

March 2024 Newsletter

AGM: We had a great turnout for our AGM on March 12. I need to check with Walter, but we had about 38 members attend, either in person or via zoom. We may need to consider a different venue for next year's AGM. The previous board members have stayed and have been joined by four new members: Francine Thivierge, Jayme Curtis, Doug Harris, and Peter Idoko.

Ratings: A Ratings Discussion Paper was provided in advance of the AGM outlining a proposed new approach to run competitive pickleball matches. You can access it online under 2024 AGM. The YPA has grown and matured to the point that the previous board thought it was time to use a commercial program, Pickleball Brackets (PB), to maintain "club ratings", and to use those ratings to set up and run ladder leagues. PB is used across North America, and by 48 clubs in B.C. alone. PB uses game results to adjust ratings. So, it is dynamic, and objective. We will be providing more details on how to register (they use the expression, "create a profile"). Once you have a profile joining a club is easy. (Details are provided in this newsletter). I have created a club: Whitehorse Pickleball Club that you can join once you have created your profile in PB. There is no cost to create a profile. Nor is there a cost to join a club. PB does charge however when results of a game are posted. The board wishes to encourage participation. So, the costs (which are minimal-\$0.08 USD per game), will be covered by the YPA.

Ratings Assessments: When you create your profile, you need to include a "self-rating". This value is in increments of 0.5 (for example: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5). You are advised to self-rate appropriately. Details on this are available in the discussion paper. There are guidelines to assist in deciding what is an appropriate level to start at. But, to assist players in knowing what their appropriate level is, we are bringing up a certified assessor, Brooke Siver, from Kamloops on May 10-12. Brooke is a member of the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association with the highest level of credentials: Certified Rating Specialist level 4, and Master Teaching Professional. He can assess a maximum of 40 players over the weekend. He will be using 1 court on each of Friday evening (5-7 pm) at Elijah Smith, and Saturday (8 am-4 pm) and Sunday (8am-4 pm) at Takhini. He assesses 4 at a time. Ideally the 4 are at a similar skill level. Each assessment (or four players) takes an hour. The cost is \$35 per person.

How to register:

Step 1: Hector has set up a button on the YPA webpage for you to sign up for this "event". (Assessments, May 10-12). Simply register for the event and pay the \$35 electronically. The payment is non-refundable. However, if you cannot attend, please feel free to contact

someone to take your place and reimburse you. We can also include a waitlist, if more than 40 express an interest.

Step 2: Jayme Curtis has offered to coordinate the times for the assessments. So, once you have registered, please contact Jayme at jayme.curtis@hotmail.com

Let him know what times, if any, you are not available. Also, if there is someone else you wish to be assessed with, or, even better, if there is a group of four who wishes to be assessed at the same time, please inform Jayme.

You can create a profile in PB before Brooke comes to town and enter a tentative self-assessed rating. If Brooke determines that this rating is appropriate-great. If, however he assesses you either higher or lower than your initial self-assessment, you can edit that and replace it with the level Brooke has determined. Your ability to edit your rating however is eliminated after the first score results are submitted to PB.

Our hope is to initiate a summer league starting after Victoria Day, outdoors at Mt. Mc. The board hasn't sorted out the details yet. Initially everyone who self-assesses at, say 3.0 will be assigned a rating of 3.250 by PB. So, at the very start of the league, ratings will be clumped, with a lot of players at 2.750, 3.250, and 3.750 (and perhaps other values). However, each week, those ratings will change, and spread out, based on game results. After a few weeks this spread of ratings will create a more meaningful ranking of the players. And that is what PB uses each week to group players into different levels in the ladder league. The top 5 rated players (who sign up for that session) will be level 1, the next 5 will be level 2, etc. All club members can see all the ratings. It is totally transparent and based on PB's algorithm. Ratings are recalculated at the end of the day. More details will be sent later. You can go to Pickleball Brackets to get more insight.

<https://pickleballbrackets.com/pts.aspx>

We are excited about the potential of PB to establish an objective ranking of our members. Although we are starting with a ladder league, as the mechanism to rank players, we anticipate using meaningful rankings to create round robins at different skill levels. And we will continue to offer open round robins, where skill levels are irrelevant and the emphasis is on social play.

If you have created a profile in PB, you can then add your name to the club. Search for the club on the main page.



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