



PENTICTON PICKLEBALL CLUB (PPC) NEWSLETTER - APRIL, 2022

President's Message

Welcome to the 2022 season of the Penticton Pickleball Club! Your Executive is looking forward to offering members a full range of programs after two difficult years of restrictions. While we are aware that things may change – we may be tired and had enough of COVID, but COVID is not tired with us. We are very hopeful that we can offer a “normal” pickleball season this year.

Your 2022 Executive (and specific areas of responsibility):

- President – Dave Burgoyne (Programming)
- Vice President – Deb O’Mara (Court Hosts/Captains)
- Secretary – Terri Draude
- Treasurer – Don Jeffery
- Director – Don Milne (Court Maintenance)
- Director – Dianne Hill (Website)
- Director – Marty Lewis (CourtReserve Program)

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

- Membership – Deb Wagar
- Court Maintenance – Don Milne, Mark Hammerquist & Bob Beatty
- Fundraising – Don Milne
- Social – ***Need someone!!!***
- Communications/Media – ***Need someone!!!***
- Constitution and By-Laws Review - Dianne Hill, Deborah O’Mara, Dave Twining
- Referees - Dianne Hill
- Lessons/Instruction - Mark Tamblyn, Brian Hodson and others (TBA)
- CourtReserve Booking Program - Darryl Baldock

If you are interested in assisting with any of the standing committees, or taking on the role of chairing the **Social** or **Communications/Media Committee**, please reach out to President, Dave Burgoyne at daveburg@telus.net.

New Booking Program

We are hopeful that the Club will be switching to a new booking program this season called CourtReserve. Last year, two of our members conducted a review of available programs and this was the program they recommended. We held off implementing it last year due to COVID restricting our program offerings. There are many advantages to CourtReserve including wait lists, all names listed when booking courts, an app for your iPad/phone, automatic email notifications and we can set the

opening of the booking window for any time of the day (not like the 12:00 midnight of our previous program).

You will be notified by email if/when the program is up and running.

New Courts

A portion of our Club's registration fee each year is designated for capital improvements such as new court construction. We are hopeful the Club will see an increase in membership this year and a full utilization of all courts during Club time. 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 currently planned for 2025.

Programming

The 2022 Program, which begins May 2, has now been shared with 2021 and 2022 PPC members. This program is the result of combining the 2019 Program Committee's recommendations, and our experience with the 2020 and 2021 seasons being modified due to COVID restrictions. This 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 three or four sessions a week that works for them.

Guest Participation in PPC Program Events

The non-member/guest Drop-In fee was increased to \$10.00 per session at the 2021 (Fall) AGM. Guests will also be 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.

Reserved Courts

Courts may be booked on-line up to 14 days in advance. Members may only book one court per day. 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 10:00 AM booking that is not claimed by 10:11 AM is open to other members or the public).

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.

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.

Treasurer's Briefing (Don Jeffery)

As of April 9, 2022, the Penticton Pickleball Club is in very sound financial condition. We currently have the following funds in our bank accounts:

1. Internally Restricted Funds	\$22,155
2. Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$16,093</u>
Total	<u>\$38,248</u>

As most of you know, the Internally Restricted Funds have been designated for the purpose of building new courts and making court improvements. The Unrestricted Funds are used for regular operating expenses including rent payable to the City of Penticton.

As indicated in the membership report below, member signups are going extremely well this year. I am predicting that we will set a new record for total memberships in 2022. I am also optimistic that COVID-19 will not rear its ugly head again this year and we will be able to experience normal play once again, without restrictions, and enjoy the social interaction for which Pickleball is so well known.

In any event, our club's financial future looks bright!

Membership Report (Deb Wagar)

As of April 9, there are 132 members on our 2022 Roster. This is quite remarkable, considering the Club does not commence its season until May 1. Approximately one third of the 2022 members were not members in 2021.

2022 is shaping up to be a busy season!

2022 Court Host Coordinator (Deborah O'Mara)

All scheduled programs require a Captain/Court Host, and we are fortunate to have volunteers offering to fill those positions. In addition to being ambassadors for the PPC, they organize play during their session, welcome and administer the process for non-members/guests to participate and ensure PPC procedures are followed. A couple program Captains are still required as noted below. Please contact Deborah O'Mara at debenticton@gmail.com if you are able to help.

2022 Captains/Court Hosts:

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| • Social Mixed Doubles | Gail & Don Jeffery |
| • Mixed Doubles | Margaret Slack |
| • 4.0 & 4.5 TPR evening sessions | Dave Burgoyne |
| • 4.0 sessions | Marty Lewis |
| • 3.5 – 3.9 sessions | Lawrence Isaac & Janice Clary |
| • 3.0 – 3.4 sessions | Deborah O’Mara & Diane Monych |
| • Beginner – 2.9 sessions | TBA |
| • Beginner Lessons | Brian Hodson |
| • Men’s Day | Mark Tamblyn |
| • Ladies’ Day | TBA |
| • Drop-In sessions | Lana Child |

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.