



Newsletter – December 2021

To begin with, we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday season. Things have only been improving pickleball-wise over the past year and hopefully this trend will continue. As usual, here's the latest update on what has been happening over the past few weeks.

UPCOMING NON-EVENTS

Sob, whine, snivel! With the cancellation of all sports tournaments being announced in the latest Covid health restrictions, unfortunately our planned January 15 tournament will have to be postponed until things improve in the Covid world. The good news is that we had everything organized so once things do improve we'll be able to reschedule it promptly. One small benefit coming out of having to postpone the tournament relates to the chocolate raffle (see below under the Registration heading).

REGISTRATION (AKA THE GREAT CHOCOLATE RAFFLE)

In our fervor to organize the tournament, we purchased a dozen chocolate bars of varying sizes to be handed out as prizes. In a shameless attempt to encourage everyone to renew their memberships by the December 31 deadline, we plan to raffle these off. If you renew before December 31, 2021 your name goes in the hat for one of these yummy prizes. Chance of winning: approximately 1 in 10 if everyone renews. A lot higher if we find people can't be bribed with chocolate!

The process is straight forward and you can register by going to Pickleball Canada website.

<https://pickleballcanada.org/participate/individual-membership/join-renew/>

FACILITY INFORMATION

Not much in the way of news concerning facilities but here's what we know:

- Greenglade's winter schedule will be very similar to the times we had available in the fall.
- We have submitted a proposal to Panorama outlining an approach to managing Thursday evening play that includes classes for beginners at North Saanich Middle School. Hopefully, we'll have good news to report soon.
- North Saanich and the Town of Sidney are considering locating pickleball courts at Rotary Park. We have voiced our support for this initiative and as soon as there is any news we'll pass it along.

Your questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

The SPPA Executive

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