November 2024 Newsletter



- **1. Membership Renewal:** Unless you joined the YPA after September 1, (or have renewed your membership after September 1) your membership will expire on December 31. You can renew now. We have now created the Whitehorse Pickleball Club. So, this year, when you renew, please select **Whitehorse Pickleball Club.**
- **2**. **Making Good Use of Allocated Times:** Some of our court times are going unused. We set a limit of three bookings per person (one group, 2 open round robin bookings) that can be made between 6 pm on Sunday and 6 pm Tuesday. After 6 pm on Tuesday, feel free to book more times. Thus, if you wish, you can book two bookings on the same day (if the second booking is made after 6 pm Tuesday).
- **3. Pickleball Brackets Ladder League:** We will be hiring a person who has a business helping clubs set up leagues and tournaments using Pickleball Brackets (PB). The board will have a zoom meeting with Carly Penfold in the first week of December to get her advice and determine exactly what she may be able to do for us. Setting up the league and understanding the potential and the limitations of PB has been far more challenging than expected. We cannot provide more details until we meet with Carly. However, we hope to initiate the league in January.
- **4. December Schedule:** At Yukon U we have access every Tuesday and Thursday in December up to an including Tuesday December 24. (Anyone want to play on Christmas Eve?) Access to the school gyms is quite limited in December:

We have no access to Hidden Valley in December.

The only Friday we can use Elijah Smith is December 6

The only Saturday at Takhini is December 14

We have three Sundays at Takhini: Dec. 1, 8, and 15.

We have no access to school gyms over the holidays.

5. Facilitated 3.0 RR, Sunday Dec. 1, and Dec. 8, 2:30-4:30 pm

We will offer a facilitated RR for 3.0 players during this time slot. If you sign to for the tiered 3.0 RR from 10:30 to 12:30 you may still be able to join the facilitated RR from 2:30-4:30. However, you must register after 6 pm on Tuesday (assuming space is available). Of course, you can select to register for the facilitated RR on Sunday and see if there is space available in the tiered RR after 6 pm Tuesday.

- **6. Sunday December 15:** Let's celebrate with some Christmas colours and snacks! Save the date! More details to follow!
- **7. Winter Pass** The winter pass will go on sale on December 1 and can be purchased for \$40 at our webpage. This will entitle YPA members with a 2025 membership access to all our indoor venues. The school gyms are available until early June. Currently, we only have access to the University gym on Tuesdays until April 1.

8. January Schedule: In January we have access on:

Tuesdays: 6-8 pm at HVES, and 8-10 pm at Yukon U. (starting Jan. 7)

Fridays: Elijah Smith 5-9 pm (starting Jan. 10)

Saturdays: 10-12 at HVES, 2-8 pm at Takhini (starting Jan. 11)

Sundays: 8:30-4:30 at Takhini (starting Jan. 12)

9. Dedicated Outdoor Courts: City Parks has taken the initiative and has identified four potential sites for dedicated outdoor courts. This is significant, as it is the first time since we started looking for sites over 6 years ago that we have received news other than rejection of our proposed options from either the City or YG. We may need to go to Council to argue our case if money is not indicated in the upcoming City budget for site and feasibility analysis. Keep tuned.