



### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

May has arrived bringing us some great pickleball weather and as we start the month it looks like every pickleballer is taking advantage of the sunshine, as the courts seem to be packed every time I go to play.

As most of you saw in a previous announcement, the Facilities sub-committee is working with the Town of Comox to pursue the acquisition of property to build more courts. We will keep you informed how this progresses. Additionally the Board has forwarded the CVPA's commitment to Courtenay Council and Recreation in support of building six outdoor courts in Courtenay. As we get additional details on this project we will let you know.

The board had committed last year to build a bench at the Rotary Highland courts in memory of Paul Deeton. We ran into a few delays, but this is now proceeding and once we get approval from Comox for some minor work, the project will proceed.

Have fun out on the courts and remember how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful place.

Rod Hamilton  
President CVPA

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## **CVPA SUMMER FUN DAY**

Who: All levels, abilities and talents  
Format: Round robin play - 6-8 games  
Place: Rotary Highland Courts - Torrence Rd., Comox  
Date: Saturday, June 28th  
Time: 9am - 12pm - Sign in at 8:30  
Admission - \$15

***Registration - Opens June 1st, online via the CVPA website***

<https://tinyurl.com/2t8kd6t7>

This is a non competitive fun day for everyone. We will change the game of pickleball, just a bit on a few of the courts, to make life interesting. Our royal majesties Queen Roxy and King Peter will be in attendance to keep us all in line and amused. Snacks, fun prizes and lots of laughs guaranteed. This event fills within a day or two, so don't delay in registering on the first day of June. We will carry a wait list.

If anyone is interested in helping with this event please contact me. Jane Kolmatycki - kolmatycki@shaw.ca any questions, concerns let me know.



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## **2025 MAJOR LEAGUE PICKLEBALL (MLP) Inter Club for CVPA/CRPA Players**

When: June 3rd to 26th - 4 weeks long, every Tuesday and/or Thursday,  
Where: Robron Courts and Cumberland Recreation Centre in alternance  
Level: Pool A – 3.0, Pool B – 3.5, Pool C – 4.0  
Time: Pool A: 12:30 -14:30 Pool B: 14:30-16:30 Pool C: 16:30 -18:30  
Cost: \$20 per individual  
Format: 4 players on each team: 2 women + 2 men  
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/458teubp>

Here's how it will work:

- Players sign up as an individual in one of our 3 divisions
- **Registration will open May 20th at 8am** <https://tinyurl.com/458teubp>
- Registration will close on May 24th at 8pm
- An individual can sign up to be on the spare list only.
- Players indicate if they would like to be a captain
- Team captains (drafters) will be selected/assigned to a team in their division based on their communication, organization and leadership skills as well as their skill level ranking. In each division, there will be an equal number of women and men captains as well as representatives from each club.
- Captains will know the names of the players available to draft in their division before they meet on May 27th.
- For each division, a draw will be made to determine in which order the captains will draft.
- Drafters are responsible for selecting a team member of the opposite gender.
- For the next round, drafters will draw the name of a player from the same gender in a basket (luck of the draw).
- For the last round, drafters will draw the name of a player from the opposite gender in a basket (luck of the draw).
- Players that have registered and haven't been selected on a team after this selection process will be automatically added to the spare list.
- Teams will be announced on May 28th.

Each week, each player will play 4 games to 15 points by 2: 2 x gender doubles and 2 x mixed doubles. Games are played in traditional format with points being won only when the serving team wins a rally. Change ends when first team reaches 8 points.

Game days are decided first by number of games won by each team. If 4 games each are won, it will be decided by the number of points won by each team. If the number of points is also equal, the teams will split the bonus points.

Each team will receive one point for winning each game plus two bonus points for winning game day. That is, a maximum of 10 points on offer each week.

