



Chilliwack Pickleball Club



February 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to the February 2023 Newsletter

Bye, Bye, January, hello February! Sure nice to see the days slowly getting longer and brighter as we creep towards the Spring Equinox. Welcome to our new club members who have joined the Chilliwack Pickleball community and a Happy Valentines day to all our members. While we are at it, Happy Birthday to all our January, and February birthday members. We celebrate with you on these special days. Not to be forgotten, hello to our snowbird members, and travellers from the Landing. We miss you and wish you safe journeys back home when the urge to come home niggles at you.

Those of you who are new to the Newsletter, we publish our club newsletter at the beginning of each month to communicate much of the information that has been sent out the last month and information into the proceeding month or months. Have a good read.

Hot Off the Press Breaking News

Club Dues Friendly Reminder

Thank you all of you who have paid your dues for this year. Unfortunately, those who have yet to renew by the end of February will have their membership deactivated and playing privileges suspended. Renew your membership today!

Pickleball Brackets and Signup to play

Pickleball Brackets have requested that we discontinue using their program for signing up for daily play. Therefore commencing Feb 8th, 2023 we will be using "**Sign-up Genius**" to sign-up for play on and after Feb 15th. We will continue to use Pickleball Brackets for tournaments and for holding our club ratings. Sign-up Genius does not require you to make an account but will ask for your name and email.

I think it will work well for our needs and is easy to navigate, yeah! You will be sent a link and access code shortly which will allow you to sign up for play. You can also download and use the SignUpGenius App in the Apple and Android formats.

We do still ask that you go ahead and input your PCO# into your Pickleball Brackets Profile if

you have not already done so. This will help keep your Pickleball Brackets account current and enable you to check your ratings and stats.

March 17-19 Chilliwack PB Club In House Tournament

The Board of Directors are pleased to announce our own In House Tournament this March.

With the growing number of members in our club, the Board of Directors has decided to make our scheduled March tournament an in house members only tournament.

We believe we have the numbers to facilitate a full tournament. More importantly we want to let members who normally do not play or are hesitant to do a tournament an opportunity to experience a tournament in a more comfortable environment. There will be many opportunities for those of you who are new to the game and for those who have yet to play in a tournament.

This tournament is for you.
**Registration will open on Pickleball Brackets
Feb 11th @ 9.00am.**



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Junior Program

Well, you know about that Junior Program we have been promoting, it has been a great success with a full capacity of 21 players this session.

We, of the older persuasion who have picked up the game beyond our youthful prime can only dream of how our ratings would be if we had started pickleball in our youth. Well at least we can dream.

The team led by Alistar Hart our youngest member at age 38. He has dug into his own fountain of youth to inspire and teach our budding 5.0 players.

With glee and fearless abandon, Alistar prances, jiggles, juggles, and enthusiastically demonstrates the art of serving, dinking, driving.

Yes kids, this is not to be done without supervision of the coaches who try to keep up with the youthfulness that permeates the pickleball side of the Landing.

All the coaches search for their eternal fountain of youth when coaching these energizer bunny players. And like most teachers, at the end of the day we get to release our students and send them home after the two hour session. The coaches by this time are exhausted are ready for one, a good dinner, two a soothing beverage, and three, an early bed time. Good thing the program is scheduled only once a week. All of you with grandkids will know what we speak of when the grandkids come over for a play time with you.

It must be noted that there is a sharp contrasting noise level of fun coming from the pickleball side of the Landing versus the youth tennis lessons on the other side of the curtain. Nothing wrong with tennis. It's just a different game with different equipment and being a less social game. Mind you, there is only one coach over there with six coaches on the pickleball side.

The parents sit and watch their kids have fun playing pickleball, they must surely be confident they've selected the right sport for their child.

The club mandate is to expand the game to all in the Fraser Valley. We are pleased to finally include the youth into the fold. We will end the current session on February 13th and start a second session from February 27th to March 27th.

Sign up your kids, your grandkids, or neighborhood kids before it fills up again. We are now accepting registrations for Session 2 so why not have the children/grandchildren learn this wonderful game.

5 week session commences Monday Feb 27th. Ages 8yrs and up. Cost \$45. Click the link to register.

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/event/junior-pickleball/32936/?admin=1>

Youth team coaches include Alistar, Ray, and Carol Hart, Lyle Simpson, Fred Meyerink, Tim Alsop, Ray Dear, Brian Bruinink, Nicolene Wildervanck, and Cathie Sessions.



