

November newsletter

November Schedule: Please note that we will not have access to Elijah Smith gym on November 24, or to Takhini gym on November 11.

January 6 tournament: We are booking the CGC flexihall on Saturday, January 6 from 9 am to 4 pm for a tournament to start off 2024. So, save the date. We have been able to secure 4 courts. Although many of the details are not finalized, we are looking at having two tournaments: an "Open" from 9 to 12:30, and an "Intermediate" from 12:30 to 4 pm, with 20 players in each tourney. To play you will need to be a YPA member. In other words, **you will need a 2024 YPA membership.** You will be able to register (\$15) on our webpage, once it is set up, probably in early December. More details to follow.

Membership/Passes: You should receive a reminder around December 1 that it is time to renew your PCO/YPA membership (\$25). If you wish to play indoors this winter and spring at Elijah Smith or Takhini you will also need to purchase the 2024 Takhini/E Smith winter/spring pass (\$20), which can be done at our webpage.

Facilitated Round Robins: We have initiated a Sunday facilitated round robin for novices in the 1:15-3 pm period on Sundays. We will continue facilitated round robins for intermediate players in the 2-4 pm period on Saturdays. Due to the popularity of the Saturday round robins, if you sign up on one Saturday we ask you to delay signing up for the following Saturday to allow others a chance to sign up. If, by the following Friday there still is space available you are welcome to add your name.

Court Etiquette: Stray balls are inevitable. If a stray ball comes on your court, you should: 1. call "ball", 2. Stop play, 3. Pick up the ball, 4. look around to see who has their hand up, and 5. hit the ball towards that person. You should not mindlessly kick the ball or slap the ball away from your court.

Why does YPA not offer drop-in play? Drop-in play is offered at the CGC, at least **twice every day**, including 2 evenings a week (Sundays, Tuesdays) as well as early mornings (Sunday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday). YPA has only 12 hours of gym time and schedules the time to try to offer our members a variety of programs different than what is available at the CGG. We encourage players who enjoy drop-in to take advantage of the daily opportunities at the CGC in addition to the programs YPA offers.

Round Robins versus Drop-ins: Round robins are not drop-ins. For the round robins to work well players need to be punctual and intend to play for the duration. Please do not show up late. Showing up about 10 minutes early is perfect. But there is no need to show up more than 10 minutes beforehand. Showing up at an appropriate time will minimize disruptions.

Getting into the school:

- At Elijah Smith: There is no doorbell. Someone will check the door periodically between 4:50 and 5 pm for players waiting to get in.
- At Takhini: If nobody is in the lobby, ring the doorbell situated between the front doors to alert players in the gym.