



## PENTICTON PICKLEBALL CLUB (PPC) NEWSLETTER – May 5, 2023

I hope your first week of the 2023 season has gone well. I have tried to make it to as many “events” as possible this past week to introduce myself, especially to our new members.

My message this week has been:

- Please read the newsletters/emails that are sent out
- Please be courteous and appreciative of all the volunteers that help run the programs
- Sign up for the levels/events that you can consistently play well at. DO NOT sign up for a level that is above or below your ability – even if that time works better for you or there is a waitlist in your level.
- Follow all the booking/playing rules, you may receive one email reminder, a 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction could result in a suspension of your booking privileges.
- If you have issues/complaints direct them to me or other members of the executive, not to the volunteer Court Hosts.
- Above all, have fun!

Dave Burgoyne

President, PPC [daveburg@telus.net](mailto:daveburg@telus.net)

### **Update on Program Changes**

Events and Reserved Courts are getting booked up rather quickly through CourtReserve. The 3.0-3.4 event on Tuesday and reserved courts on Friday evening and Saturday @ 8:00 a.m. were the only sessions that were not full to capacity this week. Next week looks pretty much the same. Watch CourtReserve as other events/reserved courts may be substituted for those that are not fully subscribed.

### **Levelling within Events**

Some events may be introducing levelled play within the session. With having 6 courts and a total of 36 players registering the range of playing abilities and competitiveness within the 36 players can be quite extreme. Running a round robin (RR) with 36 players is challenging. Court Hosts are considering organizing sessions that will level play within their session so players of similar ability will have more opportunity to play games together.

Thank you for your patience as Court Hosts try different formats.

### **Court Hosts**

Thank you to the membership for being patient as we navigate the higher numbers for the events. Your court hosts for this year are:

Drop In

3.0 - 3.4

3.5 - 3.9

Lana Child

Carolyn King (Tuesday), Annette Cramer (Wednesday)

Lawrence Isaac (Monday/Wednesday), Janice Clary (Friday)

4.0 +	Rob Ferguson (Monday/Friday), Fred Preston (Tuesday)
4.5 - 5.0	Dave Burgoyne
Ladies Day	Carol McCabe, Lori Burgoyne
Men's Day	Rob Sinkewich, Graham Perrie
Ladies RR	Susan Labonte
Social Mixed Doubles	Gail Jeffery

Thanks to Carol Hermesh for creating the round robins for the larger numbers. Her work has been invaluable. She is now working on "tweaking" existing formats to better suit the club.

The court hosts spend a lot of time organizing the formats for the events. "No shows" requires the hosts to scramble to alter the format at the last minute, which could delay the start of play. If you need to withdraw from an event, please do so the evening before at the latest to allow a player from the waitlist to be notified.

Looking forward to a great season.  
Sue Munro, Court Host Co-ordinator

### **Free Referee Clinic**

Rick Folk, the Head Referee for Pickleball BC, has kindly offered to run a no-cost pickleball referee clinic at the Penticton courts on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 8am til noon.

Rick is a Certified Referee and is committed to increasing the number of trained referees and referee opportunities in BC. There will be several pickleball tournaments looking for referees throughout the Okanagan Valley this summer.

If you are interested in learning how to referee, please contact [Dianne Hill](#) by May 10, 2023.

### **Free Beginner Lessons Start May 30**

Brian Hodson will give beginner lessons on Tuesdays between 8-10 am starting May 30.

There will be two separate one-hour sessions: 8:00-9:00 am and 9:00-10:00 am. The sessions will be identical and cover:

- Grip/Basic rules of play/scoring/serve and return/Forehand & backhand strokes. kitchen and dinking

That's quite a bit to cover in an hour, so expect the session to go quickly. For that reason, there are some restrictions:

- Maximum registration of 4 people per session through CourtReserve
- You can only register for ONE session. (Hopefully, we will reach more people that way.)

We will run these sessions on May 30 and June 6. Then, depending upon the level of interest, we will look at opening the times up for more experienced players. If you aren't able to get one of the spaces, you are welcome to attend and watch.

### **Steve Deakin Clinic – May 27**

There is still room in the 8:00 a.m. clinic on Saturday, May 27. Due to the limited enrollment for this session at the 3.0 level it has been changed to the 3.5+ skill level range. The session is focused on 3<sup>rd</sup> shot drops, transition

zone play and game strategy – skills that players of all levels need to develop and strengthen. If you already registered and feel that the 3.5 level is a little too high for you don't worry the instructor will adjust drills for everyone.

Register at [SteveDeakinpickleball.com](http://SteveDeakinpickleball.com)

### **Ladder Leagues in June**

Ladder Leagues will begin on the first Saturday in June. We plan to run separate Women's and Men's Ladder Leagues for June and into July then offer a "team" ladder league in July and continuing through to the end of August. "Team" ladder leagues would involve 2 members signing up together as a doubles team (MD, WD or MXD) and they would play together each Saturday. If you are interested in playing in any of the Ladder Leagues, you must have a profile in Pickleball Brackets. PB Brackets is the software program we use to run the Ladder Leagues and calculate a "club rating."

### **Rules Clarification**

Many of us are not sure about the official line calling rules when playing games. If you wish to consult the official rule book please do so at <https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/official-rules/>

Included in the official rules is a section on the "Code of Ethics for Line Calling." Here is a condensed version of that section:

1. Only make line calls on your side of the net. Always strive for accuracy.
2. Only call "out" balls **when space is clearly visible between the line and where the ball lands.**
3. Call "out" promptly using voice and/or hand signals.
4. Give the benefit of the doubt to your opponent.
5. If you and your partner disagree, the ball is "in."
6. Spectators should not make any line calls.
7. Do NOT question opponents line calls unless there is a referee.
8. You may ask your opponents to make a line call on your side of the net, but if you do ask you give up your right to make the call and if your opponent is not sure the ball shall be considered to be "in."
9. An "out" call prior to the ball bouncing is deemed to be partner communication and not a line call.
10. You may overrule a line call that is to your disadvantage (and in favour of your opponents) at any time.

### **Lost and Found**

I believe I may have left my pickleball paddle at the courts April 28<sup>th</sup> after playing in the morning. Its a Selkirk (long) with a single wrap of red tape on the grip and my initials "PT" on the paddle. Greyish in colour. It's expensive so would like to get it back, if possible.

Thank you!

[Paul Trustham](#) (Click on my name to email me.)