



Chilliwack Pickleball Club



March 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to the March 2023 Newsletter

Ho, Ho, Ho, a Happy March to everyone, that darn groundhog was right again this year . Even the old farmer's almanac predicted a "Sneaky Cold Winter". Hopefully this will be the last of the snow this year and let's March into the Spring Equinox (Mar. 20th) like now.

As always, a warm welcome to all our members especially our new members who have joined our Chilliwack pickleball family. We anticipate seeing many of our snowbirds in the next month returning home. Will be nice to see your bright smiling tanned faces when you return.

Also a Happy Birthday to all you March baby's, and a special birthday to all those Leap Year babies, (Lyle Simpson). Lot's of events coming up this month, hold on to your St. Patty's hat as you read through this month's newsletter.

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 not renewed by the end of February will have had their membership deactivated and playing privileges suspended. Renew your membership if you have forgotten

- On the left-hand side of the page click on "My Profile"
- Your name and PCO number along with other info will appear on the left side of the window
- copy your PCO number

Check and Set up Your Pickleball Canada Number

Lyle sent out an email early in January requesting that members check to see if their PCO # was entered into their Pickleball Brackets Profile. Over half of our membership still do not have their PCO# in their Pickleball Brackets Profile. This is going to cause you and us continued stress and frustration as we move forward thru the year, especially when you want to register for a new session or event. Please check your Pickleball Brackets Profile and if you have not entered your PCO # yet please do so ASAP.

Go to the Pickleballbrackets.com website

- Log in with your email address and password
- Make sure your name appears in the top right-hand corner of the home screen (if it doesn't you are not logged in)
- Click on the "v" beside your name
- C on my profile
- Scroll down to "Section 6. Associated Numbers"
- Continue down to "Pickleball Canada #"
- If your number is recorded there leave it and just exit the program.
- If not enter your PCO number and click on the green "Save Profile" tab at the top of the page.
- This will help keep your Pickleball Brackets account current and enable you to check your ratings and stats.

Here is how to find your PCO# and attach it to your pickleball brackets account.

- **Go to the Pickleball Canada website.**
- Log in with your email address and password-



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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.

We still need more players for our in house Winter Tournament. Whether you are an experienced tournament player or new to tournaments this is your chance. This is for you! We have events for all skill levels. Don't have a partner - Play in a scramble event where no partner is needed. Registration Deadline is March 12th. ***This tournament is for you.***

[Register here](#)

Junior Program

We are about to kick off our Junior Pickleball Session 2 on Mon Feb 27th with 22 more eager youngsters. Some of the returning players will be advancing onto level 2 instruction while others will continue to develop basic paddle control.

Session 3 will commence in April and details are to come.

Session 2 is full!

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



New Event / CPB Team Challenge

CPC Team Challenge

Winning Team receives \$100 each Player

You are invited to come, watch and support our club's top players as they duke it out in our very own Major League style CPC Team Challenge Event.

When: Tues March 28th, 2023

Where: The Landing

Time: 4.00-10.00pm

Ball Machine

The ball machine can be booked and used during any Book Your Own Court session. As it is in high demand, we ask that you only book it once every other week so that all members can have an opportunity to drill with it.



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The cost is \$15 for the court rental and \$5 for the ball machine. Make sure to book your court first and then contact Tim Alsop to book the ball machine. terrible_tim@hotmail.com

Half Court Singles

Half court singles is becoming more popular as we are seeing more members venture out to enjoy this fun game which helps develop our skills as we continue to work on improving precise placement of the ball and how to outwit our opponents. Why not join us for a few games. See the calendar for dates and times.

Mixed Doubles Assessment Play

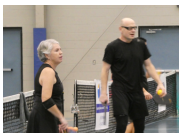
Sign up with your Mixed Doubles Partner and seize this opportunity to practice for the upcoming tournament season. Play will be in a round robin format. A coach will be assessing our doubles play, giving advice and instruction on improving court position and doubles strategy.

When: Fri March 31st

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

Cost: \$10 per player plus normal fob in.