More Jr Pics throughout



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School Programs

To continue the youth theme, the club put on a clinic on Tuesday, Jan. 31 the morning after the Junior Program. That was Crazy, but crazy good. Thank you, Lyle Simpson for running it with another great crew from the club.

In Lyle's own words:

"Today we had 40 students from Rosedale Traditional School at the Landing for a pickleball lesson. A great time was had by all. The kids were great and the volunteers were amazing. The teachers were very impressed with our program and the effort from our instructors."

A big shout out to: Brett Lovely, Wade Rathgeber, Larry Caza, April Gardner, Kirstin Stuart, Darci Reeves, Nicolene Wildervank, Stephane Hamil and Tim Alsop for your efforts.

Together we are building the best pickleball club in BC."

We all agree, thank you team!

Future Community Classes

Chilliwack Elder College: Last year the club put on an introductory program for the Elder College for one of their sessions. There was a classroom session followed up by a number of playing sessions. It was such a huge success they asked the club to consider doing it again. As you probably are getting the idea, it was an opportunity Lyle Simpson could not say no too.

On the first day of registration for Pickleball 101 the class filled up at 24 players with 5 on the waiting list.

Teach the Teachers:

We reached out to the Chilliwack Teachers Association last year to promote Pickleball. We were invited to orientate and introduce teachers to the game.

Wouldn't you know it, of course they loved it. Having said that guess who is asking us again?

*"Hello Lyle,
Chilliwack Teachers are loving Pickleball!
Would it be possible to offer sessions again this year for our spring **Teach Learn Care 2023** conference on April 28, 2023? Two sessions would be wonderful. 9:45 - 11:45 am and 12:30 - 2:30 pm are our session times. Please let me know if this might work out. Thank you. Take care,"*

*Jacqui Higginbottom
CTA ProD Chair
Chilliwack Teachers' Association*

Of course we will be doing it again.





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Beginners Sessions

The club's beginner sessions have been a wonderful success. Love the enthusiasm, and every day we see the growth of your game.

Consider our March In House Tournament. We had all the new and growing players in mind when we wanted to run the March tournament.

We promise it will be a lot fun.



6 Week Winter Ladder League

A reminder to all the players who have signed up for the Winter Ladder League to make a concerted effort to make it every week and to be on time.

Good luck to all the players, enjoy the competition.



Although there is only one trophy at the end, there sure a lot of great door prizes to win.

Half Court Singles

Good to see the number of players who are participating in the half court singles sessions. Check the monthly calendar to for sessions times.

If you are hesitant to try it, don't be. Great testimonials by April Gardner (Jan 22, 2023), and Glen Marcotte Nov 7, 2022) on the Chilliwack Pickleball Facebook Page, and David Booth:

First of all, I would like to thank the volunteers that have allowed some of us to play the half-court singles almost every week, now on Thursday afternoons at 3 pm. Every week though I wonder why there are not more people playing the half-court singles. Usually there are only six to ten of us playing which just astounds me. Half-court singles has been a big contributor to helping me learn how to play the game better. I've tried to attend almost all the sessions that have been offered since sometime in November.

I remember the first time I played half-court singles outside in the spring last year and was beaten miserably. I was amazed at how difficult this version of pickleball is. In a regular doubles game or a full-court singles match even if you sometimes hit a ball wrong it can still end up being a good shot but in half-court singles the chances are if you hit the ball wrong it will be out. Half-court singles forces the players to be much more precise with their shots. I think it is one of the best ways to hone your skills of trying to be more accurate and intentional with your shots.

I admit half-court singles can be challenging as it can be more difficult, but if one persists with it, I think it will help most players to become better. It is also more active from the perspective that you are participating in each rally but not nearly as demanding as playing full-court singles. It is definitely a good



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workout to play the half-court singles for a couple of hours.

I also find that while I'm playing the half-court singles in addition to the regular play I can also practice some of the shots I am trying to learn better which then seems to help me play better in the doubles matches. I am worried that with so few people attending these sessions that they won't be continued. I would encourage everyone to give it a try as it may be something that will help develop your game further.

Come out and give half-court singles a try. Hope to see you there.

Dave Booth

Thank you April, Glen, and David

Book Your Own Court

This session continues to be very popular. Space is limited and the courts get snatched up very quickly. This month's sessions are as follows:

Friday Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th from 3:00-5:00pm

Sunday Feb 5th, 12th, 19th - 7.45am-9.45am

Only one person needs to book the court for their group. Use it to drill with a partner or arrange your own group of 4-6 to play. If you book the court you are responsible for payment. The cost is \$15.00 for the court and should be paid cash to your Host on arrival. No shows will be charged the \$15 as you are taking a court from other users!!!! This was a wee bit of a problem last year. Please do not book a court and then cancel one day before as it really prevents someone else from having the time to arrange their players.

