



Chilliwack Pickleball Club

February 2024



Welcome to our February newsletter. Isn't it great to see the days getting longer!! We've been lucky with our weather and are keeping our fingers crossed that we can cruise through the remainder of our winter season and into Spring -like conditions as soon as possible! **We'd like to take this opportunity to once again welcome all of our new club members!!** The sport of pickleball continues to grow in leaps and bounds, and many of the folks that participate in Lyle's wonderful orientation sessions are eager to join our wonderful club! Thanks Lyle, for all your hard work in continuing to help our membership grow!

As usual, I will try and cover off some of the exciting things that have been happening in our club over the last month or so, and give you some info about what's coming up:

General housekeeping information

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your membership fees for 2024. You will pay your club membership fee, your Pickleball BC and Canada membership fee directly thru the PCNS website. If you are a new member who joined the club after [Oct 1st, 2023](#) you will have already paid your Pickleball Canada and Pickleball BC dues for 2024 and will only have to pay your \$40 club membership fees. (Directions can be found on our website: [Chillpb.com](#))

Play Credit Information:

You have to be a Club member to purchase Play Credits for the Sports Landing. There are several rates to purchase:

\$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. Our bank uses Autodeposit so no password is needed. If your bank requires a password use the word Pickleball.

We are making an effort to reduce the amount of cash that the Club has to deal with. However, you can still bring cash or cheques to the check-in table. We realize that for some people e-transfer is not an option.

IMPORTANT: MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE INDICATING IN THE 'MEMO' SECTION OF YOUR E-TRANSFER THE NAME OF THE PLAYER (OR PLAYERS) THAT YOU ARE PURCHASING PLAY CREDITS FOR, AND HOW MUCH SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO EACH (IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE).

NB: Playing Credits are Non-Transferable and Non-Refundable



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CPC Winter Tournament

As many of you know, our club ran another successful winter tournament on the first weekend of February. A big thank you goes out to our hard-working tournament director, Carol Hart, without whose leadership and dedication these tournaments would not exist! Below you'll find her letter regarding this year's tournament:

Well, I'm so happy and relieved to say we had another very successful tournament. With 316 players attending from not only the Fraser Valley but also from the Lower Mainland, The island, Okanagan and Washington State. We had three long days of competition with over 600 games being played, lots of food, medal ceremonies and door prizes. We made \$1081 from the sale of raffle tickets which will be donated to the Chilliwack Hospice Society.

Of course, all of this would not be possible without our amazing volunteers. So, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for giving your time to help make our tournament the best. We receive a ton of compliments from players who love coming to play in Chilliwack. Thank you.

I also want to extend an extra special thank you to the team who give so much of their time to help me make this even possible.

Lyle Simpson – Our charismatic MC who announces all the games, awards the medals, takes photographs and posts on social media which is a huge time-consuming job!!!

Raymond Hart – For making sure all the court monitors are in place and keeping things running smoothly down on the courts.

Sue Johnstone & Bunny Duffy – For heading up the food, keeping everyone fed and ,therefore, content and happy. (No other tournament offers feeds their players like we do!!!!).

Gerry Rostek – For setting up the monitors and displaying the pools and games etc. so that players can stay informed and up to date with the playing formats etc.

Betty Meiszner – For not only manually keeping track of scores (in case the computers go down) but for making and supplying our lovely centerpieces.

Linda Huffman – For helping with registration, manual score keeping and being a friendly welcoming face.

Kathy Isaac – For helping me with the computers, displaying and organizing the door prizes, and organizing the volunteers.

Sheila Armstrong – For putting together all our wonderful and amazing door prizes.

Tim Alsop & Ed Nicholl – For being on hand all 3 days to do what was needed, setup, take-down, and to help the entire event run more efficiently.

Ray Dear – For helping me on the computers and entering scores.

Our next Spring Tournament is scheduled for May 18th-20th so mark your calendars.

Carol Hart
Tournament Director



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Volunteer Organizer 'Thank you's!!

As the Volunteer Organizer for this tournament, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the wonderful club members that came out and gave us their valuable time, in order for us to run this tournament so successfully!! We needed lots of help with court monitoring, the greeter table, the prize table (Eleanor....you are a rockstar!!!) and with the food area. Big "thank you"s go out to the following:

Lorrie Dicke	Janet Erwood	Nancy Cameron	Angelika Stephan
MaryAnn Musket	Lowell Ritchie	David Toews	Tracey Jones
Joyce Van Delft	Diane Ellis	Diane Manuel	John Campbell
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Sue King	Yvonne Snow	Mary Krusnaryk	

(Please forgive me if I missed anyone or misspelled any names!!!, and also thank you to those of you that checked in with me to see if there was anything else you could help with! We have a lot of great people in our club!!)

