



## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

August has been a very busy and **HOT** month for our pickleball club. We started our year off with a membership of 46 and one organized Round Robin and have since grown to 177 members and 8 organized activities a week. Our call for additional co-ordinators or hosts was answered by **Lynne Phillips** taking on our Friday evening "Lightning Strikes Tournament", **Shannon Oatway** and **Harold Borges** looking after Saturday morning Mixed Doubles and **Corina Balcom** hosting a second Tuesday morning Round Robin. **Maggie and Roy Wanbon** and **Rand Granbois** have continued to keep our Tuesday and Thursday events running smoothly. A big thank you to them for stepping up which has enabled us to accommodate new events and to continue with existing ones.

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### National Pickleball Day

What a day it was! It was HOT in more ways than one: dinkathon and fun games followed by two highly competitive 90 Minute Tournaments, a line-judging session, and beginner/intermediate pickleball lessons. The set-up and tents provided by Kerry Park Recreation, the celebration cake, snacks and water station all created a very festive and friendly atmosphere. Over 120 eager pickleball players participated in the day's events. Several SCPC members stepped in to assist with set-up, games, photos, and to cheer on some amazing shots.

A huge **THANK YOU** to our 14 local sponsors who provided over \$1000.00 in prizes and gift certificates:

**Best Buy, Canadian Tire, Co-op, Country Grocer, Courtside Sports, Cowichan Valley Running, GRUVN, Home Depot, Island Water Store, Kerry Park Recreation, Real Canadian Superstore, Save on Foods, Sport Chek, Thrifty Foods.**

For a list and pictures of all the winners, please visit the Events page on our website > [link](#)



## **Annual General Meeting Burger and Bevv Social**

Time to celebrate a very active season with a fun social event!

As much as we needed rain in July, it arrived just prior to our Round Robin Social event and disrupted our plans. We will try again!

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 Drinking". With those names, you know we are planning a fun, non-stressful morning!!! The groups will alternate with 10-minute games leaving time to chat in between. We should get in 3 or 4 rounds each.

Following our Round Robin, we will head over to the **Kerry Park Recreation lounge**.

**We are planning our AGM from 11:30 to noon followed by our Burger & Bevv lunch.**

**Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in.**

In the event of rain, we will still hold our lunch and AGM. It's a great time to share stories, get to know your neighbors and to celebrate a great pickleball season.



**Event Date: Tuesday, September 19**

**Round Robin: 9:00 – 11:00 am.**

**AGM: 11:30am - 12pm at the Kerry Park Recreation lounge**

**Lunch to follow**

**Cost: \$21.25 (includes lunch and gratuity)**

**Register:** [southcowichanpickleball.org](https://southcowichanpickleball.org) click on EVENTS > Round Robins > Burger & Bevv Social

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### **Election of the Board of Directors at the AGM**

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for the Board of Directors is invited to fill out the Expression of Interest Form on our website or click on the link below:

[Expression of Interest Board of Directors](#)

## September Schedule

With cooler mornings and earlier dusk heading into September, we are adjusting our schedule. We have booked court time from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Check on EVENT times to confirm the new start times for Round Robins, Ladders, Tournaments.

[Event Calendar Link](#)



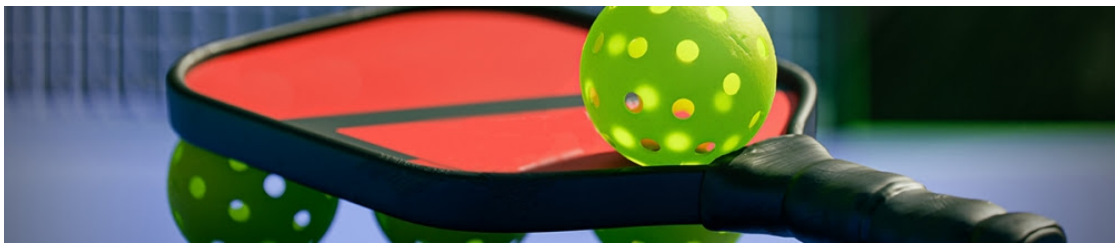
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## Lesson Survey

SCPC offered 3 pickleball lesson opportunities this year:

- **Scott Carruthers:** six 1 hour lessons over a 6 week period
- **Marty Stoner:** 1.5 hour lessons focussing on doubles play
- **Al & Kathy Thomson:** 1.5 hour lesson during National Pickleball Day for beginner/intermediate

**The club will be** sending a survey to lesson participants to help gauge interest in future lessons and to evaluate timing, costs, etc.



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