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Invermere Pickleball Club Resumes Play

It's been a long COVID struggle for everyone, but it seems that we all are seeing the "bright light at the end of the tunnel". Recently, Pickleball BC announced the new Covid regulations regarding outdoor pickleball play which returns us to a state where we can resume our outdoor club play almost like before the start of Covid restrictions.

Starting June 8, regular, drop in play will commence at Pineridge, currently starting at 9:30 and going to noon. We will have a host, as usual to register all players and ensure those who are not club members, sign their waiver. There will be no need to sign up ahead of time, however those wishing to continue to sign up will have the benefit of conveniently connecting with other players ahead of time. Play will be completely open with regular rotation facilitated by the paddle holder system that is in place. Players will have the option of rotating partners and opponents or can limit partners as they see fit. The only Covid protocols will be the physical distancing while you wait your turn to play, normal sanitizing and no spectators, only players can attend.

In other news, the club has worked with the DOI to increase court availability. The DOI has stated that by the middle of June, the Mt Nelson multiuse court, will have new lines to facilitate 4 pickleball courts. The club will use these courts for club play and are working out the details on time, court usage, combining play between Pineridge and Mt. Nelson, etc. Once the courts are relined, the club will come out with the information on exactly how we will utilize the new facility. Stay tuned.

There are a number of previous members that have held off renewing due to suspension of club activities. Now is the time to renew your membership.

Please click <https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/invermere-pickleball-club/1057/> and renew today.

Also, we still have high quality, outdoor balls, specifically suited to play better in windy conditions, available to club members. You can get 4 ball for \$15 by contacting Sheila at pickleballcv@gmail.com or phone (403) 978 - 4559 Please take advantage of this while we still have balls available.

We are all really happy to finally get to this stage and look forward to continuing to build our club facilities and activities as we move forward from here.

Ray Schoepfer

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