



# Chilliwack Pickleball Club



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## Welcome to the June 2023 Newsletter

Hey, Hey, Hey, summer has arrived, hallelujah! Break out the Beach Boys tunes it's time to get out to the beach, lake, and of course some outdoor pickleball. Don't forget your hat, sunglasses, and sun tan lotion. On behalf of the Board, welcome to the new members, we hope you grow in your game and grow into our community. We again are pushing towards the 450 member mark.

May was jam packed with tournaments, and events. So much to celebrate and highlight. June is a bit less intense but steady. Be sure to look over and print off the June Calendar of events at the end of this newsletter or from the [Chilliwack PB website](#). Most of the information in the Newsletter is also available on [Chilliwack Pickleball Club Facebook](#) site and through our member emails. We also post many of the upcoming events on the bulletin boards at the Landing.



## AGM and Board Members

I would like to introduce or reintroduce you to our Board members and recognize the leadership group that makes this club work. We strive to make our club one of the best if not the best club in the province. Thank you to all of you who have given us thanks and encouragement in so many different ways. We do our best knowing it is not perfect so we appreciate encouragement for our efforts.



Ray Dear, Lyle Simpson, Doug Gascon, Dave Barham, Tim Alsop. Cathy Sessions, Gerry Rostak, Fred Myerink  
Sheila Armstrong, Carol Hart, Dean Johnson.

The year is coming to an end and the Annual General Meeting taking place in early July. In regards to the Board, it is our desire to develop team members and have a succession plan. There will be a number of Board Directors with a two year term and will stay on next year. The remainder of the Directors have their terms end. The Board of Directors encourages all members



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to consider joining the Board this coming term. As an organization we believe it is necessary to rotate Board positions for the health of the club. As a club, we have a membership that is varied and rich in skills and experiences. The club could use you.

The coming year will be pivotal in the club's growth. As many of you know, the Club is working with the City of Chilliwack to create a new pickleball facility where we will be entrusted to manage the facilities. The city has communicated to us that the goal for completion is sometime next summer.

The Board will be fully engaged in this project next year as well as running the club. We would like you to consider joining the Board team next year in making this the best club in the Province. Contact Lyle Simpson or any Board Member if you would like more information or have any questions as you consider joining the Board.

### Upcoming June Events



#### Scheduled Calendar Play

We will be offering the usual play opportunities you need to book through Pickleball Brackets. The June calendar will have all the different playing opportunities and playing times. There will also be an explanation of playing formats at the end of the newsletter.

#### Junior Pickleball

Our Junior Pickleball Program is doing extremely well and we are now offering a Level 2 program (by invite) to the children who are showing stronger paddle handling skills and are ready to participate in a game format. Coach Alistair and his team will be working with 20 children during this next session.

#### Team Challenge Event

Our Tier 2 teams are gearing up for their challenge on Friday June 9th, 4.00-8.30pm. 12 players will be placed in four teams and will be competing in Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles, hoping to be the overall champions and take home the prize money. We would love to have spectators out to help cheer the teams along.

#### King of the Court

This is a fun format where players play timed games in a round robin format hoping to finish on the top court with a win and ultimately be crowned "King of the Court". There will be two sessions in June.

1. Monday June 12th for the 2.25-2.75 club rated players.
2. Saturday June 24th for the 2.75-3.25 club rated players.

Last month's King of the Court winners for the month of May were Peter Iversen & Philip Mitchell. Well done gentlemen.

#### Book Your Own Court

We will be offering some extra Book Your Own Court sessions this month so check out the calendar for all the dates.





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### **Monday Night Leagues for 3.5 and 4.0 Players**

Monday Night Leagues will commence Monday Jun 5th, 6.30pm-9.00pm and run for 6 weeks.

All games will be a round robin format and scores will be entered into Pickleball Brackets and go against your club ratings. You do not need to attend every week.

When: Commences Monday Jun 5th, 2023

Time: 6.30-9.30pm

Level: 3.5 League & 4.0 League

Cost: Normal Fob in.

After players have completed their round robin play they are free to mix with other courts and continue to play until the end of the night.

Limited spots available every night so be sure to OPT IN quickly.  
You can OPT IN one week in advance (6pm) up to 1.5hrs before play.

