



DPA NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2023

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Greetings fellow picklers,

We wanted to keep you updated on a number of new items pertinent to our club. We hope you're out there enjoying our outdoor venues and meeting new picklers.

PlayTime Scheduler

Our switch to exclusive use of PlayTime Scheduler (PTS) appears to be working well, especially since we added the Wait List feature. Our court schedules are constantly evolving, based on use, demand, and suggestions from members and court hosts. Remember to always refer to the DPA website for the latest information, to always use your last name (even guests), to cancel ASAP if you can't make it, and to sign up on PTS and not just 'drop in'. **Dash n Smash**

Tournament Update - June 3 & 4 - Chalmers

Our first sanctioned tournament is nearly full, which is great news for DPA. However, in order to make the tournament a success, we are still in need of a few more volunteers, especially for Sunday. Please consider adding your name on the PTS volunteer list. If you have any questions, email: volunteer@deltapickleball.org and Henry or Ray will get back to you. Special thanks to our tournament director, Cheryl Becir, for taking charge of this major event.

Shasta the Pickleball Machine

DPA purchased a Tutor Spin pickleball machine (known as Shasta) in the fall of 2021. It is being kept in North Delta, with Diane Dickson and Gregg Schneuer co-housing the machine.

As the weather warms, requests for the machine have increased and it has been used everyday since April 10. DPA members can easily request usage of the machine by emailing Diane: Shasta@deltapickleball.org and request your dates and time. [Click here for Sign Up information](#). You will need to attend a training session and complete the [user agreement](#) and [sign out sheet](#).

DPA would like to purchase a second machine and is looking for volunteers in Ladner or Tsawwassen to host it. Please email: shasta@deltapickleball.org if you are interested. Diane and Gregg will be happy to share their experience, process and procedures with anyone interested.

Ratings

We have recently added a **Play Level Ratings** tab on our website. In future all information concerning ratings will be listed under this tab.

Testing for IPTPA Official Play Level Rating - May 27 - Cromie

DPA currently requires qualified ratings for anyone playing in **Competitive** sessions at 3.75+ levels. In response to member requests, we are aiming to lower this for 3.5+ **Competitive** sessions in the future. To allow players to determine their official ratings, we have set up an IPTPA testing session. These ratings will allow you to find appropriate sessions for your skill level.

The DPA Executive have arranged for Catalin Costea, a certified IPTPA ratings tester, to test **DPA members only** who are interested in an official Play Level rating. Cost is approx. \$50 per player. Registration closes May 15th and is currently being accepted on PTS.

Ladner Lacrosse Box

George Pierce and I met with Trent Reid, Director of Delta Parks, to discuss the rather sudden and surprising decision to exclude pickleball in the new Ladner Covered Multi-Sport Court facility. Prior to this, we had worked hard negotiating a usage agreement. Apparently two separate complaints were made directly to the Mayor's office where pickleball players refused to leave when asked, which prompted the ban. We have asked Trent to provide us with more information on these complaints, so we can hopefully follow up on these incidents with those involved. Trent is prepared to work with us to see if pickleball play can be restored and what the conditions would be to make it work for all. It is a shame to see it vacant on rainy days, but we understand how a few people have ruined our arrangement with Delta. We'll update you when we have new information.

Competitive Mentoring Sessions

Thanks to Landon for offering to run these new mentoring sessions for our members. We are fortunate to have advanced level players Ray, Henry, Jim P, and Doug P also offering to help. This should be a great opportunity for those 3.25 to 3.75 players wanting to advance their skills and improve their game. Tentatively, they will consist of two 2 hour sessions, Monday and Wednesday afternoons. They will start by running a pilot session in May with a few select members, and then hopefully open in June to more intermediate level members wishing to become advanced Competitive level players. Sessions bookings will be on PTS.

To encourage people to practise, some members have expressed an interest in Drilling Sessions. For this to be successful, we need some mentorship/coaching at each session. This is in addition to the above Competitive Mentoring Sessions, but also useful to improve your skills. We need volunteers to help with these sessions - if you are interested and can help out, please email: ladner@deltapickleball.org. These would be weekly sessions set to specific rating levels.

Lights at Dennison Park

We revisited with Trent the idea of putting lights in at Dennison Park for evening play on a cost sharing basis. That is still an option and may come about when new lights are installed there for the football program. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Mayor's Summit on Sports

George Pierce and I attended the recent sports summit, hosted by Mayor Harvey. Virtually all Delta sports groups were represented, and all spoke of needing funds for various needs. Mayor Harvey stated that in the present budget, no funds have been set aside for pickleball. In fact, in

the master plans for various Delta parks, pickleball is not included. We will keep advocating for pickleball and we made it clear to Mayor Harvey and those present, that pickleball's popularity is creating an urgent need, as the courts we currently have are not meeting the need. This is particularly evident in Tsawwassen where we only have four dedicated courts and an estimated 400 players.

That's all for now. Happy pickling.

On behalf of the DPA board,
Don Tuck, President



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A real estate advertisement banner with a blue border. On the left is a portrait of Kuldeep Rangi, a man with a beard wearing a suit and tie. To his right is the 'KRB' logo. The name 'Kuldeep Rangi' is prominently displayed in large black font, with 'PERSONAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION' and 'ASSOCIATE BROKER' in smaller text below it. On the right side, there are logos for 'YPA REALTY' and the 'Real Estate Council of BC'. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the phone number '778-347-6408', the website 'www.soldbyrangi.ca', and the 'eRealty' logo.