



Chilliwack Pickleball Club

December 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to the December 2023 Newsletter

HAPPY HOLIDAYS everyone!! Yes, it's December already and Christmas is less than a month away...yikes! Hoping everyone is getting into the festive spirit and maybe, if you've been good this year, Santa will even leave you a new paddle, bag, balls, or other fun pickleball paraphernalia under your tree!



Thursday, December 21st Christmas Potluck Extravaganza

Come and join us for some festive fun at our club's first annual Christmas Potluck Extravaganza! Random teams will be assigned, and have the opportunity to test out their pickling skills at our crazy fun pickleball stations! Team spirit and having fun are mandatory and you will have the opportunity to win some great prizes! Afterwards, come upstairs to enjoy some wonderful food and refreshments. It will be a great opportunity to mingle with your pickleball colleagues and meet some new club members that you might not already know. Please register on pickleball brackets (just scroll down until you see the Extravaganza listed on Dec. 21st) so that we have a good idea of how many will be attending. There is also a sign up sheet, on the board in the foyer of the Landing, where you can indicate what you might be bringing for the potluck. This is a great opportunity to relax, have fun, and enjoy the holiday season, so we hope to see you all there!





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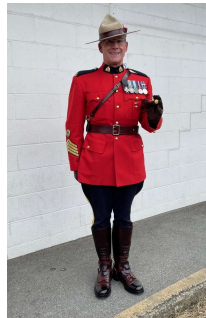
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A big welcome to all of our new members, especially to Betty March who is the Chilliwack Pickleball Club's **500th member**! As our 500th member Betty will be enjoying some free play credits from the CPC. Here are some interesting facts about our current 500 members, 227 are male, 273 are female, and our average age continues to come down and is now at 61.2 years old!



On a much more somber and sad note we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Debbie Deziel and family on the loss of her wonderful, loving husband Gilles. He was always happy to be on the court and enjoyed this game we all love. He was a kind, caring gentleman and will be greatly missed by his close friends and this club. Gone far too soon! Rest in Peace, Gilles.



Although we've been blessed with some outstanding weather the last few weeks, we are once again filling up quickly for daytime play sessions. As a result, we'd like to remind people to please be respectful of your hosts and fellow players, and make sure you are only signing up for sessions you are certain you will be attending. If you don't show up, not only does it cause more work for your host, but you've used up a spot that someone else may have loved to fill! (Of course, we realize emergencies arise, if this happens, please contact us soon as possible so we can make the needed changes). 'No shows' will continue to be charged 3 play credits, so please make sure you have made your final decision to play, or not, before the 2 hour cut off time that morning!! (Cut off for Skills and Drills is at 8pm the night before.)





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We all love to play this wonderful game (some of us...maybe too much?!?!?!?) and it's important that we make sure everyone can enjoy themselves. Here are a few other etiquette reminders that will help keep our club running smoothly:

- Please arrive on time and don't leave early (leaving you net mates stranded!)
- Make sure to call "Ball" loudly and quickly (safety first!!!)
- Call out the score clearly before each serve (it's the rule!)
- Please help with net cleanup before leaving (never 'pick up' the net, just slide it)

Thank you!!



Those who play
pickleball
are happier,
more intelligent,
and better-looking
than those
who don't;
according to a
study I made up.

The December play calendar is now up on our website, and you can also find a copy attached to end of this newsletter. Most of our weekday hours remain the same for this month, however there are some notable cancellations that the city has made for other events at the Landing. There will be **NO PLAY on December 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10, 17th, 24th and 25th**. As usual, we will continue to have our Rec/Social play, Competitive sessions, Beginners, Skills and Drills, Partner Drills, Men's/Women's Ladder Leagues, Half Courts Singles, and Mixers running again this month. We have also been able to add a few evening sessions this month. We will be running **Book Your Own Court** sessions on Dec. 7th (7:00-9:00), Dec. 20th (6:30 -9:30), and Dec. 22nd (3:00-5:30) and have been able to add a few **evening Mixer** sessions, Dec. 6th (7:00-9:30) Dec. 13th (6:30-9:00) and Dec. 21st (7:00-9:00).