Registration is now open on www.pickleballbrackets.com



Skills and Drills

Commencing the month of March, we will be separating signup for skills & drills into two different skill levels.

level 1. - 2.75 and under club rating (16 Players)

level 2 - 2.75 and over club rating (8 Players)

Skills & Drills, 2.75 and over will show up as a new session so it will not show up under your "My Schedule" until you actually register. After you register it will then show in your "My Schedule" and then all you have to do is OPT IN for the **days you want to attend**.

Pickleball Beginners and Skills and Drills

I cannot say enough good about Pickleball and the fun it is as a game. I loved it from the minute I joined the club. I knew absolutely nothing about the game and had not even seen it played but I signed up for an introduction to the game. A wonderful volunteer coach proceeded to teach us the basics of the game and how it was played. We even had the opportunity of playing. I was hooked!!!

I signed up for Skills and Drills which have the most amazing volunteer coaches. According to your skill level you are put together with 4 other people and the fun begins. Basically, you get to practice drills that enhance your skills with one of the coaches guiding you and teaching you. The coaches are incredibly kind, encouraging and patient. The joy is also meeting and playing with some amazing people. The camaraderie and fun we have just builds up the game even more.

The club also offers a Beginners Open Play which allows you as a beginner to play at a level where you are comfortable and able to improve your skills. Again, a coach is present and gives your tips and pointers to enhance your game. It's brilliant.



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This is an amazing club. There are so many possibilities: the organizing opportunities for every level of player to be included, tournaments, set up of the courts each day, all the volunteers giving of their time, fundraising, and the list goes on.

I would recommend this group to anyone interested in trying Pickleball; it is such a warm and welcoming community filled with encouraging people who are excited to help you grow.

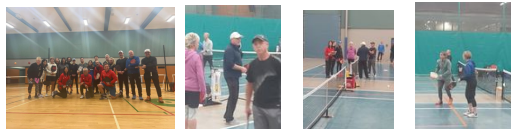
Thank you, Lynne for the article!



NCCP Coaching Course

NCCP Level 1 class at the Landing. Largest class ever. New Instructors to be from all over the Province! Great to see. Sponsored by the [Chilliwack Pickleball Club](#). Thanks, Mark Rennison for a great session. One person came all the way from Hong Kong.

Dedicated members who want to be certified to coach at all levels. Thank you for volunteering in all our programs.



Elder College Pickleball 101



Pickleball anyone? We are very pleased to, once again partner with the Chilliwack Pickleball Club to bring you one of the fastest growing sports in North America!





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Thanks to all our volunteers who made this possible: Brian Bruinink, Ed Nichols,

Wade Rathgeber, Glen Marcotte, Kirstin Stuart, April Gardner, Larry Caza,

and Brett Lovely. Our volunteers make this the best club in BC!

Club Sponsors Program

The Chilliwack 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.

Hello Fellow Pickleballers,

It is that time of the year when we are thinking about our money as in taxes RSP's and other financial matters. Why not talk with one of our advertisers who knows and understands these sometimes worry some thoughts. Who knows he might be able to get you to the sun and fun sooner. I'm talking about **Bote Miedema at Raymond James Financials CFP**.

Any questions talk to Doug Gascon at the club.

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			Rec Social, 3.0 & Over 6.30-8.30pm Church	Half Court Singles 3.00-4.30pm	BYOC 3.00-5.00pm	Awards & Social Coffee for ladder 12.15-1.30pm The Loft
	05	06	07	08	09	10
BYOC 7.45-9.45am	Mixer 10.30-1.00pm	Rec Social & Competitive 12.30-2.45pm	Women's Comp & Men's Rec Social 10.30-1.00pm	Skills & Drills & Rec Social 12.30-2.45pm	Rec Social & Competitive 12.30-3.00pm	Cancelled
	Jr Program 3.30-5.30pm	Beginner Play 3.00-4.45pm	Rec Social, 3.0 & Over 6.30-8.30pm Church	Drills 3.00-4.30pm	BYOC 3.00-5.00pm	
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		Team Invitational 3.00-10.00pm		Elder College 3.00-5.30pm		