Program, which begins May 1, is a separate attachment to this email. The Program is **NOT** set for the entire season, it will be modified/adjusted as we determine where changes are required, such as over or under-subscribed sessions. We recognize that any Program cannot meet all the needs of all of the members, but we are hopeful that every member can find a couple of sessions each week that works for them.

Guest Participation in PPC Program Events

The non-member/guest Drop-In fee is \$10.00 per session. Guests are also required to sign a waiver before playing for their first time in the season. They only need to sign the waiver once, even though they may play several times during the season. All guest waivers will be filed in the Waiver binder which will be kept in the cabinet. It is most common for guests to play at Drop-In. Guests may also participate in other program events/level play at the discretion of the Captain, but only when the session **has not** already been filled by PPC Club members, and provided they are at an appropriate skill level for the session they wish to join. They only need to appear at the courts before the session begins and speak to the Captain.

COVID Protocols

Your Executive is committed to providing a safe pickleball experience during Club time. Therefore, we will continue to follow all health and safety protocols issued by local, provincial and federal authorities including the Provincial Health Office and ViaSport. At this time, there are no restrictions for outdoor sport.

Referee Clinic

Rick Folk, the Head Referee for Pickleball BC, has kindly offered to run a pickleball referee clinic at our courts on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023** (exact time to be determined). Rick is a Certified Referee and is committed to increasing the number of trained referees and referee opportunities in BC. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dianne Hill via email (dlh2dianne@gmail.com) or text (780 441-1512) by May 10.

Steve Deakin Pickleball Clinic

Steve is a Professional Pickleball player and the #1 ranked men's player in Canada. Wendy Sofiak is a 5.0 ranked player in WD and MXD and a lead instructor from Steve Deakin Pickleball Camps. They will be here on May 26/27. Steve will be offering "Match Analysis" sessions on the Friday evening and Wendy will be offering two separate clinics on Saturday morning. These sessions are for PPC members only. For more information, and to register, go to stevedeakinpickleball.com

2023 Court Host Coordinator (Sue Munro)

A successful pickleball season depends on our dedicated group of volunteer Court Hosts who organize the scheduled programs. Thank you to the following people:

- Social Mixed Doubles Gail & Don Jeffery
- 4.5/5.0 Dave Burgoyne
- 4.0 Fred Preston & Rob Ferguson
- 3.5-3.9 Lawrence Isaac & Janice Clary
- 3.0-3.9 Annette Cramer
- Beginner – 2.9 TBA
- Beginner Lessons Brian Hodson
- Ladies Round Robin Susan Labonte
- Drop-In Sessions Lana Child
- Ladder Leagues Dave Burgoyne/Sue Munro

We still need volunteers for the following programs:

- 3.0-3.4 Tuesday 8:00 AM
- 4.0 Monday 5:00 PM
- Ladies Day Thursday 8:00 AM
- Men's Day Thursday 10:00 AM

Please contact Sue Munro at smmunro@shaw.ca if you are interested in volunteering. We will also need people to act as back up hosts for most programs.

Danube River Pickleball Cruise

Here is something new! A river cruise that is focussed on Pickleball! The itineraries will be available on Danube River cruises that visit Budapest and will be curated and hosted by Hungarian pickleball champion Zoltan Boehm. [Click here](#) to learn more. If you decide to go, please take pictures and we'll publish them in the newsletter.

Interested In Graphic Art?

We are looking for a club member who would be willing to add some 'flash' to our newsletter layout. Contact [Brian Hodson](#) to learn more.

Questions/Comments

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to email President, Dave Burgoyne at daveburg@telus.net and he will get back to you or ask another member of the Executive to do so.