### ***Signing up and Commitments***

Members are reminded to sign up for club scheduled play using Pickleball Brackets. The Board of Directors are asking members to be diligent when signing up. Whether we organize play or events we plan and organize session times based on the number of members who have signed up. For many events we book times, and we ask volunteers to assist in putting on these activities. When members who sign up and do not show up it puts a lot of stress on volunteers to make events work when the anticipated number of players do not show up. It affects the planners, the daily hosts, and the volunteers who give up their time to assist that day. It is a fact that things occur which affects a person's ability to attend and we recognize that will happen time to time. It is appreciated when we are notified when that happens after the closing of activities, that certainly helps. However, we would like to minimize that as much as possible and would ask you not to sign up to session if you are certain you cannot make that commitment. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and we will continue to make things as smooth and enjoyable for all on those days. Thank so Much!

### ***Pickleball Outreach and Education Update***

The club continues to invest in growing the Chilliwack pickleball community with time and energy. Workshops teaching pickleball to the Elder College students, Teaching the Teachers of Chilliwack, teaching school classes, and teaching youth through our own youth program. It doesn't happen without the leadership of Lyle Simpson, and Carol Hart plus the many members who volunteer to teach these groups. Currently Lyle and Carol are working on an application to the Provincial Gaming Fund to support our youth work. It is an extensive process requiring data and community references. Every group that we have asked to support this application have given the club high praise. We hope all this hard work will pay off in a successful application. Keep your fingers crossed!



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## ***New Skills and Drill Program***

Starting June, we will be implementing a new way to join in some great skill sessions, both for the beginner players and the next level player. The beginner session will run for the first hour of the session. The focus will be basic dinking, serve, return of serve and the third shot drop. Along with scoring to prepare you for the games that will follow the skills session.

The Next Level players 2.25 through 2.75 players will be a 4 week program and run the second hour of the session. This session will do more drills to advance the 4 basic shots mentioned above. To approve those shots, working on consistency, pace, and your technique of completing these skills. See below.

By splitting these times, it will make it easier for us, as the coaching staff, to make sure we have the right coaches for the level of play.

### ***Now for the best part***

There will now be a cost implemented to these programs.

- Beginner sessions you will receive a free 6 punch player card. After you have used up that card you may purchase a new card 10 sessions for \$30.00.
- Players will also still be required to fob in.
- The Next Level session will be a 4-week program for \$28.00 plus you will be required to fob in. Commencing Tuesday June 6th, 13th, 20th, 1:30-2:30 pm & am; July 4th, 11.30-12.30 pm. 10 (No session on June 27th ).
- Limited to 8 Players
- Copy this link to register – [Skills & Drills](#)

*We look forward to seeing you all on the courts soon!*



## **Mixed Doubles Clinic**

20 players took part in the Charles Neufeldt Clinic and worked on improving their Mixed Doubles play. Charles put the couples through their paces as they worked to improve their court positioning and mixed doubles strategy. We are thankful that Charles took time out of his busy schedule to drive to Chilliwack and work with us.







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## May Mahem Tournament

A very good turn out to the fourth tournament the club has put on this year and what a huge success it was. There were 135 participants who came out on the long weekend to take in some great competition. Another fantastic job by Carol Hart our club tournament director plus her great tournament planning committee, and the host of volunteers. Congratulations to all the club participants and medal winners, well done everyone.

You may ask, why does the club run a tournament let alone 4 tournaments a year. Well, that is a complicated question with a multi-faceted answer. But there is a theme, it's for the benefit of the club and its members and secondly, we love the game.

As a benefit we do aim to make a profit on every tournament which have done. It is a balance to budget a first class tournament with an appropriate profit margin. All profits we make are rolled back into the club for current and future needs.

The feedback of our members and the out of town players is that they love our tournaments. It's reasonably priced, they get a meal, get snacks, enjoy great competition, and most importantly, they are well looked after and it's a fun time for all. The venue is good but our people are the best. Thank you to all the players who came out to support the club, and all the volunteers to make it all happen. By the way, we never have too many volunteers.





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## BC Provincial Championships

After many years of no Provincials, Vernon picked up the challenge to host this year's Championship Tournament. It was held over 4 days from May 11 to 14. There were over 1,000 matches with 632 registered players.

As with many large tournaments, once the registration opens there is a flood of registrations all at once. The first challenge at Provincial's is registering for an event. If you are one of the lucky ones to get on line to register, you hope everything gets entered correctly to have your registration processed.

If you were unlucky, you had to wait and hope for more spots to open because the event looked full. Some of our members persevered and were reward with medal performances. Congratulations to our Provincial medalist:

Raymond Hart and Alex Wildervanck Bronze Medalist in men's doubles 3.5 age 55 and

Carol Hart and Nicolene Wildervanck Gold Medalists women's 3.5 any age

Nicolene & Alex Wildervanck Bronze Medalist mixed 3.5 any age

Alistair Hart Men's Singles 4.0 any age

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Alister Hart and Rebecca Bramley Gold Mixed Doubles 4.0 any age

Kathy Isaac and Jeremy Spurgeon Bronze Medalist Mixed Doubles 4.0 any age

From Kathy Isaac "Just wanted to say a big WOW to the Vernon Chilliwack crew!!! Such great camaraderie, support, and laughs all weekend!! So lucky to be part of this great club, and the great people that make it so special! Medals are always nice, but the people are what make it all worthwhile, so congrats to everyone!"





