



Newsletter – July/August 2022

Here's the latest update on what's been happening over the past few weeks.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 3:00 pm on September 24 and will be held at Blue Heron Park (BHP) near the shed just north of proposed court location (see the figure below). During the meeting, we will be giving everyone an update on what is happening with the proposed facility and asking for your input on our proposal. In advance of the AGM, feel free to drop by BHP and take a look at the potential court locations staked out and marked with orange paint at the north end of the park. The green box in the figure below illustrates the approximate locations of the proposed courts. We will also be electing new board members for the executive.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rod Ellis, Sid Greenner and Ann Blyth will be entering the second year of their two-year terms with the remaining four of the seven executive positions needing to be filled this fall. We really need some energetic and keen people to step up and serve on the executive to ensure the future of SPPA moving forward. Apart from also needing to fill positions on our social committee to organize tournaments and social events, we need a team of people to champion the development of new facilities, particularly, what will hopefully be a great facility, at Blue Heron Park. To that end, any help from people with architectural, building, business or financial backgrounds would be beneficial as we anticipate needing these skill sets over the coming year. To successfully continue our association, we are looking for new people to fill the following positions:

President: Responsibilities include:

- Chairing Executive Committee meetings;
- Communicate and advocate with municipal councils and staff, and ensure good relationships with residents, tennis players, members, and the general public;
- Preparing an annual President's report to be presented at the AGM; and
- Supervision of other executive members in the execution of their duties.

Time commitment includes a monthly meeting of the Executive (~ 2 hours). In addition, each month offers new opportunities to engage in varying activities which involves about 3-4 hours per month for a total of 5-6 hours.

Treasurer: Responsibilities include:

- Keeping accounting records (documented in an Excel spreadsheet);
- Receiving money from members and other sources; and
- Preparing an annual financial statement.

Time commitment includes a monthly meeting of the Executive (~ 2 hours) plus 1-2 hours to fulfill treasurer duties per month for a total of 3-4 hours.

Secretary: Responsibilities include:

- Issuing meeting notices;
- Taking meeting minutes;
- Keeping SPPA records;
- Distributing correspondence to the members;
- Filing the annual report (a form) registering SPPA as a non-profit society with the BC government; and
- Maintaining the list of members (done through the Pickleball Canada System).

Time commitment includes a monthly meeting of the Executive (~ 2 hours) plus 3-4 hours to fulfill duties specific to the secretary per month for a total of 5-6 hours.

These are two-year terms but please note that the time commitments are not significant: attendance at a monthly meeting of the Executive (typically 1.5 to 2 hours) plus some additional tasks specific to each role.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Outdoor Venues

- **Blue Heron Park Update:** We have been in on-going talks with the Memorial Society and the Peninsula Soccer Association about the potential of constructing courts at Blue Heron Park. At the moment a proposal is in the works which we will be filling you in on at the AGM.

- **Centennial Park:** We are following up with Central Saanich's plan to develop a multi-sport facility in what is currently the lacrosse box. As more information becomes available we will keep you updated. In addition, we are in ongoing talks with the local tennis club and Central Saanich community services staff about making the best use of Court 1 in the tennis court area.

Indoor Venues

- **Greenglade** play can be reserved for the upcoming week each Friday morning at 7:30 am. Please see Panorama's website for more details. If you haven't used the reservation site before here's a link to a PDF file that details the steps to make a booking:
https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/panorama-pdf/how-to-reserve-pickleball-online.pdf?sfvrsn=ef0c8dca_0

SUMMER TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL

The summer tournament and social has been scheduled for August 27 at Wain Road Park. Two events, open to all members, have been planned:

- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Come as a single and partners will be assigned by the tournament organizers
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Partner play (come with a pre-arranged partner)

This is intended to be both a tournament and a social gathering (lunch will be provided for participants) so come out to play and/or watch some great pickleball and visit. Additional details may be found on the website under Play Opportunities:

<https://www.saanichpeninsulapickleballassociation.com/play-opportunities>

Your questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

The SPPA Executive

Cathy Becker, Ann Blyth, June Curtis, Rod Ellis, Roger Fox and Sid Greenner