Game days postponed or washed out due to rain will need to be replayed before the following week (time and date to be decided by both teams)

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## **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

Don't forget you can now purchase CVPA merchandise online, including:

- Name tags with the CVPA logo
- Indoor balls
- Outdoor balls

And clothing with the CVPA logo (with placement options) and a variety of colours and fabrics, including:



- Short sleeve t-shirts
- Long sleeve t-shirts
- Baseball caps
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Vests

Order Processing: To save on shipping costs for both you and CVPA we'll coordinate delivery of your item at the pickleball courts or a location convenient to both parties.

How to: The shop is online at

[https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/register/cvpa-store/37940/.](https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/register/cvpa-store/37940/)

Scroll down for photos and descriptions of the items, select the quantity, color, size of the items you want to purchase, then fill out the order form at the top of the page and click the PROCEED TO NEXT STEP button and complete your purchase.

We have new name tags with logo available now - order online.



If there are any questions, please contact Denise at [cvpashop@gmail.com](mailto:cvpashop@gmail.com)



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## **ROTARY HIGHLAND EMERGENCY SHED ACCESS**

- 1) A sign will be posted shortly on the shed door with the fire hall phone number and 3 or 4 CVPA members phone numbers so that, in an emergency, anyone can call to get the code in order to access the AED & first aid kit. Don't forget to call 911 for any immediate medical attention needed.
- 2) That access to the code be given to only a few individuals in order to ensure the integrity of the AED so that it is fully functioning if it is ever needed again
- 3) That the code is only given out in the case of an emergency.

The board agreed that only the program coordinators and the coaches be given the code.

PLEASE NOTE - the courts are not the property of the CVPA & therefore it is not the CVPA's responsibility to ensure access to the AED. However, we have willingly worked with the Town of Comox to come up with a solution that will address any medical situation that arises at the courts.

Under Fire Chief Schreiner's guidance, this new system will provide access to the AED and first aid kit for all players on the courts - CVPA members and the public.

## **ROTARY HIGHLAND COURT USE**

We all need to follow the posted rules of court use until we get more courts. Every court can be utilized for one game (lasting 25 minutes). If no one is waiting, the players can continue on. If players are waiting the court must be vacated on a normal rotation using the paddle system. Doesn't matter if you are drilling, playing singles or teaching. The paddle system takes precedent on the public courts at Rotary Highland.

With 730 members and probably as many non-members playing, we need to follow the posted rules of use on the courts.

## **PLAY TIMES - SCHEDULES**

Remember to check the schedule on the CVPA website for any updates and changes. This is your "go to place" for information on where to play, when to play and what's going on with pickleball in the valley. Note the school use schedule (Rotary Highland) is sent to the organized play coordinators and posted on the two Facebook pages.

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

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## **HELP WANTED!!!**

Don't skip by this part - it is the best part AND could be fun!!!!

**1.) FIRST AID KIT volunteer** There are first aid kits at each of our outdoor venues. The CVPA is looking for 3 volunteers - one from Cumberland Village Park Courts, Martin Park courts & Rotary Highland Courts to take on the very, very small job of checking the first aid kit a couple of times a season just to make sure it is stocked appropriately. How easy is this job!!! There MUST be 3 people out there that would be willing to lend a hand. The CVPA will cover the cost of replacement items needed.

**2.) National Pickleball Week is August 4 - 10.** Is there anyone out there that would like to plan an extravaganza.....an event.....a minor get together to celebrate National Pickleball Day in the Comox Valley. You would have carte blanche to do as much or as little as you would like at whatever venue you would like. If someone is willing to step forward and spearhead this idea the club will find you all the volunteers you need in order to get your vision off the ground.....and onto the courts!!

If you are interested in taking on either (or both!) of these jobs please send a note to Donna at [cvpa2015@gmail.com](mailto:cvpa2015@gmail.com). The success of our club is due 100% to our volunteers. Be a part of that success - it will make you feel GOOOOD!

## **2025 CVPA 8th ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**

The CVPA held its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pickleball Tournament May 3 – 4 at the Base and once again, thanks to all of the volunteers, it was a great success. The tournament is the CVPA's #1 fundraiser each year and we broke the previous revenue record, raising over \$6,000 for the club. There was some great play, delicious food, lots of fun and we thank everyone who comes out and supports this event.