We are also excited to have our **Team Event** running on **Monday, Dec. 11th** from 1:00 – 6:00. Come out and watch some of our club members battle it out on the courts, MLP style!!



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CHRISTMAS HAMPER FUNDRAISER

Our fundraising efforts continue this month for our Christmas Hamper program. So far, we have raised over \$1000, so a big THANK YOU goes out to those of you that have already contributed. As some of you know, this year we are supporting a blended family and are hoping to provide gifts, and supplies for a wonderful Christmas meal, for 3 adults and 8 children of various ages. We are hoping over the next few weeks you will continue to open your hearts (and wallets!) so that we can provide them with the help they need to have a wonderful Christmas and to get through, what for some families, is often a challenging time of year.

The donation box is located on the sign in table, so when you see it, please remember how fortunate we all are and give if you can. If you don't carry cash, you can also make your donation at pay@chillpb.com. (please make a note that it is for the Christmas Hampers). Thank you!

CPC Fall Tournament Prize Table Donations

Thanks again to Christina Garson who procured some wonderful prizes for our raffle table for last month's Fall Tournament. As a result, the club was able to donate a cheque for \$500 to the Chilliwack Senior's Society!





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Upcoming Play Events for 2024

CPC Winter Ladder League

Jan. 6th – Feb. 24th, 2024 (No games Feb. 3rd & 17th)

Saturday Mornings from 10:15- 12:15

Cost: Players will Fob in as usual (as per normal play) and also pay a one-of \$10.00 entry fee to go towards door prizes.

Register on Pickleball Brackets

General Information for Ladder Leagues

The format of play is designed so that players play mostly with others of similar skill levels therefore players will be seeded before commencement. Each week in each grouping the top two players in the group will move up and the bottom two players will move down.

Each week, players will be placed in groups of 4, 5 or 6 in the order of their ranking on the ladder for match play. You are expected to play every week unless you “Opt Out”. All players will play three or four doubles games in a round robin fashion with the other players in the group. At the start of the game, players will decide who starts serving first and choice of side.

After your games have been played, players record their scores on the score sheet and the ladder captain will then enter them into the pickleball brackets program.

Scores will not affect your club ratings unless a grouping decides that they would like their scores recorded. All players in the group must be in agreeance and be within .5 in skill level.

NB: Fall Ladder League winners will be determined by most wins. In the event of a tie then it will go to point differential.

Winter Ladder League’s winner will be determined by the player who finishes at the top of the ladder.

CPC January Team Challenge

Monday, Jan. 8th, 2024

Winning Team receives \$100 each Player

Maximum 4 Teams consisting of 2 Men & 2 Women.

Each teams total combined club rating must be between 10.00 & 12.00 and there cannot be more than a 1 point differential between the highest and lowest rated player.

Only the Captain needs to register their team. In the event a sub is needed it will be the captain’s responsibility to find a sub who qualifies under the above rated guideline.



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Where: The Landing

Time: 1.00pm-6.00pm

Cost \$100 per team plus each member will be required to fob in.

Registration Deadline:- [Jan 7th, 2024](#)

Click to register your team :- [Jan Team Event](#)

Mixed Winter Ladder League Information

Starting: Mon. Jan 15th and run for 11 weeks until Mar 25th. Time, 3.30-6.30pm.

Cost: Normal fob in every week.

Who can play? The league is open to all members of all levels, and you will need to have your own mixed partner. The aim is for all teams to enjoy playing pickleball with other teams of a similar skill level.

Do teams need to attend all 11 weeks?

No, teams do not have to commit to playing all 11 weeks but there will be a 1 place ranking penalty for missed weeks. Teams can also start mid session but will incur the 1 spot penalty for each week they missed.

How does the ladder work?

- You must have a partner as this ladder is set doubles.
- Teams will be placed in groups of 4-5 with other teams closest to them in ranking.
- Format is a round robin. Groups of 4 will play games to 15 win by 2. Groups of 5 will play games to 11 win by 2. One 1min timeout per team per game.
- After play is finished, the team's scores are entered. The rankings are recalibrated for the next week and the top team of the group will move up and the bottom team will move down.
- If a team misses a week, then they will incur a 1 spot penalty.
- After the 11 weeks are complete there will be a prize awarded to the top team.
- If you require a sub, then that player may not have a higher club rating than the player they are subbing for.

