



PENTICTON PICKLEBALL CLUB (PPC) NEWSLETTER – May 17, 2023

Thank you for your patience as we work through the opening couple of weeks of play. I am pleased to tell you that last week the Club received a letter from City Staff confirming that planning is currently underway and the budget is in place for the construction in the spring of 2024 of two additional courts. While the Club is appreciative of this news, I have communicated to both Staff and Mayor Bloomfield and Council that there is a huge demand and need for more than two courts. We will continue with that message every chance we get.

Dave

A few reminders

1. You can only play once per day. If you want to play a 2nd time then it can only be during public time.
2. If you have to cancel participating in an event, you must do so a minimum of 12 hours prior to the start of that event. Repeated “no shows” may lose their booking privileges.
3. Choose the appropriate level to play at – “appropriate” means **the level you can consistently play well at.**
4. You can only play at one “level” in a given week. (Example: If you play 3.5.-3.9 on Monday you can’t play 3.0 or 4.0 later in the week.)

Update on Program Changes

1. Until the Beginner Lessons begin on May 30 (see below) on Tuesday @ 8:00 a.m. Courts 5 & 6 are available for booking.
2. Wednesdays – 3.0-3.4 session at 10 a.m. expanded to 6 courts.

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.

Ladder Leagues in June

Ladder Leagues will begin on Saturday, June 3. Separate Women's and Men's Ladder Leagues start June 3rd.

You must sign up for this through Pickleball Brackets, NOT CourtReserve. **A separate attachment contains the information on how to join the Saturday Ladder League.**

Volunteer Needed

The Club needs a volunteer to coordinate signing out the "ball machine." This would require the volunteer to:

1. Ensure the member booking the ball machine is familiar with it's operation.
2. Orient the member on access to the machine and the routine for maintaining a fully charged battery.

The "ball machine" will be available to book through CourtReserve on a **"last minute booking" basis** by an individual when drilling with a group of one, two or three members. This means that if there is a vacant court 24 hours prior then the machine and court can be booked.

Should a group of 4 or more players book a Reserved Court and they wish to do drills for all or part of their session that can be arranged through the Coordinator.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

We want everyone to be made aware that there is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the cupboard on the east side of the courts. As you come in it is on the left. The AED is in a red zippered case on the upper shelf. We plan to add CPR masks once we source them out.

Anyone can save a life if they are properly prepared. You do not have to be a medical person to assist someone in a medical crisis.

We would encourage all members to take the time to watch [this video](#). We would appreciate it if the court hosts could make a point of showing everyone the location of the AED. It could save someone's life!

We would also like to inform everyone that we have purchased instant cold packs that will be in the cupboard along with the first aid box.

Best regards, Irene Henderson and Diane Monych (PPC Safety/Fist Aid Committee)

Rules Corner

A couple of questions about new rules this year, here are a couple that we have been asked about:

- Spin Serve (4.A.5.e/4.A.7.c)
 - Spin serves of any type are NOT allowed. Some natural rotation of the ball when it is released is allowable, but the server must NOT impart manipulation or spin prior to striking the ball to serve. This applies to the volley serve and the drop serve.
- Wrong Score Called (4.K)
 - If the wrong score is called, the Referee or any player may stop play before the return of serve to correct the score. It is a fault to stop play after the return of serve to identify or ask for a score correction. It is a fault to stop play to identify or ask for a score correction when the score was correctly called.

Provincial Championships

Our Club was well represented at the Provincial Championships held in Vernon on May 11-14. There were 640 players in the four day tournament and 47 were from the PPC!! Podium results



Leanne Barnes/Donna Hammerquist
Silver – WD, 3.0, 65+



Roberta Meakin
Bronze, MXD, 5.0, Any age



Helena Konanz/Dave Burgoyne **Gold, MXD,**
4.0, 55+



Ian Brown/Mike Daley
Gold – MD, 4.0, 55+



Gord Barnes/Dave Burgoyne
Bronze – MD, 4.5, 55+



Fred McCabe – **Gold**
Jim and Kevin **Silver MD, 3.0, 65+**

Sorry, no photos for:

Lori Burgoyne/Helen Tidder – **Bronze** – WD, 3.5, 55+

Helena Konanz – **Bronze** – Singles – 4.0, Any age

Dave Burgoyne – **Gold** – Singles, 4.0, 60+

Julie Cornett-Ching/Stephane Delisle – **Bronze**, MXD, 3.0, Any age

Karen Jones/Randy Jones – **Bronze**, MXD, 3.5, 55+

Congratulations to you all!

Pickleball Tips

Instantly Improve Your Pickleball Game by Getting Low & Staying Low

by Stacie Townsend for the Pickler.com.

“If you watch the best pickleball players in the world, you will notice that their knees are bent and they are, at times, in a deep squat on the pickleball court. Getting low and staying low on the pickleball court are important for a few reasons:...”

Read the article by [clicking here](#)....