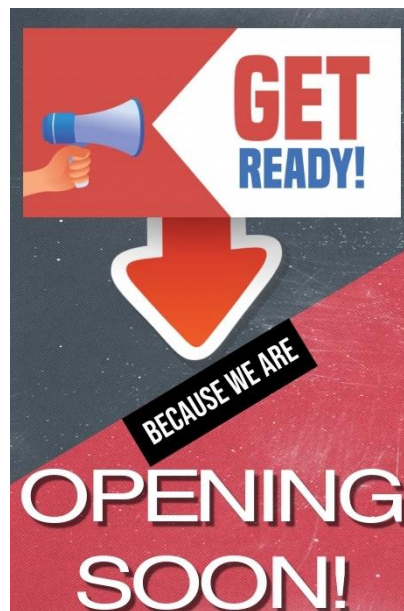




Club News Apr 16



We are getting closer!

As we get ready for outdoor pickleball there will be several important notices going out to members regarding programs, schedules and events.

Please ensure you keep the emails in a place you can refer back to or go to our PCNS website and look under [Club News 23](#) to find the latest message.

- 1) We are hoping for an opening of **May 1st** of the courts at Motorworks Field if we can:
 1. Get the water turned on, it's still freezing every night for the next 2 weeks minimum
 2. Wash 55,000 sq ft of court area
 3. Install 950 lineal feet of windscreening, takes 1500 cable ties to secure this.
 4. Setup 20 nets, frost has to be gone to set them up.

5. Setup garbage bins, re-bound boards, wind socks, setup power cables for ball machines, etc., etc.

We also prefer the above order to setup the courts, as it makes the job easier and a lot less work. Thank for offering to help, but more bodies does not work. We have an experienced crew who just need some good weather, time and room to work.

2) **The courts at Bower Place will remain open for the time being.** However, they are will close **every Saturday night** starting at 5:00 pm. Any future changes will be communicated via the [Winter Play Bower Place](#) link on our website. If you have enjoyed using the courts, please thank those who have been trying to make this a viable option. We also welcome comments on the long-term option for use.

3) **The club has scheduled a referee training session on May 10,** starting at 3:00 pm at the Motorworks Field Pickleball Courts. The session is 3 to 5 hours long depending on practice time. You must have achieved at least 80% on all the tests prior to the training session. You can write the tests as many times as you need to. Prior to the club starting the referee training process with you, we need you to make the commitment to becoming a referee by doing the following steps outlined in the following document: [The steps to become a referee](#) .

4) The Red Deer Pickleball Club will be participating in **Xplore Sport Day at Capstone on May 13th.** This annual event enables sports organizations to showcase their sport to the general public. There will be displays and demos as well as members on hand to answer questions about Pickleball from 9:00-2:00 pm. The public will then be invited to come to courts at Motorworks Field from 12:00-4:00 pm to try the sport, meet coaches and an opportunity to purchase used Pickleball equipment (members are invited to "sell" items). For more information on this day and how you can get involved see the link on our website: [Xplore Sport Day May 13th.](#)



5) Mark your calendars for **RED DEER PICKLEBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** The location will be Bower Kin Place 85 Boyce St, Red Deer **May 30/23 @6:30 PM.** All members in good standing are invited to attend this important "live" meeting. More information will be sent out soon.

6) A reminder to all members (new and returning) of the **RDPC members pickleball tournament on June 3/4.** Registration opened Apr 7 and will close May 17. For details go to this link: [RDPC members only kick off to summer tournament](#)

7) You will have noticed on your RDPC membership renewal or registration we asked members to indicate where they can help as a volunteer. **With over 460 members signed up (as of Apr 16th) we now have a useful data base of names that can be utilized when the need arises.** There are several events planned in the coming months (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, facilities, serve on the board or committee etc.). While some volunteer roles require more time commitment than others; some only require a few hours. Unfortunately, some events may not go ahead if members do not answer the call.

It is understood that sometimes the timing of an event/activity does not always fit your schedule. Hopefully, you can find some time over the next 5 months to offer your help. As a non-profit organization your help is crucial to making this an even greater club. **Please watch for an invitation to volunteer- your assistance will be greatly appreciated!**

