



## Club news for July 3 AND a message from our club president

- The link to the summer schedule, court procedures, reminders, codes, round robins and court news can be found on the club website (Summer Play) link: [Summer 2022 schedule and court information](#)

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I would like to start by giving a big shout out to our Player and Coaching Group for the wonderful job of developing our new club members and helping all players improve their skills.

Also, another shout out to Rob and Jane White for helping raise \$910.00 at the Pat “EAT IT” Penny tournament, these funds were donated on Jeannie Penny’s behalf.

Well, we are approximately 8 weeks into our summer of pickleball, the courts are busy with some days all 20 courts going. This is a great thing to see for our club. We have well over 600 members and we anticipate this to increase over the summer months. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to someone new and invite them to play a game or two with you. They will appreciate your invitation and hopefully **PLAY IT FORWARD**.

We have 2 extremely busy times; in the AM 9:00 - 11:30 and in the evenings 5:30 - 9:00 PM. These are also the times when we have lessons, Round Robins and other organized activities that affect play and court usage. The afternoons are when members can book courts and organize a group to play without interference and on private courts.

With the increase in members and court demand it's important that we share the courts especially during open play times. At this time during open play it's all based on an honor system to leave the court you are on and try to mix with others waiting to play. We all love to play UP but don't forget that we should also play down to help improve our club play.

We will need to start organizing our drop-in play to reflect the increase in membership and player skill level. I've received comments from members while at the courts and they are appreciated. However, I would ask that any member who has suggestions that help organize or improve court usage please take a moment and send an email with your suggestions on how we could possibly organize our courts for play. Please email "[president@reddeerpickleball.com](mailto:president@reddeerpickleball.com)" all information will remain confidential unless you would like me to give you a shout out for great ideas.

Lastly, we have the **Red Deer Pickleball Club Open Tournament** in August pretty well organized. We have many of the volunteers assigned/or will be assigned. If you haven't yet volunteered and would like to help, please go to this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/GeZW9V4XuaLE2N9fA>. Extra help always lightens the load for others. **If you are a new member we would love to have you on board. *We will be looking for bakers to bring cookies or muffins for players and volunteers during the tournament.***

The Red Deer Pickleball Club is a **volunteer based organization** with over 600 members. We should be able to accomplish a lot of things but the main thing we need are people willing to get involved! Enjoy the summer!

Bob Philip

President