



## March 2023 News

### Annual General Meeting and Election of new Board Members

The Red Deer Pickleball Club Annual General Meeting will be held on May 30, 2023, location and time to be determined. At the AGM we will be **VOTING** for a new **President. *If you have a desire to help the Red Deer Pickle Club to grow and prosper we need you!*** Please consider volunteering your time and be a board member for a tremendous club. Please forward your name and position that you would like to be nominated for to: [president@reddeerpickleball.com](mailto:president@reddeerpickleball.com) Attention Nominations. We are also looking for members to participate on various committees throughout the year as well.

We have come a long way since the incorporation of the Club in 2013, membership has grown to over 600 members as of 2022 season and we expect this year to reach near 800 members. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports for ALL ages and the growth will continue.

### WINTER PLAY

The Bower Place winter play facility has improved since opening in January 2023, lighting has upgraded, Bower Place has given couches and partitions to improve the look of our courts. All of this is because of members that have made it happen. We have the use of Bower Place through December 2023 and we expect that there will be great use throughout the year. Of course this facility is not free and members and guests are required to pay a fee to keep this facility operational and it's on the HONOR system of payment. It's great to see how much play is happening.

I would like to send a shout out to Dennis Bowness for finding and organizing the facility, Nolan Nicoll and Red Deer Electric for installing the lights and working with

Bower Mall who subsidized the purchase of lights quite substantially. Rick Foret and Mark Baron who keep the daily operations organized, as well as all the members who help Captain and maintain the facilities.

A special thank you to the Bower Place who is 100% behind this project and keep coming to the table to improve the courts. Please be sure to support the Bower Place and the retail stores.

We are working on getting some net dividers for the courts to replace the current plastic dividers. If you have a tennis court net that we could use for the time being we'd appreciate the offer.

We've recently added a water cooler station and have scheduled cleaning every two weeks on Saturday night.

\*\*For the complete summary of the Bower Place Pickleball Facility Guidelines please go [view this link on our website](#)\*\*

## **SUMMER PLAY**

The count down is on! We have already got over 330 members signed up for the 2023 Summer Play with many more members to come. We are planning events for the summer such as an opening in house tournament (June 3/4) and playing opportunities with rated Round Robins and other events. Red Deer Pickleball Club is hosting the Alberta Provincial Championships August 10-13 2023. Planning is well underway and we expect to have 450+ players from Alberta attend. Red Deer Pickleball Club is noted for having some of the best tournament experiences and we will continue to offer a great tournament. The Tournament committee will be looking to fill volunteer positions for the tournament in the near future.

Bob Philip  
President