



July Newsletter

The summer season has been extremely active with an increased interest in our club activities. We now have 145 members and people are signing up quickly for all our planned events. The friendly and inviting atmosphere, along with different levels of recreational and competitive choices continues to attract more members...a great atmosphere in a friendly pickleball community.

A shout out and a special thank you to **Donna Fujita** for including our club in the **Kerry Park Outdoor Pickleball Connection**. As administrator of the site, she has enabled us to post many last-minute updates and news items that are often time sensitive. What would we do without **Doug Goodwin**, the Keeper of Lost and Found! Thank you for saving us a bundle in replacement costs for items left behind and for your efforts to clear the courts of rain and debris.

Pickleball and Picnic in the Park

Back by popular demand, our Social Round Robin was such a hit with our members we are doing it again. So, grab your paddles and join us for a morning of Pickleball with a bag lunch afterwards in the park. Kerry Park is running several children's programs during the summer with space and kitchen very busy, so we will forgo the Bevv & Burger for another day.

We anticipate a fun get-together running 2 Round Robins with 16 eager players in each of two groups: the "**Kerryatric Pickleball Peeps**" and the "**Wishful Dinking Good at Dinking**". How can we leave those names behind! The groups will alternate with 10 minute games leaving time to chat in between. We should get in 4 or 5 rounds each.

Lunch: This time it will be a bring a picnic lunch and drink for yourself and if you wish, bring a share plate of your favorite appy. Please avoid cut up fruit as it acts as a magnet for wasps!! We may not be into wasp season yet, but it's best to be prepared!!!

Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.

Event Date: Tuesday, July 25, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration opens: Wednesday, July 19, 8:00 a.m.

Register: www.southcowichanpickleball.org click on EVENTS

NATIONAL PICKLEBALL DAY Saturday, August 12



The posters are out, and we are getting set to celebrate National Pickleball Day. SCPC members and non-members are welcomed and encouraged to sign up for the day's events. Several local businesses have generously donated prizes for the different events. Have some fun and you may be extra lucky. The names of all registrants will also be entered in a draw for a GRUVN pickleball paddle.

The **90 Minute Tournament** is now **full** but the Dinkathon and Lessons are still available for sign-ups.

Dinkathon

Who is the best dinker? Challenge yourself and friends at the **Dinkathon**. An entire game is played in the kitchen for 8 minutes and will take on a **King's Court** format. Players rotate until everyone has played with everyone else and faced every other player twice. Prizes will be selected by the three top players from our selection of \$50 gift certificates. So, start "thinkin dinkin"!

After the Dinkathon, there will be other fun events to challenge your skills and win prizes. Can you get the ball in the bucket, hit the pylon or land a shot in a hoola hoop? Find out and possibly win a prize. All this for just \$5.

Pickleball Lessons

Come learn how to play pickleball better with **Al Thomson**, certified instructor since 2017 and currently the Head Referee for Pickleball Canada. He and his partner, Kathy Thomson compete internationally at the 4.0 level and will help you raise your level of game in the beginners' class as well as the intermediate class. They will respond to the skills, needs, and wishes of the group for an hour and a half in each lesson. Al instructs weekly classes in

Arizona five months of the year to players almost at the 4.0 level. He will feed you balls individually to critique your skills and give you advice on how to improve your game.

How Do I Register for These Events:

Kerry Park Recreation is taking registrations where you can sign up online, in person or by phone.

1. Go to www.reccowichan.ca > Login. Click on the menu in the upper left of the screen (phone) > click on schedule> select an activity> Adult sports & activities> pickleball
 2. In person at Kerry Park Rec Centre: Office hours Mon. to Fri. 9 am – 5:30 pm, Sat. 9 am – 1 pm
Phone: 250-743-5922
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Clarification on SCPC Registration Lists---the “View”

The current registration process for Events allows for date and time of registration which only the administrator can see. The confusion arises, however, when the posted “view” shows all the registrants alphabetically, including those on the waitlist. If the event is full and you register after that, your name will show up on the “view” list in alphabetical order and **not** by date and time of registration. Anyone who registers when the event is already full, will receive an email stating that they have been added to the event waitlist.

Once registration is closed, the **confirmation list** will be posted on the event page.

