

Winter Play Update and news Feb 19

Changes and reminders at Bower Place

There have been several additions/modifications to our pickleball space at Bower Place in the past few weeks such as a lounge area, lockers (bring your own lock) and the window facing the mall has new coverings. This week on Wednesday, Feb 22 courts 5,6, and 7 will have lights upgraded.

The number of sign ins was over 200 for the month of January and more members have taken advantage of using E transfer in February to pay monthly (only \$40.00!).

A clinic (Friday Night Lights) was held on Friday, Feb 17 and several new members have signed up for "Let's Play Pickleball" sessions being offered.

We invite current 2023 RDPC members to bring a friend to try out the courts. Non members need to sign the waiver that is found in the non member sign in binder. RDPC members have Pickleball Canada Insurance.

If door is locked to our Pickleball space use the touch lock box located on the facility door. Touch the Yale logo and enter code sent on the Feb 19 club email.

Remember to sign in and indicate your form of payment (members pay 5\$ or non members pay 10\$).

When you leave remember your belongings, close/lock the door behind you, and turn off the lights (located to the right of the main exit door) if you are the last one.

Would you like to be part of the Bower Place Winter Play team?

Contact: <u>communication@reddeerpickleball.com</u> with your offer to help this be a great place.

Memberships and renewals

As of Feb 19, our membership numbers are now 283 This number would indicate we will be over 600 members as there are ongoing Pickleball inquiries, many members still needing to renew and several months before summer 2023. In order to make the necessary plans for summer 2023 renew your membership as soon as possible!

Volunteer registration

You will have noticed on your membership renewal or registration we ask members to indicate where they can volunteer as a member of RDPC. The response by members has been very promising! There are several events planned for the summer (new t shirt/hat designs, Xplore Sport/Open House with the City of Red Deer on May 13, opening RDPC pickleball tournament on June 3 and 4, and the Alberta Provincials Aug 10-13. All of these areas require member support for it to be successful. In addition, there are also ongoing operational roles (court hosts, first aid, lessons help, serve on the board or committee etc). While some volunteer roles require more time commitment than others; some only require a few hours.

Please be true to your offer and volunteer where and when you can!

RDPC Board Changes

Congratulations to Nolan Nicoll who was recently appointed as director with the Red Deer Pickleball Club. Nolan's success with pickleball this past year is well known. He also comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding facilities.

We offer a great big thank you to Dennis Bowness for his dedication to the sport of pickleball and to the club. Dennis was instrumental in obtaining Bower Place for the club. We wish him all the best! The board will be reaching out to the membership to fill several new director positions for the 2023-24 year. Get involved with Alberta's premier club!

