

## April 2024 Newsletter



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The YPA Board is excited to welcome our new Board members; joining the Board are: Francine Thivierge, Jayme Curtis, Peter Idoko and Doug Harris. As our membership continues to grow, we are developing more programs and seeking more locations to play. With more Board members- we can do more programming!

In addition to our regular weekend programming at Takhini and Elijah Smith, we have several upcoming events! **Further details will be coming but for now SAVE THE DATES!!!!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 1. May 10 (Elijah Smith), May 11-12 (Takhini) Brooke Siver- Player Rating

##### Assessments

All 40 spots have been filled. Jayme is working on the schedule and will advise you of the date/time of your assessment. We will also send out a rating assessment guide to give you an idea of what and how you will be assessed.

#### 2. Friday May 31, Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 2- Mark Renneson -Clinics

Yes! YPA is thrilled to announce that Mark Renneson is returning to Whitehorse May 31- June 2 to instruct a series of clinics for our members as well as another Level 1 Pickleball Instructor Certification. Mark is the HEAD of Pickleball Coach Education in Canada and has established himself as a pickleball coaching expert. Mark teaches the game in a fun, thoughtful and practical way We will send out more details in the next couple of weeks including procedures for signing up! Here is what is planned:

**DATE: Friday May 31** Team Yukon pickleball for Canada 55+ Games (27 players)

WHERE: Canada Games Centre

WHEN: between 5 pm and 9 pm – more details will be sent to players to sign-up

**DATE: Saturday June 1** Level 1 Instructor training *One spot remaining!*

WHERE: Takhini School

WHEN: 8 am- 4 pm

*This training requires pre-registration.*

*Email Brenda for complete details on the course requirements and costs. (brendadion1@gmail.com)*

**DATE: Sunday June 2** 4 skill clinics (each 1 hour 45 minutes -details coming)

WHERE: Takhini school

WHEN: between 8 am – 4 pm

COST: approx. \$56 per clinic/per participant

SIGN UP: registration will be on-line via Third Shot Sports

Clinic details will be sent to ALL YPA members along with a link to reserve your spot!!

### **3. Friday June 21 Summer Solstice Social – Mt Mc Courts**

How crazy would it be to play pickleball outside at midnight on summer solstice!! Really crazy! Well, this year we will have the opportunity to try! Plans are only in the beginning stages and we would like to make this a very fun social event. If you are interested in begin part of the planning committee- let Brenda know.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION UPDATES!**

### **4. INDOOR PLAY at ELIJAH SMITH & TAKHINI SCHOOLS**

Indoor play will continue into May until we are able to start playing outside. We may have a week or two of overlap programming (indoor and outdoor). Check the website for the calendar schedule.

### **5. SUMMER PROGRAMMING**

#### **i. OUTDOOR PLAY at MT MC TENNIS COURTS**

We are excited to announce that in addition to the regular 7 mornings a week (from 8 am- 1 pm) at the Mt Mc tennis courts, we have also been given both Friday and Sunday evenings starting at 5 pm. This will allow us to schedule evening programming and provide more opportunities for our working members to play!

#### **ii. INDOOR PLAY AT ASSIGNED SCHOOL**

We have submitted a request for two evenings a week (5-9 pm) at Ecole Emile Tremblay from June 25 to August 8. If successful, this may allow us to run weekly drill sessions with the ball machine. Stay tuned.

### **6. EARLY MAY- PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL**

For several years, the YPA Board has been researching the possibility of building dedicated pickleball courts. We are ready to put our request for a suitable site before the City of Whitehorse Council. YPA will ask for a show of support from our membership, and you can do this by attending the presentation. We will let you know when the date has been confirmed.