



## November 2024 Newsletter

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

With October having come and gone, the Snowbirds have started their annual migration south.

While they enjoy the warmer, drier weather south of the border, the CVPA members in the valley are looking to squeeze in whatever outdoor dry days there are while starting to move indoors into the gyms, schools and halls that are available.

Remember to look at the CVPA website to locate the places and times available for indoor play over the winter.

We had a successful and enjoyable AGM in October and in addition to reviewing other agenda items there was a new Board of Directors elected for the coming year. Thank you to all that attended. At the latest CVPA Board meeting the Board voted on and appointed the Directors to the following positions:

- Rod Hamilton – President
- Glynnis Freeman – Vice President
- Ron Dumbarton – Treasurer
- Donna Turner - Secretary
- Jane Kolmatycki - Social
- Todd Southen
- Russ Portigal - Website
- Allan Hughes – Communications
- Rick Folk – Past President

Welcome to the new board, in particular, Glynnis, Todd and Allan who are serving for the first time.

As I prepare to head to a warmer climate over the winter, I look forward to a great year ahead and hopefully some encouraging movement on building new courts in the valley.

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## **SCHEDULED PLAY REPORT**

The outdoor courts are full to overflowing most afternoons. The protocols posted by the Town of Comox at the Rotary Highland Courts must be adhered to by all players. Please be courteous and respectful of others as we try to share what limited facilities we currently have. Just as a reminder - when there are players waiting to play, all players are asked to vacate their court at the end of their game (or after 15 minutes), put their paddles in the queue and wait their turn as courts become vacant. This system is one of respect, inclusivity and.....well, it's the Canadian way!!!! If you have been on the court for longer than your allotted time and are approached by other players to leave the court, please be considerate - do NOT finish your game - simply go off the court and put your paddle in the queue. If everyone uses this same system, the wait times will be short and all players will enjoy their games & experience equally.

**Beginners** - there is a dedicated time being organized for beginners at the Rotary Highland Courts this fall/winter on Sunday mornings from 9:00am - 11:00am. Anyone wishing to join this enthusiastic group will be made to feel more than welcome.

**For indoor play Cumberland** - please note that effective Wednesday, October 9th, the Wednesday and Friday afternoon time slots (12:30pm - 2:30pm) at the Cumberland Hall will be open to players of all levels, including beginners. "Ladders" will be run during these times so that all players are made to feel welcome and included. The Friday "dink and drink" will move to this venue and everyone is welcomed to join.

**19 Wing Comox** is changing their entry process for pickleball effective 20 October, 2024 - "19 Wing Recreation Dept will be offering participants the opportunity to register and pay for the full 10 week session. This will enable you to swipe/show your pass to avoid the lineups at the counter."

If you will be participating in pickleball at the base this fall/winter please email E-mail [kisa.daniels@forces.gc.ca](mailto:kisa.daniels@forces.gc.ca).

If you do not wish to purchase a 10 week pass, please arrive at least 30 minutes ahead of time to make sure all the paperwork is complete.

For any further information on any of the above or if you have questions, concerns, comments or ideas please feel free to contact the CVPA at [cvpa2015@gmail.com](mailto:cvpa2015@gmail.com)

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## **FACILITIES REPORT**

It's raining cats & dogs outside.....or better yet, there is 4" of snow on the ground (well, okay maybe that's not "better"). BUT - you can't play pickleball outside! OH NO!!! However, we have a solution for you (ok, maybe not yet but hopefully soon!). :You can head to the CVPA brand new indoor facility and play to your heart's content in the warmth and comfort of.....a brand new indoor facility!

The Facilities Committee has been working on your behalf to find a suitable location, fantastic design and achievable funding for this amazing new facility. We have visited dozens of sites and for a plethora of reasons have eliminated dozens of sites. Giving up on this vision is not an option so we continue to talk to politicians, municipal staff, private enterprise, real estate agents and anyone else we can think of that would help us reach our goal. There are still a few location options on the table that we are pursuing. We have narrowed down the building options that will work for our needs and a list of funding opportunities has been drawn up. So, as you can see, as soon as a location is identified we will be ready to put shovels in the ground and get on with this much needed and anticipated project. So stay tuned - the next announcement might just be a really, really big announcement!

