



**PENTICTON PICKLEBALL CLUB (PPC)  
NEWSLETTER – June 30, 2023**

**HELP your executive convince City Council of the need for more Courts!!**

Your executive has been working the past couple of months on getting this message to Mayor and Council. We need more Pickleball Courts!!! We now need your help in delivering a strong message to the Mayor and Council. Council received \$7.2 million from the Provincial Gov't as part of the "Growing Communities Fund (GCF)." Council has designated 50% of these funds to be used for "Community Projects." This could include projects such as additional pickleball courts.

How can you help get the message to council?

1. Send an email to each council member (emails are below) asking that they dedicate monies from the GCF to the construction of at least **4 more dedicated** Pickleball Courts in Penticton. Include any of the following information in your email:
  - There are an estimated 600 pickleball players in the Penticton area.
  - There are only 6 courts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest number of courts per capita in the Okanagan. (only Kelowna has fewer courts per capita than Penticton.)
  - The Club has capped membership this year.
  - There are waitlists for most Club programs.
  - The Club has turned down requests from schools to provide court time to students due to lack of courts.
  - The City of Penticton has 9 public tennis courts, 4 Tennis Club courts (for exclusive use of the Tennis Club) and 7 more courts at the high schools that are available to the public during non-school hours. Other than the Tennis Club courts, most of the others sit empty either all day or most of the day.
  - The Pickleball courts are heavily used from 8 a.m. to dusk, 7 days/week.
  - While we appreciate the two additional courts that will be constructed in 2024, the need right now is for at least 12 dedicated courts in Penticton.
  - Ideally all courts at one location – Robinson Park – but alternately a separate location for 4 additional courts.
2. On July 18 @ 1:00 p.m. members of your executive will be presenting at the Regular City Council Meeting regarding the need for more courts. Your attendance at that meeting would go a long way in delivering the message that our community needs 12 pickleball courts now. Please attend and show your support.

**Emails of Mayor and Council**

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## **A few reminders**

1. Everyone is still restricted to playing once per day during “Club time.” The only time that is NOT Club time is “public time.”
2. Courts not fully booked during Club time are available to the public.
3. You are no longer restricted to one “level” per week.
4. Monday “levelled” events (3.5, 4.0 and 4.5+) – **you must have a tournament or Club rating at that level to participate.** You will be removed from the event if you do not have a qualifying rating. The other “levelled” events on Tues-Friday do not have this restriction.
5. “Last Minute” bookings are available one day in advance and can be booked for singles play, ball machine use etc. Bookings made one day in advance for Reserved Courts do not require 3 more players on the reservation.
6. Saturday Ladder League - you must reserve your spot in a Saturday Ladder League through PickleballBrackets.com as we use this program to calculate a “Club rating” for those that participate. There is a different window opening for booking Ladder League play – instead of 2 weeks ahead at 3 pm for Court Reserve events, the signup window for Ladder League is one week ahead at 8 pm.

## **Clinic – July 29 or 30<sup>th</sup> – 3.5 or 4.0 Pickleball Camp by Pro Player Karina Michaud**

Karina started her pickleball journey in Quebec, she was the number one player there for a long time before she left for British Columbia in 2020. Karina obtained her certification as a coach with the PPR program and is also certified by IFP. Karina started by developing a coaching program and she started teaching part time. As word spread, her coaching services became more popular and within 4 months, she was teaching 4-5 times a week. That’s when she decided to build something bigger, nationwide: Canadian Pickleball Academy. Karina has been working as a pickleball coach and ambassador since then.

Karina is now one of the top female players in Canada and plays on the Pro Circuit in the US. She works full time teaching pickleball everywhere in the world. She is a Pro Engage Pickleball player and was also a coach for the Engage Pickleball camps. Her expertise and experience makes her one of the top coaches.

See attached poster for details on how to register.

## **Lessons Update**

As you may know, the club offers two levels of lessons: free by volunteers and paid by Roberta Meakin.

