

Delta Pickleball Assoc.

March 2022 Newsletter

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Greetings fellow picklers,

Our long winter is over and our outdoor season is fast approaching! Below is information to bring you up to date DPA news and to ensure everyone has an enjoyable outdoor pickleball season!

Although our records indicate you have not yet renewed your DPA membership for 2022, we thought you might be interested in our plans for this year and wish to renew your membership. To participate in the following activities, you must be a current member - you can renew your membership by [clicking here](#) or using the black "JOIN-RENEW" button on our website: www.deltapickleball.org.

- Scheduling:** Our DPA court use permits with The City of Delta begin April 1st and carry through until October. Our April schedules for Chalmers, Cromie, Dennison, and Memorial will be up on the DPA website soon. These schedules may vary from month to month based on use and player feedback. If a session requires you to pre-register using Sign Up Genius (SUG), there will be a direct link from the schedule to the appropriate tab in SUG. Each session in SUG can only be booked up to seven days in advance. If you have not already registered with SUG, we recommend you download the app and sign up for a free account now.
- Play Levels:** Please ensure you register at your current play level for Designated Level, Round Robin and Competitive Play sessions. If you are unsure of your current level, [follow this link](#) or check out our website for our Guide to Play Level chart. There are lots of sessions available for all play levels.
- Hosts:** DPA is looking for members to act as hosts for DPA times at Chalmers, Cromie, Dennison, and Memorial Parks. If you would like to volunteer, please indicate where and what days and times you would be available and email: hosts@deltapickleball.org for Ladner and Tsawwassen or northdelta@deltapickleball.org for North Delta. Being a court host is not difficult and can be shared with others in a group, as we know most people cannot be at all sessions throughout the year."
- Old Paddles:** Do you have pickleball paddles you no longer use? DPA is beginning an initiative to teach pickleball in Delta Elementary Schools. Donated used paddles would be much appreciated. If you have paddles to donate, email paddles@deltapickleball.org and we will arrange a pick up or drop off point.
- Lessons:** Please refer to the April outdoor schedules for beginner, intermediate, and advanced lessons from our qualified instructors. Space is limited and only available to current members. You will be able to register up to 7 days in advance through Sign Up Genius.

This year at Dennison we have Thomas joining Linda G to teach Beginner Lessons on Wednesdays and the Intermediate/Advanced Lessons will be taught by Dave K on Mondays. At Chalmers we have Miriam offering lessons on Sundays. Please sign up on SUG. Thanks to these individuals for their

time and commitment to the club!

Mens Skills and Drills is returning on Wednesday mornings at Cromie. Thanks to Dave K, Don T and others who volunteer to coach this session. Ladies Skills and Drills will be offered on Friday mornings at Cromie at various times over the Spring and Summer. Linda G and Anne K will offer some individual sessions this year, but have travel plans so they cannot commit to the weekly schedule offered last year. Friday mornings at Cromie will be Ladies Round Robin when Skills sessions are not taking place.

6. **Tournament:** DPA has set a date of June 4 for a fun, DPA member only tournament. We will firm up the location, times, and sign up methods - this information will be added to our website in a few weeks. A tournament like this will require around 24 volunteers to look after check-in, scoring, refereeing, food, and prizes. We can only succeed if enough members come forward to assist. If you can help out, please contact our Director Cheryl Becir at tournament@deltapickleball.org.

7. **Steve Deakin Clinics:** As many of you know, Steve Deakin is a Canadian professional pickleball player who has competed and won at the highest pickleball levels. DPA has been in touch with him and he has agreed to offer clinics for our members on August 25-28, 2022 at one of our outdoor venues, yet to be determined. This is a great opportunity to learn from the best and improve your game, no matter what your current level is. Watch our website for further details and costs.

That's all for now. As our outdoor season commences, please remember to practice etiquette and good sportsmanship as we play. Have fun!

On behalf of the DPA Board,
Don Tuck, President

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