If you would like to join our committee of dedicated, driven and enthusiastic volunteers please send a note to [cvpa2015@gmail.com](mailto:cvpa2015@gmail.com) and we will absolutely get back to you right away - as in RIGHT AWAY!

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

### **Renewing your membership**

This is just a gentle reminder that you can renew your 2025 CVPA membership right now. How exciting is THAT! Well, okay, not that exciting. Please remember to renew your old membership under your PCO membership number. By renewing right now (or before 01 January, 2025) you get the low discounted price of \$32.63.

Pickleball BC is raising their fee by \$2.50 + tax so you will save enough to go out for a cup of Joe (well maybe half a cup of Joe). Log onto the PCO website and complete the fill in form - as simple as that!

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/register/comox-valley-pickleball-association/1059/>

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## **MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS**

Our current membership stands at a proud 705 players! That is up 19.29% over our membership this time last year. There are 372 female members and 333 male members with an average age of 64 years old.

Bud is still our oldest member at 94 years young- way to go Bud!!!! Happy Birthday on 04 December.



### **Membership numbers based on level of play - as requested at the AGM**

Advanced - 138

Intermediate - 460

Beginner - 107

## **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

Club Members can now purchase some CVPA clothing items online from our newly created sales site. We are using the Pickleball Canada registration format for secure shopping and this will add a small service fee to your order. A link to the site is located on the CVPA website and our FaceBook Page.

Items available for purchase are the shirt styles sold this past summer, a ball cap and for the cooler weather, men's and lady's vests, a hooded sweatshirt and a zip-up hooded sweatshirt.

Orders will be tabulated and placed near the end of each month. If you are wanting to get a better idea about each item, you can drop by Aero Art in Comox and see samples there. If there are any questions, please contact Jane at [kolmatycki@shaw.ca](mailto:kolmatycki@shaw.ca)

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/register/cvpa-store/37940/>

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## **2024 CVPA CHRISTMAS FUN DAY and POTLUCK DINNER**

'Tis the season to book your holiday events and what better place to start than signing up for an afternoon of fun Pickleball and an evening of socializing with Pickleball friends.

Date: December 19th, 2024

Location: Comox Community Centre - Noel Ave. Comox.

Time: All levels Play Noon to 4:00 - Come play for the whole time or drop in whenever you like

Potluck Dinner - 5 - 8:30 - Doors open at 4:30

Cost: \$20 plus a Potluck Item to feed 8. We are also collecting non-perishable items for the Comox Valley Food Bank

Registration is on line - link to registration can be found on the CVPA Website.

During the event, snacks are offered during the all-levels play, and we will be having a 50/50 draw and draws for several door prizes during the dinner.. If you would like to contribute to the door prizes with a home-made or newly purchased craft item, bottle of wine, or other new gift, please let us know. Want to offer some entertainment, showcase a musical number, perform a skit....let us know, we would love to enjoy your talent. Any questions, door-prize offers, etc, please contact Jane at [kolmatycki@shaw.ca](mailto:kolmatycki@shaw.ca)

## **GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITY**

Thank you to the members who have taken it upon themselves and countless hours away from playing pickleball to organise, create and fundraise for a basic necessity.

Darlene Nelson organized a Food Bank Fundraiser at Martin and Highland Park. So far, she has collected 60 bags filled with groceries and has received 310\$ in donations.

Liz Robb has donated her labour and supplies and created beautiful pickleball shaped serving boards. She sold them to raise money for the Comox Valley Food Bank. She matched dollar for dollar to \$500 max as her contribution to the food bank.



