



WELCOME: It's official... you are one of us now!

My name is **Linda Rush**. As President/Chair and on behalf of the entire "Board" I am delighted to welcome all the newcomers and the many who renewed in our South Cowichan Pickleball Club. As an active member of our club, you will now be able to make a worthwhile social difference in your South Cowichan community by promoting exercise and fun. Now that is something to celebrate. Mark your calendar. We will be in touch throughout the season with information on various opportunities such as tournaments, ladders, open play and just downright fun. Your membership comes with many benefits you will be thrilled about. We truly could not do this without you. Please visit our website southcowichanpickleball.org for all updates and events. Again, WELCOME to our world of Pickleball!

Updates Tom Lawrence, Vice Chairman

In our meetings with the CVRD, we have established program times for the upcoming season beginning May 1st. We have the pads poured for the porta potties as well as for an upcoming shed. The gate latches are repaired, and crack repairs will be looked at. We will also be getting new benches. We have secured the dates for our PADS charity fundraiser on Saturday, April 20 as well as National Pickleball Day on Saturday, August 10. More details will follow on our website. Looking forward to another great season of the South Cowichan Pickleball Club.

South Cowichan Pickleball Club Financials

Hello, my name is **Loretta**, I oversee the club Financials. There are already 124 members signed up this year and more are signing up each day. We currently have just over \$6,000 in our account which will be used to rent the courts for the many planned activities, to purchase pickleballs and for other Club expenses.

We will be doing a variety of fundraising activities to finance a shed to be installed on site. We will be getting rollers, squeegees, brooms, etc. to maintain the courts.

See you on the courts!



Events Planned for the Season:

Maureen Collister, Communications/Secretary

We will continue with the schedule established last year with a change to the Tuesday morning Round Robin events. Based on the year end survey, members expressed an interest in leveled play. Current members self-rated their levels as follows: 10 beginners, 23 at 3.0, 36 at 3.25, 42 at 3.50 and 13 at 3.75+. Choose the level where you feel comfortable when signing up for the Tuesday Round Robins.

- **Tuesdays:** Round Robin (beginner--3.25) 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Round Robin (3.50 & up) 11:00-1:00 p.m.
- **Wednesdays:** Men's Round Robin (2 courts) 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Women's Round robin (2 courts) 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Thursdays:** Lightning Strikes Tournament 9:00-11:00 a.m.
(first Thursday of each month)
Ladder (3-week commitment) 9:00-12:00 noon
Come Play with Us 12 noon-1:00 p.m.
- **Fridays:** King's Court 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Saturdays:** Mixed Doubles Round Robin 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Doubles Round Robin 11:00-1:00 p.m.

Registration:

This year we will attempt a weekly registration for our regular scheduled events. Events for the following week will be posted with links to sign up. Sign-up will open for those events on Sundays at noon. For example, registration will **open** at noon on Sunday May 5th for any event during the week of May 12 -18th. Go to our website, click on the EVENT tab and click on WEEKLY EVENTS.

Are you ready? Sign-up opens at noon on Sunday, April 21 for our first week of play

HELP!!! I am interested in some of the events but I don't know what's involved!

Go to the **EVENT** tab for an explanation of what is involved in each activity: Round Robin, Lightning Tournament, Ladder, Mixed Doubles/Doubles Round Robin, King's Court, Come Play with Us.

PADDLES for PADS...An early welcome back charity event

SIGN UP NOW

We are planning our first charity event as part of a Welcome Back Day of activity. You have likely received information about **PADS** (Pacific Assistance Dogs Society) through Pickleball BC newsletters. To recap, What is PADS: pads.ca

“We breed, raise and train fully certified assistance dogs. Our service (mobility and PTSD) and hearing dogs provide life-changing independence to those with disabilities...”

Knowing that so many of our members enjoy the companionship of their pet dogs, we felt it was a cause that our club would support. This is a province-wide event involving many BC clubs and is supported through Pickleball BC.

“Our objective is a lot of people playing pickleball on April 20 – enjoying themselves in a light competitive mode, socializing with others they may not have seen for a while and gaining a higher level of respect for various service dogs, in particular those provided through the PADS organization.”



We are setting up 3 events for Saturday, April 20

- 10:00-12 noon: Round Robin open
- 12:00-2:00 p.m. King's Court
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Mixed Doubles Round Robin

When signing up, there will be a **\$5 registration fee** and **DONATE buttons**. As PADS is a registered society, your donation amounts will net you a CRA Tax receipt. You are encouraged to donate even if you are unable to attend! We hope for good weather, but if needed, we have access to the indoor courts in the Kerry Park curling area but only from 12 noon onward.

Date: Saturday, April 20

To register, go to our website: southcowichanpickleball.org

Go to **EVENTS** > click on **PADDLES for PADS**

Let's make it a **"Dogs' Day"** morning and afternoon.