



Chilliwack Pickleball Club

December 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to the December 2024 Newsletter

Wow!!! How did that happen....there's only a few days left in 2024!!!! Now that the holiday rush has passed us by, I hope you are finding some time to recharge, relax, and reflect on this past year and I hope that Santa left some new pickleball goodies under your tree!

As a club we have lots to be grateful for! We implemented a successful new club system that is working great, and the Landing is often full to the rafters with people, laughing, competing and playing some great pickleball. CPC was also host to another 2 successful tournaments this year along with many inhouse special play events as well. At this time, we also have reason to be optimistic about our new building as city staff have indicated that shovels should hit the ground this Spring!

Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our board members and our great volunteers that help with putting out and cleaning up nets, and many of you that help with other events and our tournaments.

May 2025 be a year filled with joy, peace, good health, prosperity, the love of family and friends, and of course.....lots of great pickleball!!!



Reminder to Renew your CPC Membership

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your Chilliwack Pickleball membership. Go to our club website (Chillpb.com) and you will find all the information you need there. The access code to complete your renewal is **Pickle**. Our club fee is \$40 for the year, there is also a \$10 fee for Pickleball Canada, and Pickleball BC has just raised their fee, as of Jan. 1st, to \$7.50. (If you register before Jan. 1st it's still \$5.00)



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CPC Board of Directors

We have many new members and faces at our club, so for those of you who may not recognize, or know, the people who are at the helm, here is a current photo of our current board members.



Back Row: Cathie Sessions, Ed Nicholl, Shawn Iversen, Fred Meyerink, Ray Dear, Sheila Armstrong
Front Row: Carol Hart, Raymond Hart, Lyle Simpson, Kathy Isaac,
Missing: Dave Barham

CPC Christmas Extravaganza

This holiday season saw another successful Christmas Extravaganza at our Club. A huge thank you goes out to our organizer extraordinaire, Carol Hart, and her team of helpers! It looked like everyone participating in the fun pickleball challenge stations were certainly enjoying themselves and having a great time trying to beat out their competitors. There was also lots of great food to follow at the Social Potluck, and it was nice to have some time to just sit and chat with fellow club members across a table of food instead of across a pickleball net!! Congratulations to our first and second place teams: Pat, Jodie, Susan, Andrew, and Brian, Glen, Brenda, Charmaine, and also to our consolation prize winner Sandra!





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Christmas Family Fundraiser



CHRISTMAS HAMPER FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING!!!!

This year we once again worked with some local schools to provide two families (well, actually three because there ended up being 2 families in one of the homes) with Christmas hampers filled with food and goodies. The families were extremely grateful and touched by our club's generosity, and it provided them with the help they needed to get through, what for some families, is often a challenging time of year. We were able to raise close to \$2000 so not only did we support the families, but we were also able to donate over \$400 to the breakfast programs at both Bernard Elementary and Stito:s Elementary Middle School. So once again, thank you SO much for helping to support our community. CPC really is an amazing group of people! A special thank you also needs to go out to Cathie Sessions and Sandra Verschuur for their generous donations and excellent elf shopping and wrapping!!!!

Here's a lovely message we received from a Bernard Elementary member that helped deliver one of our Christmas packages to the Alhamid family:

Thank all the pickleball club members for their very generous gifts and all the food that went to the Alhamid family!! They are mom, dad, 5 kids and grandma. They escaped Syria and went to Lebanon about 8 years ago when the war started. Then last summer they got out (and came to Canada). They still have family and friends back at home and with the recent bombings near their home it has been quite an upsetting time for them. So, your gifts were really appreciated, especially the food!! The family is often at the food bank. They are a very nice family and they all would like to say SHUKRAN!! (thank you in Arabic).



