

Hello everyone:

The Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Association (SPPA) executive wanted to update you on 'What's Happening' with your club. In the future, we plan to do this on a monthly basis.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Sidney: As many of you know we have been working with the Town of Sidney to identify a good location for new courts. A proposal to the Mayor and Council will be forwarded by Jenn Clary (the Chief Engineer of the Town of Sidney) with recommendations of where to put pickleball courts and how many courts they recommend in the near future. These courts are scheduled for completion in 2022. Thank you to Helen Brandon and Sheena Hurn from the Facilities Committee and Annie Fearon for all their hard work on this.

Central Saanich: We have been working together with Central Saanich to increase the number of courts in the municipality and have just heard that two new pickleball courts will be added within the lacrosse box in Centennial Park for use in this summer through October of 2021. The lacrosse box is a multi-use facility and we are currently working with the municipality to determine the best way to share this facility. When we know more details we'll be sure to pass them along.

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

We have resubmitted a proposal to the Local Sports Relief Fund for funding towards the goal of increasing the number of courts available to us.

WEBSITE CHANGES

We are in the process of updating and improving the website. The goal is to improve both the content and make it easier to navigate:

<https://www.saanichpeninsulapickleballassociation.com/>

OTHER INITIATIVES

We are participating in meetings via Zoom with clubs across the province to network and share ideas about how to encourage youth to get involved with pickleball.

We will be changing our fiscal year to start on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December. This will require a bylaw change that we will vote on at the AGM in September.

As things gradually return to normal post-Covid, we'll be able to update you with plans about future tournaments, organized play and social events

PICKLEBALL CANADA AND PICKLEBALL BC

As many of you know a some of your \$20 membership fee goes to Pickleball Canada (previously \$5 now \$10) and Pickleball BC (\$2.50). We figured you might be interested in knowing what you are getting for your money:

Pickleball Canada now looks after the registration of our members. When a new member joins, or you go to renew your membership, it is done through Pickleball Canada:

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

Pickleball Canada provides us with insurance, both for the organization and for individual members. We deemed this necessary because as society becomes more litigious we needed a mechanism to pay for any legal costs associated with defending any potential allegations or from injury. In terms of what it means for members, you are covered for the following sports injury benefits:

Benefit	Amount
Accidental Death, Dismemberment & Specific Loss of Indemnity	\$10,000
Accidental Dental Reimbursement Benefit	\$5,000
Accidental Medical Reimbursement Benefit	\$10,000
Dentures or Bridgework Benefit	\$200
Emergency out-of-province accident benefit (within Canada only)	\$10,000
Emergency Transportation Benefit	\$50
Eyeglasses or Contact Lenses Benefit	\$100
Fracture, Dislocation, Tendon Severance and Miscellaneous Indemnity	\$1,000
Total Disability	\$20,000
Private Tuition Expense	\$2,000
Rehabilitation Benefit	\$3,000
Special Treatment Travel Benefit	\$1,000

Please see [Membership Benefits – Pickleball Canada – A sport for all / Un sport pour tous](#) for more information.

Pickleball BC is the provincial governing body in British Columbia. They provide support and various forms of documentation that assist us when engaging with local governments. For example, during Covid they have worked with the province to set the health and safety guidelines that have allowed us to continue playing. For more information just click on the following link:

[About Pickleball BC - PickleballBC.](#)

Your questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

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