Courts can be booked
on www.pickleballbrackets.com

Intermediate / Advanced Pickleball Clinic

Coming February 17, 2023 to the Landing Sports Center.

Register at

www.thirdshotpickleball.com/clinics/chilliwick2023





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Court Etiquette

From time to time it is good to refresh our memories and reinforce our knowledge of the game. These points are listed on our club web site along with great information. We encourage you to visit the site and explore all the things we post and offer at the club.

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/chilliwick-pickleball-club/1032/safety-etiquette-rules/1084/>

Etiquette: [ET - i - kit] defined as: “conventional requirements as to social behaviour; prescribed or accepted code of usage”.

I have just included a number of them from the list that we believe will make the play sessions more enjoyable for everyone.

2. At the beginning of the game introduce yourself, if not familiar with your partner or players.
3. When you are playing in a non competitive situation take time once in a while to play with weaker players – they will be thrilled to have the experience.
4. Remember if a stronger player is on the court with you, hit to them and often – it will make you a better player plus keep the game interesting for all who are playing. If you are playing with weaker players work on shots that they can return and learn from.



5. If playing against mixed partners be courteous and not slam directly at weaker or female opponents.

6. If a ball comes into your court, stop play (paddle held high) retrieve ball and find which court it came from and return gently, do not just swipe at the ball, it may not have come from a court next to you.



7. If the play type is Play Rotation (paddle in box, board sign-up, chairs) or by Skill Level, understand and follow the group process laid down and include all participating.
8. Unsolicited coaching on the court is not to be done. If someone is new or asks for your input, do so briefly being mindful of the flow of the game Best to instruct on a specified court and be invited.
9. When a ball is out of bounds, call “out” loudly, as well as using a hand signal with your hand/arm pointing up, because of noise level the hand signal is preferred.
11. Be courteous to each other, no foul language or aggressive words or behaviour, positive remarks and encouragement only.



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February Events of Note

Wednesday Evenings:

Play on Wednesday nights, 6.30pm-8.30pm at First Ave Church is for 3.0 & Over skill levels. Unfortunately, there were not enough players signing up for 2.9 and under players to keep the session viable.



February Drilling Sessions

Thursday Feb 9th & 23rd, 3.00-4.30pm

Carol and Ray Hart invite you to join them for a session where they will lead you and your drilling partner thru some drills. This is not an instructional session just a chance for you to practice drilling with your partner. This session will be geared towards players at a 3.0 and over skill level but anyone is welcome.

Balls will be provided and the cost is \$10 for the court.

No games will be allowed as there will be balls flying everywhere.

Registration is on Pickleball Brackets. (You will not see this listed under your "My Schedule" until you register.)

Go to Leagues and scroll down until you find "Drills" with our club logo.

Click Register

Select your partner.

See my Lesson 2 attached which will explain how to register in more detail.

[Pickleball Brackets Lesson 2.docx](#)



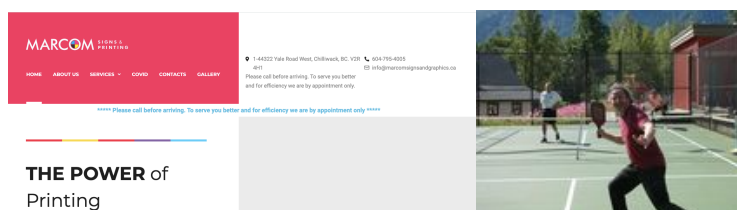
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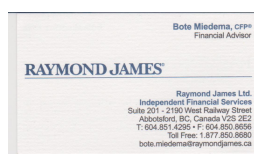
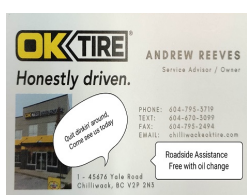
February Sponsor of the Month

The Chilliwick Pickleball Club would like to recognize Keith Graham of Marcom Signs and Graphics for his support of the club. Keith is a member of the club and has looked after our needs for many of our banners and signs you see on our nets and at our tournaments. Marcom has looked after our needs both small and large. Keith's commitment to serving the Fraser Valley and ensuring top quality products has been outstanding. Thank you Keith and Marcom!



Club Sponsors Program

The Chilliwick Pickleball Club would like to thank all of our business sponsor partners for the support they provide the club. We ask our members to consider our business partners when looking for services.





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