



Newsletter – October 2021

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

NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM

For those of you unable to attend the Annual General Meeting, we wanted to introduce you to the new Executive Team and outline their roles and responsibilities:

Rod Ellis - President/Liaison with Central Saanich

Ann Blyth - Vice President/Newsletter

Cathy Becker - Secretary

June Curtis - Treasurer

Sid Greenner - Liaison with North Saanich, Glen Meadows, and Mary Winspear

Annie Fearon - Communications/Liaison with Sidney and Panorama Roger

Fox - Training/ Liaison with North Saanich neighbours

SPPA GOALS

During the team's first meeting, the following goals were identified as being of key importance over the coming year:

- Host two intra club tournaments this year.
- To seek the best arrangement for hours of play and good relationships with all concerned at Wain Road Park.
- Improve communication with the three municipalities (North Saanich, Central Saanich and Sidney), Glen Meadows, Panorama and Mary Winspear to investigate potential new facilities and maintain good relations with those responsible for existing facilities.
- Investigate opportunities for league play and increase opportunities to play throughout the Peninsula.
- Provide training for beginners and skills and drills for intermediate players.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Thanks to all of you who responded to Panorama Recreation Strategic Planning Survey. Apparently, they received a lot of input from pickleball players.

INDOOR COURTS

Greenglade: With the change in the weather, people are looking for opportunities for indoor play and we would like to encourage you to book the courts at Greenglade. It has been identified that there is a lack of playing time in the afternoon. In the short term this is a function of staffing issues as a

receptionist has to check people in at the door. We are working with Greenglade to try to increase the opportunities for play at this facility.

North Saanich Middle School: Again, due to Covid, this venue is not available for the fall. We have communicated our interest in booking the gym and hope space becomes available in the New Year.

Mary Winspear Centre: Not currently available for pickleball.

OUTDOOR COURTS

Wain Road Park: We plan to leave the wind screens up again this winter to facilitate outdoor play throughout the year. Just a reminder about the hours:

Monday, Friday and Saturday:	8 am to 6 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:	8 am to 8 pm
Sunday:	9 am to 4 pm

Centennial Park: One court shared with tennis. Reserve with the [District of Central Saanich](#). Central Saanich considered the lacrosse box courts a pilot project. They have now closed these courts for the season and, subsequent to their internal review of the pilot, will hopefully be opening them again in the spring.

Iroquois Park: A shared court on one of the tennis courts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Party: We are in the process of trying to organize a Christmas party and would like feedback from our members. Apparently, with Covid, dancing is out so our usual potluck with a band and dancing format is not possible. Please vote for one of the following options:

1. A potluck at the Armed Forces Club in Sidney.
2. A 'pub night' at the Armed Forces Club in Sidney where people order their own food and beverages.
3. Replacing the Christmas Party with an event in the late winter/spring.
4. Canceling the event entirely for this year.

Please let us know your preference by sending an email to: sanpenpickle@gmail.com

Tournament: We are planning a tournament for early in the New Year. More details to follow!

Your questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

The SPPA Executive

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