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January Play Sessions

Regular play sessions:

January's play calendar is now up on our Club website (Chillpb.com) and is also attached to the end of this newsletter. Club Play sessions will continue once a week for 3.0 & over as well as 2.99 and under. We have also been able to continue to include an open Club play session each week which is for any club rating. Skills & Drills will continue on Thursdays at 2:45-4:30 except for Thursday, Jan. 2nd when it will run from 3:00-5:00. There is also Book Your Own Court sessions on 4 of the 5 Friday afternoons.

Men's and Women's Mixer:

This month we have two dates for the women's and men's mixer events, Tuesday, Jan. 7th and Tuesday, Jan. 14th. Both sessions run from 12:30-3:00 pm.

Men's and Women's Set Doubles:

On Tuesday, Jan 21st and Tuesday, Jan. 28th we will see the return of our Set Doubles play. Find a women's or men's partner and sign up to play from 12:30-3:00.

Beginners and 70+ Social play:

If you are a beginner player at the club, or any member that is 70+, we have set aside a play session just for you! The session will run every Tuesday in January (7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th) from 3:00 – 5:00.

Drill and Play Session with Alistair Hart:

There is still space available in the 2.5 – 3.5 sessions that run on Mondays afternoons from 3:30 – 6:00. Please contact Carol Hart if you have any questions.

6 Week Winter Ladder Play for all Members:

Our new Winter Ladder League will run from January 6th – February 10th on Monday mornings from 10:30am-1:00pm. Players will Fob in as usual (as per normal play) and also pay a one off \$10.00 entry fee to go toward door prizes.) Register on SignUpHub.

General Information for Ladder Leagues

The format of play is designed so that players play mostly with others of similar skill level therefore players will be seeded before commencement. Each week in each grouping the top two players in the group will move up and the bottom two players will move down.

Each week, players will be placed in groups of 4, 5 or 6 in the order of their ranking on the ladder for match play. You are expected to play every week. PLEASE DONT SIGN UP FOR THE LADDER LEAGUE UNLESS YOU CAN COMMIT TO PLAYING IN AT LEAST 4 OF THE 6 SESSIONS. All players will play three or four doubles games in a round robin fashion with the other players in the group. At the start of the game, players will decide who starts serving first and choice of side.

After your games have been played, players record their scores on the score sheet and the ladder captain will then enter them into the pickleball brackets program. Scores will not affect your Club ratings. The Ladder League winners will be the player who finishes in the top spot and the player who has moved the most up the ladder.

Chilliwack Club Finals:

On Friday, Jan. 17th, from 6:30-10:30pm we will be holding our first CPC Club Finals. The top 8 ranked male, and top 8 female, players have been invited to participate. There will be separate play-offs for both the men and women in which they will play a round robin to seed them into partners, and then a final round robin to determine the winning teams. If you are not a participant and would like to watch some great pickleball games, you are welcome to come join us as spectators!



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REGISTER NOW, SPACES ARE FILLING UP

CPC Winter Tournament

Dates: Jan. 31st, Feb. 1st, Feb. 2nd, 2025

Register on Pickleball Brackets:

Early Bird Registration (Dec. 1st-Jan. 1st): \$50.00 plus \$15.00 per event.

(CPC Members cost is \$40.00 for registration and \$15.00 per event).

Late Registration after Jan.1st, 6:00pm: \$60.00 plus \$15.00 per event.

(CPC Members cost is \$50 for club members and \$15.00 per event).

Events:

Fri. Jan. 31st, 2025: (Tentative and subject to change based on Registration)

Women's & Men's Set Doubles: 2.0 (Any Age & 50+), 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 (50+)

Sat. Feb. 1st, 2025: (Tentative and subject to change based on Registration)

Mixed Set Doubles: 2.0 (Any Age), 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 (Any Age & 50+), 4.0 (Any age)

Sun. Feb 2nd, 2024: (Tentative and subject to change based on Registration)

Men's & Women's Set Doubles: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 (Any Age)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! Please be on the lookout for the Tournament Volunteer Sign-Up sheets that will be posted on our whiteboards on the lobby. We are once again hoping that we can count on our amazing club members to lend a helping hand to make sure our Winter Tournament is a great success!

