



## Newsletter – June 2022

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

### THANK-YOU

The entire Executive and countless SPPA members would like to extend a big thank-you to Annie Fearon for her huge contribution to pickleball on the Peninsula and her tireless efforts to both helping identify new facilities and introducing many new people to the sport. She has, unfortunately, decided to resign her position on the Executive but will continue to help teach pickleball and manage the pickleball Facebook page and of course we look forward to seeing her on the courts.

### FACILITY INFORMATION

#### Outdoor Venues

- **Blue Heron Park Update:** We have been in on-going talks with the Memorial Society and they have requested details from us on what would be required to construct courts at Blue Heron Park. As mentioned previously, things look promising and over the coming months we'll be providing you with more information as it becomes available.
- **Centennial Park:** We would like to encourage all our members to utilize the two designated pickleball courts located in the lacrosse box when playing at Centennial Park. Portable nets are stored in a wooden box that is unlocked each morning by a caretaker and locked again at the end of the day. This box is located in the lacrosse penalty box. Please remember not to lock it after use as it is to remain open during daylight hours and please note that you are responsible for setting up and taking down the nets when you play. Alternatively, in the tennis court area, Court 1 is lined for both tennis and one pickleball court allowing this court to be shared between the two sports. Courts 2 and 3 are dedicated tennis courts. As no lines are present, and we are not allowed to mark up the playing surface (i.e., no taping or chalk should be used to demarcate lines), nor can the nets be weighted down in an attempt to lower them to pickleball height, we want to discourage their use for pickleball. We continue to work together with everyone concerned to ensure good relationships and dedicated courts for both our sports.

As many of you know, Central Saanich was awarded a grant to resurface the lacrosse box area at Centennial Park. Our understanding is that they plan to develop this as a multi-sport facility, with construction starting sometime this summer or early fall.

- **Iroquois Park** also has a court available for outdoor play (shared with tennis). In addition, lines for a pickleball court are painted on the basketball court.
- The new multi-sport facility at **Panorama Recreation Centre** has lines for one pickleball court.

## 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](https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/panorama-pdf/how-to-reserve-pickleball-online.pdf?sfvrsn=ef0c8dca_0)

## BEGINNER LESSONS

We are offering two sessions for SPPA members who are beginners on June 28th and July 5th. This is geared to new players or beginners who want to improve their skills. No prior experience needed. It is a chance to get out and meet some new players. The cost will be \$5.00 to cover the cost of court rental and balls. The sessions will be held at the lacrosse box in Centennial Park. Please contact us at [sanpenpickle@gmail.com](mailto:sanpenpickle@gmail.com) if you are interested.

We will also be resuming classes for beginners at North Saanich Middle School in September. While the final schedule has yet to be defined, we anticipate they will once again be held on Thursday evenings.

## OPEN HOUSE

The June 4<sup>th</sup> Open House was a big success. We had 33 people drop by, the vast majority of which were people new to the sport or people that had heard of it and wanted to find out how to play. The primary things people wanted information on were: where to play, what lessons are available and where to get equipment. Big thanks to Rosemary Harrison and John Forte for their help arranging things and to various SPPA members for coming by to help out.

## VICTORIA CLASSIC 2022 RESULTS

A number of our members participated in the Victoria Classic 2022 tournament put on by the Victoria Regional Pickleball Association. It sounds like the tournament was a lot of fun and congratulations to everyone that participated and medalled. The results can be found at:

<https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/cinfo.pl?tid=6407#menuEventsBrackets>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a number of new people to fill positions that will be opening up on the Executive this fall. 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 and there are usually cookies) plus some additional tasks specific to each role. New members of the Executive will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (see below). Specific positions we are looking to fill include:

**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.

We would also be interested in help from people with architectural, building, business or financial backgrounds as we anticipate needing these skill sets over the coming year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday Socials:** The social committee would like to organize socials on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Drop by the courts at Wain Road Park with your paddle anytime from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. If you want bring a Covid-friendly snack for sharing and a chair that would be appreciated.

**Annual General Meeting:** We are planning to hold our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Ideally, we would like this to be both a 'business' and social event so please try to leave this day available. More information to follow.

**Summer Tournament:** We would like to let everyone know we are planning a summer tournament for late August/early September. As with the January tournament, we anticipate three divisions: women, men and mixed play. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Your questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

### The SPPA Executive

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