



## Newsletter – July 2021

Here's the latest update on what has been happening over the last month.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL**

Mark your calendars as we will be having our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 18, 2021. In addition, our plan is to have a social immediately following the meeting. More information concerning both to follow.

At the AGM we'll be electing individuals to join our executive. The term is for two years. In terms of the time commitment - you'll be required to attend one meeting a month and contribute a few hours here and there throughout the year. We are also looking for volunteers to help out on our various committees so if you would like to lend a hand or run for the any of the executive positions coming up this year please let us know.

### **FACILITY INFORMATION**

#### **Drop-in is now allowed at all pickleball venues.**

**Central Saanich:** Two courts, located within the lacrosse box at Centennial Park, are now available. Portable nets can be found in the box at the court entrance. SPPA has booked the courts for our use on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 for the remainder of July and the month of August. This is a free drop-in session open to all members. Non-members are also welcome at a cost of \$2 per person. ***Please let us know if you are interested in an additional evening drop-in session and we'll organize something.***

**Greenglade:** Play is now allowed indoors at Greenglade. Contact Greenglade or Panorama for more details:

1. Cohort booking

<https://panoramarec.perfectmind.com/22938/Clients/BookMe4BookingPages/BookingCoursesPage?calendarId=b5a8e057-7923-4a47-9290-0c7d907941b9&widgetId=15f6af07-39c5-473e-b053-96653f77a406&embed=False>

2. Drop-In:

<https://panoramarec.perfectmind.com/22938/Clients/BookMe4BookingPages/Classes?calendarId=d0916ebb-fedc-4edb-8901-760191fbbc1a&widgetId=15f6af07-39c5-473e-b053-96653f77a406&embed=False>

**Panorama:** Through the Jumpstart program, Panorama has obtained funding to develop a multi-sport outdoor facility that will include lines for pickleball courts. At the moment, the plan is to have the facility up and running by early October. The facility will be lighted and during the fall and winter months there will not be any fee to use the courts. This information is all preliminary and as we find out more we'll pass it along.

**Sidney:** We are continuing to work with the Town of Sidney to identify a good location for new courts. Nothing new to report at the moment but the intent is that the courts will be up and running in 2022.

**North Saanich:** Please remember to ONLY play at Wain Road Park during posted hours and please encourage others to do the same. We would like to be good neighbours, so please respect these times.

## **FUNDRAISING INFORMATION**

Unfortunately, we were not selected as one of the organizations to be funded by the Local Sports Relief Fund this go around. The Funding Committee will continue to pursue fund raising opportunities as they arise.

## **REGISTRATION**

Just a reminder that your registration for SPPA was due July 1, 2021. As Pickleball Canada, is now responsible for the registration of all clubs in BC our association plans to change the annual registration date to January 1 starting at the beginning of 2022 to align our fiscal year-ends with those of Pickleball Canada and Pickleball BC. To achieve this, the current registration will be for a period of only six months (July 1 to December 31 of 2021). We have decided to deduct the portion of your \$20 membership fee that goes to SPPA for this year reducing the cost to \$12.50: \$10 for Pickleball Canada and \$2.50 for Pickleball BC.

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

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

More information on the benefits of Pickleball Canada may be found at:

[Membership Benefits – Pickleball Canada – A sport for all / Un sport pour tous](#)

More information on Pickleball BC is available at:

[About Pickleball BC - PickleballBC.](#)

We are always looking for additional members so if you know anyone interested in playing or learning how to play please pass along the registration information.

## **OTHER INITIATIVES**

**Feedback:** As things gradually return to normal post-Covid, we want to get feedback from you related to the types of activities you would like to see more of. For example:

- instructional sessions;

- tournaments;
- social events; and
- drop-in sessions.

Please send us an email if you have any addition suggestions and tell us about the types of activities you want us to promote.

Your questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

The SPPA Executive

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