Congratulations!

Lots of our CPC members took part in Abbotsford Pickleball Club's Fall Classic tournament this month. Congratulations to everyone who participated and gave it their all. Here are the names, and a few photos of some of the medal winners.

Men's Doubles: 2.5+under, any age GOLD, *Mike Johnson and Doug Williams*

3.0, 60+, SILVER, *Bob McMillan and partner*

3.5, 60+, GOLD, *Wayne Jones and Johan Tolmie*

4.0-4.5, any age, GOLD, *Brian Bruinink and Wahid Mojadidi*

4.0-4.5, any age, SILVER, *Wade Rathgeber and Ray Dear*

Women's Doubles: 2.5+under, any age, SILVER, *Janice Carnoo and partner*

3.0, 50+, SILVER, *Robynn MacPherson and Lianne Labistour*

3.0, 50+, BRONZE, *Michele Godfrey and Sharon Wu*

3.0, any age, GOLD, *Joanne Jones and Janice Williams*

3.5, 60+, BRONZE, *Julie Fredette and April Graham*

3.5, any age, BRONZE, *Reesa Valenta and Lili Blackwell*

4.0-4.5, any age, SILVER, *Maelyn Greenwood and Carolyn Goosen*

4.0-4.5, any age, BRONZE, *Nicolene Wildervanck and Manjit Lali*

Mixed Doubles: 2.5+under, any age, GOLD, *Samantha Johnson and Mide Johnson*

3.0, 60+, GOLD, *Ben Ten Cate Brouwer and Sandi Ten Cate Brouwer*

3.0, 60+, BRONZE, *Julie Fredette and Glen Marcotte*

3.0, any age, BRONZE, *Janice Williams and Doug Williams*

3.5, any age, SILVER, *Lili Blackwell and Dan Norman*

4.0-4.5, any age, SILVER, *Lisa DeVries and Greg DeVries*

4.0-4.5, any age BRONZE, *Manjit Lali and partner*



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(Sorry, that we are missing some photos!!! Make sure you forward them to Lyle or myself if you want them included in the newsletter.)



Club Etiquette

Just a few reminders to help our club continue to run smoothly!

-Please try and stay for sessions until the end, when you leave early it often leaves courts short of players. We also often see people leaving Club play as soon as their Club games are finished....there is still lots of great pickleball left afterwards (sometimes even more fun since the pressure is off!!) so please plan to stay and play!

-Some members are very sensitive, or even allergic to fragrances or colognes. Please remember to be aware of this before you attend a play session.

-Make sure you are wearing good court shoes when you come to play. This concrete floor needs footwear with that provide good grip and that support your feet and ankles well.

-Please protect your eyes when on the court. Pickleball eye injuries continue to be on the rise.



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Once again, we would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support this year. If you are looking for services or products, be sure to shop local and check them out!



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JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			Cancelled	12.30-3.00pm Mixer	12.30-3.00pm Club Play	9.45-12.15pm 2.9 & Under Club Play
				3.00-5.00pm Skills & Drills	3.00-5.30pm BYOC	
	05	06	07	08	09	10
	10.30-1.00pm Winter Ladder League	12.30-3.00pm Men's & Women's Mixer	10.30-1.00pm Mixer	12.30-2.45pm Club Play	12.30-3.00pm 2.9 & Under Club Play	10.15-12.15pm 3.0 & Over Club Play
	1.00-6.00pm Drill & Play	3.00-5.00pm Beg Play & 70yrs + Social Play		2.45-4.30pm Skills & Drills	3.00-5.30pm BYOC	
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					6.30-10.30pm Club Finals	
	19	20	21	22	23	24
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					6.00-8.00pm Orientations	
	26	27	28	29	30	31
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