The paid lessons are provided by Roberta Meakin. She is very successful in tournaments at the 5.0 level has been providing professional pickleball lessons for years up and down the Okanagan Valley. Her background – and rates – can be found [here](#).

Mark Tamblyn is an IPTPA trained instructor. He has kindly volunteered to give instruction to players at the 3.25 to 4.0 level. Mark is a long-time member of the club and has given hundreds – if not thousands – of hours of free coaching clinics over the years.

Brian Hodson is a retired teacher who has been playing pickleball for approx. 4 years. Before Covid he won gold at 3.5 and silver at 4.0. Since Covid he hasn’t played in a tournament but has continued to take professional lessons in California and Arizona and is happy to share what he has learned.

Brian is running skills and drills for 3.0 players on Tuesday mornings between 8-10. If you'd like to become involved, please send him an email by clicking [here](#).

If you would like to learn more about booking a lesson with Roberta, Mark, or Brian, [click here](#). All the information you need is on our website.

In a nutshell.... You need to contact the instructors directly. They manage their class registrations/schedule personally. Their contact information is on the link above....

## Tournaments

### **Congratulations to the following PPC medallists!**

#### Kamloops Open 2023 – June 9-11

MXD, 3.5, 60+, GOLD – Helen Tidder & Steve Tidder  
WD, 3.5, 60+, BRONZE – Helen Tidder & Partner  
WSingles, 3.0/3.5, 60+, SILVER- Helen Tidder

#### West Kelowna Blurred Lines – June 16-18

WD, 3.5, GOLD – Helen Tidder & Partner  
WD, 4.0+, GOLD – Helena Konanz & Partner  
MXD, 3.0, SILVER – Stephane Delisle & Julie Cornett-Ching  
MXD, 4.0, GOLD – Sheila Staring & Partner  
MXD, 4.5+, GOLD – Roberta Meakin & Partner

#### Christina Lk Hook, Line & Dinker 2023 – June 23-25

WD, 4.5, Gold – Helena Konanz & Kim Coleman  
MD, 4.0, Silver – Don MacIntyre & Mike Daley  
MD, 4.5, Bronze – Dave Burgoyne & Gord Barnes



#### **A Penticton sweep in 4.0 Mixed Doubles in Christina Lake!**

MXD, 4.0, Gold – James Beaumont & Tenille Beaumont  
MXD, 4.0, Silver – Gord Barnes & Lori Burgoyne  
MXD, 4.0, Bronze – Randy Jones & Karen Jones

## Rules Corner

Breaking the “plane of the net” without hitting the ball is a fault. Anytime a player breaks the plane of the net (reaches over the top, beneath, or around the side of the net) without making contact it is a fault. Not a very common occurrence, but does happen at times when a player attempts to execute an “Erne” but misses the ball and breaks the plane of net with their body or paddle.

## **Volunteers Needed!!!**

On September 15-17 the local chapter of Canadian Mental Health Association is hosting a sanctioned tournament. Your Club is a partner in putting on the tournament under the direction of Host Leah Schulting and Tournament Director Pat Meyer. If you can help out by volunteering it would be much appreciated. Help is needed in Court Hosting, court maintenance, announcers, posting scores and many other areas. Shifts are 4 hours long. Please send an email to Dave Burgoyne if you are able to help out.

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The poster features a top section with a teal background. On the left, it lists 'Penticton Tournament September 15-16, 17' and categories: 'Women's Doubles', 'Men's Double', and 'Mixed Doubles'. A small Canadian flag logo is present. In the center is a stylized graphic of a person's head profile with a colorful, abstract shape inside. On the right, a green box contains 'CAD \$65.00', and below it, 'Mental Health' is written in large letters, with 'Presented by Nor-Val Sales Nor-Val Rentals' underneath. The bottom of the teal section includes logos for 'Canadian Mental Health Association' and 'Penticton Pickleball Club'.

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**SEP 15 2023 - SEP 17 2023**  
**Pickleball for Mental Health 2023**

**👥 139 players**  
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British Columbia  
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