

July Newsletter and Fall Programs

There are several items in this newsletter. By mentioning fall programs I'm hoping that members will take the effort to read the newsletter.

1. Shoe tags for Mt. Mc. We want all Mt. Mc. pass holders to wear a shoe tag. These are now available from board members. Over the next week we will be at Mt. Mc. to distribute the tags. We now have 95 pickleball pass holders and at least 3 tennis pass holders who also play pickleball.

2. Registering to play at Mt. Mc. Now that interest in playing outdoors has increased, and now that we often have reasonable temperatures by 9 am the board has decided to re-establish a "registration open" time. Starting this Sunday, you may register for the following week anytime after 4 pm, Sunday. This procedure will repeat weekly. As well, if you book a 9-11 am court, please do not book a 11am to 1 pm court on the same day. If, at 11 am there is still space available, you are welcome to play in the second time slot as well.

3. Fall Offerings This fall we have significantly expanded the number of hours of indoor court times, with offerings 7 days a week, a total of 23 hours x 3 courts = 69 court bookings.

Sundays: 8 am-3 pm (Takhini)

Mondays: 6-8 pm (Hidden Valley)

Tuesdays: 8 pm-10 pm (University)

Wednesdays: 6-8 pm (Hidden Valley)

Thursdays: 8 pm-10 pm (University)

Fridays: 5-9 pm (Elijah Smith)

Saturdays: 2-6 pm (Takhini)

We wish to provide a variety of programming, given that we have a diverse membership, with diverse interests. We would like to know your priorities. We will send out a "Survey Monkey" survey seeking your input. We expect to offer: a ladder league using Pickleball Brackets, facilitated round robins, open round robins, and skills clinics.

4. Fall Pass Given the expanded offerings and given that we need to rent the university gym, the board has decided to increase the fall pass to \$40. This pass will allow players to access any of the court times shown above.

5. Ball Machine Even though the ball machine has had little use, it appears that the battery needs to be replaced. We are looking at options: a replaced internal battery, an external battery, or an A/C plug-in option. We are waiting for more information.

6. Yukon Championship Tournament Now that we are recognized as the Sport Governing Body for Pickleball in the Territory we are required to host an annual tournament. A date has not been set, but will be sometime in the fall, probably at Takhini School

7. Sport Foundation Grant We have received a Sport Foundation Grant of \$13,000 from the Yukon Government Sport and Recreation Branch for 2024-25. This grant provides funds for Athlete Development, Leadership Development, and Special Projects/Community Development.