



Newsletter – February 2022

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

TOURNAMENT

The latest provincial health regulations once again allow us to hold tournaments so we are going to give it another try! Our spring tournament is scheduled for March 26 and will be held at the Brentwood Community Hall. There are round robin events for a variety of groups including: a mixed group, one for women and one for men. As this is a fun, social mixer, partners will be selected randomly.

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

Detailed information on how to register has been appended to the end of this newsletter. This event is exclusively for SPPA members. Visit our website to sign up or renew your membership via the following link:

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

FACILITY INFORMATION

- Our proposal to manage Thursday evening play at North Saanich Middle School was accepted and the first five-week session is a huge success. So much so, that a second session will start on April 14. We provide a series of lessons for beginners along with additional courts set aside for open play. More details on the upcoming session will become available on Panorama's website over the coming weeks.
- Central Saanich is waiting to hear the results of a grant application they submitted to redevelop the current lacrosse box. If approved, their plan is to develop a multi-sport facility.
- We are continuing to follow-up with both Sidney and North Saanich concerning the need for more pickleball venues on the Peninsula. This includes communicating our support of the idea of locating dedicated pickleball courts within Rotary Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BC 55+ Games: The games will be held from September 13 – 17, 2022. Greater Victoria will welcome participants from across British Columbia for the 33rd 55+ BC Games. This will be the first time Greater Victoria will be a Games host featuring more than 30 sports, including tennis, hockey, soccer, lawn bowling and pickleball at 30 venues across Victoria, Langford, Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich.

The organizers of the games are actively recruiting volunteers in a variety of areas including: Volunteer Management, Results, Technology, Protocol, Hosts, Medal Operations and Ceremonies, Venue

Operations, Transport, Medical, and Sport. For more information visit go to their website – www.55plusgames.org and click on the **VOLUNTEER NOW** button to register.

Questions about the games can be emailed to: volunteer2022@55plusgames.ca

Spring Open House: We are planning on holding an Open House in June toward the goal of introducing more people to the sport of pickleball. As more news on this becomes available we'll pass it along.

Your questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

The SPPA Executive

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