



## Newsletter – December 2022

Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday season. Here's the latest update on what has been happening over the fall.

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENT**

We are scheduling a tournament on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2023. It will be held at the Brentwood Community Hall. There are round robin events for a variety of groups including: a mixed pairs group, one for women and one for men. Partners will be selected randomly for the men's and women's events but for the pairs event it's up to you to arrange your own playing partner.

Women's Event:	9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Men's Event:	1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Mixed Pairs Event:	5:00 pm to 8:30 pm

There are 24 spots available in the men's and women's events and 12 pairs can play in the evening event. The entrance fee for each event will be \$15 per person to cover expenses and prizes. Registration opens at 8:00 am on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The tournament is exclusively for SPPA members. Visit our website to sign up or renew your membership via the following link:

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

If you plan to participate please remember the following:

- Please arrive half an hour in advance of the posted start time for your event.
- While masks are not required, feel free to wear one if it makes you feel more comfortable.
- Remember to bring your own water and any snacks you require as nothing will be available on-site.
- This will be a round robin tournament with two divisions in each event. Prizes will be awarded in both divisions for first and second places.
- Balls will be supplied but remember your paddle and please bring a pair of indoor shoes for playing in to protect the wood floor at the hall.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

We would like to remind you that it's time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. The process is straight forward and you can register by going to Pickleball Canada website.

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

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome Corrine Reid back to the executive. Corine kindly volunteered to help out in the role of Secretary. At the moment, the executive consists of the following five people:

Rod Ellis – President;  
Ann Blyth – Vice-president;  
Corine Reid – Secretary;  
June Curtis – Treasurer; and  
Sid Greenner – Member at large.

There are two addition spots available, as our bylaws specify a maximum of seven executive members, so if anyone out there wants to volunteer just let us know.

## **FACILITY INFORMATION**

- Greenglade’s winter schedule will be very similar to the times we had available in the fall.
- As most of you know, we have made a proposal to the Peninsula Soccer Association to develop up to six courts at Blue Heron Park. Progress is being made - subsequent to their initial review we were asked to present options for how construction of the courts would be funded. At the moment things are still being reviewed and as soon as we have news we’ll pass it along.
- We met with the Mayor of North Saanich (Peter Jones) and the Chief Administration Officer (Tim Tanton) on December 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss how best to meet the growing demand for pickleball courts in the District. During this very constructive meeting the following topics were discussed:
  - They agreed to look at both short and long term solutions for both outdoor and indoor courts.
  - The need to develop a plan by the spring of 2023 to address neighbourhood concerns in the vicinity of the Wain Road Park courts.
  - The District is investigating a number of different sites as potential locations for new pickleball courts.
  - The District has requested our assistance related to identifying noise abatement panels that could be used to mitigate potential noise issues.
- A proposal has been put forward to Central Saanich Council to repaint the Court 1 tennis court to facilitate pickleball play on two courts (one on either side of the tennis net) using portable nets. This would be a temporary solution until additional pickleball courts become available (i.e., in the multisport facility planned for the area occupied by the lacrosse box). It is anticipated that this proposal will be review by Council in January.

Your questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

The SPPA Executive

Ann Blyth, June Curtis, Rod Ellis, Sid Greenner and Corine Reid