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Note: If you are a new member in the past week (or a member who can't find where they saved the latest RDPC club news) go to our [Pickleball Canada website](#) and look for Club News 23 to view recent messages. There will be more notices being sent out in the coming weeks. Club news will only be sent to active members as of May 15/23

The **RED DEER PICKLEBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held at Bower Kin Place 85 Boyce St, Red Deer May 30/23 @6:30 PM. The tentative agenda and proposed bylaws can be found [here](#) on our club website.

Thank you to all who were involved in the City of Red Deer **Xplore Sport Day on Saturday, May 13** at either the Capstone site or at the RDPC courts. (Suzanne G., Mary Ann B., Mary Ann and Jay F., Leslie and Garry K., and Pentti M.) A big thank you to the coordinators- Rita K-T. and Donna H.

Thank you also to the coaching team (Carol G., Zach B., and Dave H. for offering sessions during the day for new and current members. The organization of the volunteers, the posters, and the communication of the day was outstanding! The response to the buy and sell was well received and looks like it could be an annual event. Many of the members appreciated the information given out at Capstone and at our club, and especially the chance to try pickleball! Thanks also to Dom G. for this great [Xplore Day photo show](#).

As you can see, we have put out a new schedule (located on the [summer play page on our website](#)), luckily this is on a computer and not written in stone, so it is changeable. There will be changes going forward so keep checking before going to the courts. As things will be flexible as of now, if you have any helpful suggestions to improve the experience or offers to be the lead on a session, please send them to: summerplay@reddeerpickleball.com. We will see if we can incorporate in the schedule. Looking forward to see all you pickleballers on the courts-Bill Warmington.

If you wish to see what clinics/lessons are being offered by RDPC please go this [link](#). Look for the Sign-Up Genius link. This will be updated when new clinics are added so check back often. Not sure what ratings are or wish to get rated go to this link found on our summer play page: [What is my rating?](#) .

A final reminder to all members (new and returning) --**Registration will close May 18 at noon for the RDPC members pickleball tournament June 3/4.** Even if you just started playing pickleball you can still participate. Get to know other club members in a fun setting. For details go to this [link](#).

The 2023 Pickleball Alberta provincials are occurring August 10-13 in Red Deer hosted by our club. Player registration opened on May 10th via Pickleball Brackets and as of today 413 people have registered.

We anticipate we will need approximately 100 volunteers plus referees to manage and operate this premier event. Some positions require certifications/tournament experience (we will train if needed) but most just require enthusiastic/dedicated pickleball fans. At this point all lead coordinator positions are filled.

Many of you indicated an interest on your 2023 RDPC registration/renewal in helping with tournaments in some way. We look forward to you being part of the tournament experience.

We will be posting our volunteer sign up form in the very near future. Volunteer positions include help with the beer tent, food services, volunteer management, silent auction, set up/take down, daily maintenance, tournament desk, possible billets, photography, first etc. Some areas already have heard from volunteers last year willing to help.

At this time, we are putting out a call for members to assist with a donation to the silent auction table and/or if your company/businesses would like to be involved in sponsorships. The team involved with this area could use some help with data entry as well. To learn more about the silent auction or to help please contact: sponsors@reddeerpickleball.com

Some members still make use of the courts at Bower Mall (especially on those windy or rainy days). **We are glad to see the usage of the courts but we need to have members step up as captains for various evening sessions.** Recently, the door was left wide open from an afternoon session. This is very concerning. If you use the courts please sign in, make payment and ensure any non member friends have signed a waiver and made payments. *The last people using the courts need to turn off the lights and ensure the door is locked.* (The code to enter the Bower mall courts is: touch the Yale logo and enter 3131 then checkmark. To lock: close the door and press the YALE logo on the lock. Check the door to ensure it is locked). Bookings are done via Hold My Court (go to our [Winter Play page on our website](#) for more information).



As we get closer to 700 members let's work together to share the facility for all to use. Recently a ball machine was left outside over night (always put it away when you are done unless the next booked person is there waiting). Balls are not being put back in their holders (sometimes up to 15 balls are left sitting on the courts). The washroom has been left unlocked over night with the lights left on. We can do better. **As with the indoor courts the last people on the courts need to ensure the washrooms are locked as well as the main gate.**

One final area needing reminders is that the use of Hold My Courts for private play. It would be considerate to not book multiple private courts for more than 2 hours at a time, back-to-back. or multiple times in a day. This will ensure others can access the courts as well.

Enjoy the sunny days ahead!