Congratulations!!!

Not only did we have great success running the tournament, but many of our members had great success down on the courts as well!!!





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Missing Photos:

Mixed Doubles 2.5 (50+) Sue & Shawn Iverson -GOLD

Charmaine Fernandez & Wayne Desjardins -BRONZE

Mixed Doubles 3.0 (50+) Julie Fredette & Glen Marcotte -GOLD

Congratulations to all our medalists, but also to all those members who participated and played in our tournament! Of course, it's nice to win, but tournaments are all about showing up, doing your best and having fun!



Our next tournament is tentatively scheduled for the May Long weekend, so keep posted for final confirmation and upcoming registration dates.



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Merchandise/Paddle table

Just a reminder that on Mondays we have the Member's merchandise table available. On Mondays the table will be open for any of our members to display any pickleball related items that they may have for sale. For example, a slightly used paddle, court shoes that are newer but don't really work for you, or other items you have acquired that are in good condition, but you no longer require.

There are a few rules regarding putting items out for sale:

1. Items must be pickleball related
2. You must put out your product when you arrive, and take it back with you when you leave that day
3. Items must be clearly marked with the price, your name, and phone number so that you can be contacted. (People will be able to connect with you at the end of play when you are coming back to the table to collect your items)

Tuesday to Saturdays we will continue to have our demo paddles out, as well as the club's selection of new paddles for purchase. On these days the table will only be displaying paddles being sold by the club, and there will be some demo paddles still available for sign-out if you want to try them out. In order to purchase any of the products being displayed by the club, please inform your host for that day and they will be able to help you or have Ray Hart or Dave Barham, who are in charge of our paddle inventory, secure a paddle for you to purchase. Please note that new paddles, or paddles not marked as Demo, can only be tried out by hitting a ball against the wall, but are not to be taken out on the court and used during game play. (We have secured some new paddles, at some really great discounted prices, and unfortunately do not have Demo paddles available to try out).

Session Play:

LADDER LEAGUES: We are currently wrapping up our Saturday Mixed Ladder session. This upcoming Saturday will be our last day of play in this league and play will be followed by a coffee social upstairs at the Landing (12:15- 2:00), so that we can celebrate winners and hand out prizes and gifts.

Play will also be continuing for our Ladies, Men's, and Fixed Mixed Doubles Ladder leagues, which will run until the end of March (Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.) Lots of fun and great play is being enjoyed by participants and if you missed out on signing up this time around, make sure to stay tuned for info on ladder sessions that may be held in the future.



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SKILLS & DRILLS: Our Tuesday Skills & Drills sessions continue to be popular and fill up quickly. Remember that sign up is open from 6pm on Tuesdays of the week before the session, and then locked at 6pm of the Monday night before, so that we can make sure the proper number of instructors are available.



A great crew at Skills and Drills working hard to learn and practice new skills in order to improve their games! Thank you to all of our instructors as well.

BEGINNER'S SESSIONS: On Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00 (and for the next few Fridays from 3:15-5:15), we will continue to offer our beginner's sessions. For those of you that are new to our club, it's a time where you can come and explore the game and get to meet, and play with, some others that are newer to the game. One of our hosts will be there to help you with any questions you might have, and help to make sure everyone is getting playing time and enjoying themselves.



Along with these special leagues, this month we will continue to have our more regular sessions of rec, competitive, mixer, partner drills and book your own court sessions. Once again, we would kindly ask that you make sure not to book into sessions and then not show up. Not only does this cost you 3 play credits, but it takes a spot away from another member that may have wanted to play that day, but couldn't get in, thank you.



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We are still finalizing some play times with the City for our upcoming March play sessions, so our March 2024 play calendar is not ready for publication at time of this newsletter's release. We will be posting our new March calendar on our club's website, as soon as possible, and will have a copy posted in the lobby of the Landing as soon as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience.

Sponsors

Once again, we would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support this year and welcome some that have come on board for 2024! Make sure to check them out when you are looking for products or services in our community.




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We would also like to welcome **Fusion Physio** as one of our new sponsors this month!
(images to follow as soon as available)



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That's it for this month's updates! See you at the club!



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