

**Date:** November 17th, 2021 11:04pm ET  
**From:** Membership - Delta Pickleball Assoc (membership@deltapickleball.org)  
**Subject:** Delta Pickleball - November Newsletter  
**Message:** Greetings DPA members,

The DPA Board is pleased to welcome our new directors Cheryl Becir, Dave Kennedy, and Kuldeep Ranghi.

Dave will be taking over as lessons and training coordinator when our training sessions begin again in the spring. Cheryl, in early in 2022, we will be working on a date and format for a spring social tournament.

### **Pickleball Machine:**

DPA has purchased it's first pickleball machine! If you recall, prior to our AGM, we asked for volunteers in each Delta area (Ladner, Tsawwassen, North Delta) to be trained on using the machine and to agree to store it. To date, we only have volunteers from North Delta so our first machine will be used and housed there. There is a new 'PB Machine Precautions' article on the Additional Documents section of our website. An article on how to book and use will be posted within a few days. For further information availability of the North Delta machine, email: [chalmers@deltapickleball.org](mailto:chalmers@deltapickleball.org). When we have secured volunteers from Ladner and Tsawwassen, we can purchase machines for those areas.

### **Club Ratings:**

We have had inquiries from members about club ratings. There are 3 options for obtaining a rating as a pickleball player:

1. Participation in a sanctioned pickleball tournament
2. Paying a qualified rater to observe you and then suggest a rating. The cost would be assumed by the member.
3. DPA would have a committee of advanced players to observe member play and offer a rating. The rating would be unofficial and only used for club play.

We are interested in finding out how many members would be interested in obtaining a rating, either officially or unofficially. Please let us know if you would like to have a rating.

### **Pebble Hill Park:**

According to the Mayor's Summit on Sports, held on November 9, 2021, construction of 9 dedicated pickleball courts at Pebble Hill Park is fully funded with the courts expected to be completed sometime in 2022. This will give Delta a total of 28 dedicated pickleball courts, more than anywhere in the Lower Mainland! We are very fortunate to have a supportive Mayor and City Council as well as a cooperative Parks Department.

### **Scheduling:**

Our Scheduling Committee is seeking suggestions from members as to allocation of our permitted court times at all of our locations. Our outdoor season will commence in the spring of 2022 and we would like your input.

### **Lights at Delta Pickleball Courts:**

Many of you have inquired about installing lights at various pickleball locations, so that those who cannot play during the day would have the opportunity to play in the evenings. We are in discussions with Delta Parks about this issue but presently there are no taxpayer funds available to install lights. This leaves the door open for DPA to fundraise the necessary capital. Once we have an idea of costs, we will come back to the membership with that information.

If you have any issues, need assistance or information concerning the dedicated courts at Chalmers please contact: [northdelta@deltapickleball.org](mailto:northdelta@deltapickleball.org), at Memorial or Cromie contact: [ladner@deltapickleball.org](mailto:ladner@deltapickleball.org) or at Dennison contact: [tsawwassen@deltapickleball.org](mailto:tsawwassen@deltapickleball.org).

**The good news is we now have 609 members** and are the largest club in BC. That's all for now. Please refer to our website [www.deltapickleball.org](http://www.deltapickleball.org) for the latest information on indoor opportunities to play. On sunny, warmer days, many players are still playing outdoors at Dennison, Cromie, and Chalmers. We look forward to hearing from you.

As this will be the last newsletter of the year, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Years.

On behalf of the DPA Board  
Don Tuck  
President