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## Club Sponsors Program

Hello Fellow Pickleballers,

The Mayday Tournament was another great club success for advertising in the club. To hear each and every match called out to a net that had local advertising banners and sponsors that play and work with our club is always rewarding.

For instance Lili Blackwell won on her sponsored net. **Remax Realty**  
April and Keith Graham won on their nets. **CBI Health and Marcom Signs**  
Andrew and Darci Reeves won on their net. **OK Tire**

I talked with other out of town players that said it was nice to see the banners on the nets and hear the well coordinated announcements telling players which court to play on.

So don't forget to use our club supporters for whatever your needs maybe. Look on our web page and see what the club's advertisers have to offer. My Favourite right now in the heat is Marble Slab Creamery!

Terrible Tim

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#### Formats

**Court Assignment** – Players will play on their assigned net for the first hour of play with other players closest to them in skill level. For the second hour of play, players may mix and play with other players on one net up or one net down.

**Open Play** – Players may play on any net marked with their assigned colour. The Host will let you know what colour has been assigned to you for that particular day.

**Men's Set Doubles** – Players will form a partnership with another player of their choosing and play against other teams in a round robin format.

**Women's Set Doubles** - Players will form a partnership with another player of their choosing and play against other teams in a round robin format.

**Mixed Set Doubles** – One man and one woman will form a partnership of their choosing and play against other teams in a round robin format.

**Men's Random or Scramble** – Players will play with each player in their grouping in a round robin format.

**Women's Random or Scramble** - Players will play with each player in their grouping in a round robin format.

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**Mix N Match** – All players of varying skill levels will be mixed to play with each other for the first hour of play. For the second hour of play, players will play on nets designated for their skill level.

**Skills & Drills** – For the first hour your instructor will lead you through various drills designed to improve your pickleball skills. Open play will resume for the second hour.

**Silver & Gold** – After each game the winners will be placed on one list and the losers on another list. The next four available winning players will then play making sure to switch partners. The next four available losing players will also play making sure to switch partners.

**The Mixer** – Play on designated nets with other players closest to you in club rankings. Format is a round robin. Groupings will be 8-10 players. Games are timed. No scores are recorded.

**2 Up/ 2 Down** – Players will play the first hour on a designated net according to their skill level. The second hour the top two rated players will move up and the bottom 2 rated players will move down. If there are 5 players the middle rated player will not move up or down.

#### Social Play

Players will be encouraged to play on the suggested nets for their skill level. A signup board will be placed at each skill level and players will signup on the board at the completion of every game. The first 4 players listed will move to the next available net.

#### Women's & Men's Round Robin Rating

Players will play in groups of 4-6 with other players closest to them in skill level. Format will be a round robin. All scores are entered into pickleball Brackets and will go towards your club rating. Players should all be within





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## JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
				12.30-2.45pm Men's Rec Social & Women's Competitive	12.30-2.45pm Mixer  3.00-4.30pm, BYOC	Cancelled
				3.00-4.45pm Partner Drills	4.30-6.15pm BYOC	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
2.30-4.30pm BYOC	10.30-1.00pm Mixer  3.30-5.30pm Junior Program  6.30-9.00pm 3.5 & 4.0 Leagues	12.30-2.45pm Skills & Drills & Rec Social  3.00-4.45pm BYOC	10.30-1.00pm Mixer	12.30-2.45pm Women's Rec Social & Men's Competitive  3.00-4.45pm Beginners	12.30-2.45pm Rec Social & Competitive  3.00-8.30pm Tier 2 Team Event	Cancelled
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3.30-6.00pm BYOC	10.30-1.00pm King of the Court, 2.25-2.75 & Rec Social  3.30-5.30pm Jr Program  6.30-9.00pm 3.5 & 4.0 Leagues	12.30-2.45pm Skills & Drills & Rec Social  3.00-4.45pm BYOC	10.30-1.00pm Mixer	12.30-2.45pm Men's Rec Social & Women's Competitive  3.00-4.45pm Beginners	12.30-2.45pm Mixer  3.00-4.30pm, BYOC  4.30-6.15pm BYOC	10.30-12.30pm Rec Social & Competitive
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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