Glenna Hazeldine organized a Drills and Skills Day in Cumberland and raised \$125. This amount will be added to the donation Cumberland Pickleball will be donating to the food bank before Christmas.

Thank you ladies for taking the initiative to fundraise for the food bank! Thanks to all the members who have made a donation!

### **LOST AND FOUND - COMOX COURTS**

The next time you're at the courts, be sure to check the lost and found box in the shed, it is overflowing.





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## **HELP WANTED!!!**

As you are all aware by now our brand new website has a “Buy CVPA merch” button that takes you to our new retail outlet.....where we have clothing listed for sale. This is a great addition to our website and a wonderful benefit for our members. Very soon we will be adding the option of purchasing indoor and outdoor balls and where you will order your name tag.....how cool is THAT!!!

Jane has the clothing sales organized and is doing a great job of getting this fantastic merchandise to the buyers - thank you Jane!

What the CVPA is now looking for is someone that is willing to take on the job of “Sales Manager” for the balls and name tags. **Don’t stop reading!!!!** This is not a very big job as the website does 90% of the work. You aren’t collecting money AT ALL! The balls will be “in stock” so all you have to do is get 10 balls ready for the customer and then contact them to let them know where they can pick the balls up - as simple as that. A name tag order will have to be placed but that is an email to the supplier and then a system to get them to the buyer, the same as the balls. This is not a lot of work folks! We trust that there will be someone out there that is willing to give back to their club and help take this responsibility off the board members!

THANK YOU for giving this consideration and an even bigger **THANK YOU** to those of you that step forward to take this on.



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## **TRAINING TIP**

### *Playing with a partner that won't move to the kitchen line*

This is a tough one. *A fundamental tactical rule in pickleball is to get your team to the kitchen line and stay there.*

The worst thing you can do as a team is to have one person at the kitchen line and the other person playing mid court. This creates a massive hole which is easily attacked.

So...what do you do if your partner won't stay parallel to you.....form a wall.....and approach the kitchen line with you in unison?

Since we are on the court to have fun and the CVPA has an etiquette rule about not giving unsolicited coaching advice...it is a delicate issue.

In addition, the player not advancing may have reasons that they don't come up. It could be past negative experiences (getting hit by attacking balls), it could be poor eye sight that requires them to play back further to provide more reaction time or it could be they are simply not aware of the tactical advantage of a team playing and dominating at the kitchen line.

From a coaching point of view this is pretty straight forward, your team should be getting to the kitchen line together, side by side, in a controlled manner (no need to rush).

Gently encourage and remind your partner : that you are a wall not a gate that swings open. And success comes when you are both together defending the kitchen line.

However, in the end, they may not see things the same way as you and that is just going to be how it is. Just play your game and enjoy your time on the court.

Of course when you play against that person....feel free to exploit that massive whole between the two partners. You never know, eventually, even an old dog may learn a new trick.



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## **PLAY TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/comox-valley-pickleball-association/1059/play-schedules/9288/>



## **Comox Valley Pickleball Association Sponsors**

The CVPA has partnered with Pickleball Paddles Canada as a CVPA sponsor. Check out their website and use code COMOX for 10% off your order.

<https://pickleballpaddlescanada.ca/>

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## **Klahanie & Company - Pickleball Paddle Sales & Rentals**

Our mission is to be the go-to *courtside* paddle supplier for Comox Valley pickleball enthusiasts.

We aim to enhance the local pickleball experience by representing top-quality Canadian paddles for purchase, convenient rental, and "try before you buy" options.



Visit our website at <https://picklepaddles.ca/>

Contact Leanne at [kleannewebster@gmail.com](mailto:kleannewebster@gmail.com)

## **Visit the Comox Valley Pickleball Association websites and social media**

Comox Valley Pickleball Association Website

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/event/comox-valley-pickleball-association/1059/>

Comox Valley Pickleball Association on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/cvpickleball.ca>

Comox Valley Pickleball Discussion on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/741799624629434>

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