We have contacted Pickleball Canada technical support to see if the public list could be shown by date and time, but that is not available at this time.

NEWS FLASH

We have just been given the OK by Kerry Park Recreation to reserve additional court time. This will allow us to provide additional events to meet the demand for scheduled activities.

We now have:

**8:00-noon available on Tuesday and Thursday,
9:00-1:00 p.m. on Saturday,
6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday.**

Along with these additional events, comes the need for **volunteer coordinators**. Contact any SCPC board member if you would like to volunteer to be a coordinator. Board members are: Laurie Vasey, Maureen and Colin Collister, Lynne Phillips, Linda Rush, Kathy Wilson, Shannon Oatway and Harold Borges.

What is provided to a coordinator?

- Guidance from a director as needed.
- A confirmation list of the registered members for that event with their emails.
- A set of Round Robin schedules.
- A set of outdoor SCPC pickleballs.

- 4 court reservation signs.
- ***A guaranteed entry into the event.

What do I need to do as an event coordinator?

- Print or write up a numbered list of the participants.
- Arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled event.
- Post the day's schedule, list of participants, and reservation signs.
- Check that all participants have arrived.
- If someone does not show up, either adjust the schedule or encourage other participants who are on a bye to fill in where needed.
- Post any last-minute changes on Kerry Park Pickleball Connection.

NEW "Friday Night Lightning Strike Tournaments!"

Thank you **Lynne Phillips** for coordinating this event.

Lightning Tournaments are proving to be one of our members' favourite events, so we are organizing more tournaments to happen on a weekly basis.



Another reason it's TGIF!

This Lightning Strike Tournament will run as a mixed doubles event with a twist. You will sign up as **individuals**, 8 men and 8 women. For the first game, the men will draw for a black choice of King, Queen, Jack, Joker. The women will draw for a red card of the same. The man and woman who drew the 2 Kings will partner and start in court 1, the 2 who drew Queens will start in court 2, and so on. After the first game, the winners in court 1 will stay and the losing team will move down to court 2. The winners from court 2 move up and the losing team moves down, and so on. For the second and following games, you will change partners once the court shift occurs. The man remaining in court 1 will partner with the woman who has moved up, and the winning woman from court 1 will partner with the man who moves up from court 2...

Games will be played to 15 points, win by 1 using rally points and rally serve.

Event Dates: Friday, July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25

Registration Opens: Monday, July 17 6:00pm for first date only (registration for following event dates will open on Sunday 8:00 a.m.)

Register: www.southcowichanpickleball.org click on EVENTS >Tournaments

NEW Come Play with Us

We encourage the 20 members who initially signed up as beginners, or others who are looking for a beginner pace, to meet on the courts and get comfortable with the game. We



sometimes feel intimidated when joining a new group and we wonder if we are good enough! Fear not!!! We all started as “newbies” at some point. Some of you may have a background in different racquet sports and will pick up the game quickly while others may need to move at a slower pace. Come on out, join the fun. We will start with a few basic skills and drills and then move into game play with the help of experienced club members.

Event dates: Thursday July 20th and 27th, 10:00-noon.

Registration opens: Monday July 17

Register: www.southcowichanpickleball.org Go to **Skill Development > Skills & Drills > Come Play with Us.**

NEW Round Robin Tuesday, 10:00-noon

We have added a second Round Robin to accommodate our many enthusiastic players and perhaps for those who are not “early risers”. This RR runs back-to-back with the current one.

NEW Ladder starting in August on Thursdays, 10:00-noon

This ladder will run back-to-back with our current ladder. Stay in touch for updates and registration information on our website.

NEW Mixed Doubles Round Robin, Saturdays 11:00 – 1 p.m.

We have added another RR to run back-to-back with the current one. We will set the registration limit in each RR to 8 teams with no byes.

NEW Lessons with Marty Stoner

“Competitive Doubles’ Strategy Play”

Event Date: Thursday, August 3, (choose either) 4:00-5:30 or 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Registration opens: Friday July 21 at noon

Register: www.southcowichanpickleball.org
Go to **Skill Development > Lessons**

Note: Those on the waitlist from Marty’s first lessons will be given the first opportunity to register



FYI, for your amusement, a Gallery page has been added to the website with photos of our members enjoying their favourite sport!



Enjoy the summer events.
"See you on the courts"