How do I register?

- Both team members need to register on Pickleball Brackets on the Mixed Doubles League. You must do this before you will see it listed under your "My Schedule". If you are having problems, please contact Carol at treasurer@chillpb.com.
- You must OPT IN on Pickleball Brackets one week in advance up to 2hrs before play commences.



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- If you cannot play then you must OPT OUT 2hrs before play commences. It is very important to arrive on time so not to delay play.

What happens when the round robin is finished?

Teams may continue playing socially and mixing with other teams one court up or down. Please be considerate of all players and do not leave your court short of players.

Lastly have fun and see you on the courts!

Carol Hart, Event Organiser

CPC Winter Tournament

Feb 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2024

Format: Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles, Round Robin - Skill Levels:-

2.0 & under (Any Age)

2.5 (Any Age & 50yrs & Over)

3.00 (Any Age & 50yrs and over)

3.5 (Any Age & 50yrs & Over)

4.0 - 4.5 (Men Any Age & 50yrs and Over - Women Any Age Only)

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$50.00 plus \$15.00 per event. (Chilliwack Club Members cost is \$40.00 for registration and \$15.00 per event).

Late Registration after **Jan 8th**, 1.00am: \$60.00 and \$50 for club members.

NOTE: All Registration thru Pickleball Brackets. Players must be at least 12yrs of age.

Tournament Volunteers Needed! As you know, tournaments can not run without the help of many, many volunteers. (Many hands make light work!) We will once again be looking to our wonderful membership to step up and help us provide another outstanding tournament. If you will be available to help out during the tournament weekend (Feb. 2nd, 3rd & 4th) please keep your eyes open for a volunteer sign-up sheet that will be posted in the foyer early in January.

Other important information

Membership Renewal:

Players will be required to renew their club membership for the upcoming New Year. This can be done on www.chillpb.com anytime after **Dec 1st**. Your registration of \$55.00 will also include your Pickleball Canada and Pickleball BC membership fees. The access code is: pickle



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Play Credit Increases

Remember that our playing fees will be going up as of January 1st, so you might want to stock up on some play credits this month!

Current prices: \$30.00 - 10 Play Credits
\$42.00 - 14 Play Credits one free - total 15 credits
\$69.00 - 23 Play Credits two free - total 25 credits

Prices commencing Jan 1st, 2024: \$50.00 - 10 Play Credits
\$75.00 - 17 Play Credits
\$125.00 - 30 Play Credits

Members can e-transfer an amount to pay@chillpb.com
Play Credits will be credited to your account. E-transfer is setup with your bank
and pay@chillpb.com is where the transfer is sent.

Lost and Found

We have many items of clothing and water bottles piling up in our lost and found. Please have a quick look through the lost and found containers that your host will put out in the lobby for the next couple of weeks. (If it's not out, please ask your host, we may have just forgotten!). Any items remaining unclaimed after Dec. 15th, will be donated to charity.





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Club Sponsor Program

Last month we were happy to host some staff from Chilliwack Ford, one of our club sponsors, to a team building evening. Melanie and her coworkers joined Lyle and myself at Topspin for an introduction to pickleball and some fun game time!




We would also like to wish all our club sponsors **Happy Holidays** this season and thank them for their continued support. While you're out doing your Christmas shopping over the next few weeks, please don't forget to check them out! Whether you are looking for gift certificates at businesses that can provide great service, or looking for some fabulous gift ideas, you can find them at our local sponsors! (Also, if you are looking for information on how to become a sponsor or know of a local business that may want to join our team, please contact our Vice-President, Ray Hart.)



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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Cancelled	Xmas	12.30-3.00pm Mixer	10.30-1.00pm Recreational Play	12.30-3.00pm Skills & Drills & Recreational	12.30-3.00pm Competitive & Recreational Play	9.30-12.00pm Mixer