Congratulations to all the players and winners. Pictures from the event can be found here. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cvpickleball/albums/>



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## **MAY TOURNAMENT HELPERS - FOODFEST**

This year's annual competitive tournament was once again a huge success. Held at the recreation complex at 19 Wing Comox, 130 athletes from the Island and beyond demonstrated superior Pickleball skill. From the first registration to the last chair put away, the weekend's events ran like a well oiled machine. A renowned aspect of our tournament is the amazing buffet style food that is provided for our athletes. We have even heard rumours that people enter the tournament primarily for the food, although this has not been officially verified. We can however, verify comments about the delicious baked treats that are provided. The athletes make many trips into the lunch room to grab a cookie or snack between games. There are countless comments about how good everything is. It is due to the nature of this club's amazing membership that we get this recognition. As the kitchen organizers, Jenny and Jane cannot thank you enough for your incredible generosity. A huge thank you to all of the bakers.



We would like to especially thank those who gave hours of time to help us keep the kitchen running so smoothly. Many of these folks have helped in this capacity for several years now. Sandra Gray, Judy Osbourne, Berni Hopp, Derek Jeffers, Teri Norfolk, Bev Anderson, Glynnis Kennell, Cindy Corrigall, Bud Hauser, Tracy Kennedy, Kim Griffiths, Heather Jenkins, Lindsay Hill, Liz Robb, Susan Mathie, Pat Bencharski -

THANK YOU all so much. Take pride in knowing that you are a big part of our tournament's success.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Membership as of May 15th, 2025 is 582. Remember to renew your membership at the link below.

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

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## **AED TRAINING**

If there are any members that would like to get training on the AED please send a note to Donna at [cvpa2015@gmail.com](mailto:cvpa2015@gmail.com). Training is about 90 minutes and those that have already taken it say that it is a great, great course. Once we have a group of 10 or 12 then the CVPA will contact the Fire Chief and set up a time. This could be life-saving knowledge that may come in very, very handy some time.

## **PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR**

The Comox Valley Pickleball Association strongly encourages all members to wear protective eyewear during all scheduled play times. The use of protective eyewear is mandatory for CVPA members that use the ball machine during Tuesday/Sunday skills sessions. There have been devastating injuries caused by balls and paddles in Canada and even in our own club.

## **TRAINING TIPS, LESSONS AND DRILLS**

I'm getting up to the courts three or four days a week now and am getting to watch many of our CVPA members "do battle". Our group is very much a recreational club, with only about 7% of our membership competing in tournaments. For the vast majority of players, the goal is to have fun and get a little exercise while enjoying the social aspect of the game.

But my sense is that even the recreational player wants to improve their game a little bit. With that in mind I'm going to mention two basic concepts everyone who has had a lesson from Joe, Marina or myself has been taught.

**#1.** When your team is serving, don't advance beyond the service line until the opponents have hit the return of serve. I still see many players entering the court after the serve and then retreating to respond to a return. This results in you hitting off your back foot. This is a No- No.

**#2.** And this one is a killer.....as the returner of the serve, you **MUST** get to the kitchen line before the opponent hits their third shot. I see virtually everyone still stuck in the transition zone after they have returned the serve. This is not an option, it's a basic premise of pickleball strategy. Return the ball in such a manner as you can comfortably get to the kitchen .

A couple of notes on lessons and drills. I get requests consistently to hold lessons and drill sessions. The bottom line today is that we do not have the space at Highland to hold lessons. The courts are public and whenever I was holding a drill session or lesson there were always people waiting to play. At this point, Joe is the only individual with a reserved lesson time, approved by the Town of Comox. There are no other lessons or drills approved for reservation of courts.



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

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

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Email [cvpa2015@gmail.com](mailto:cvpa2015@gmail.com)

### **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/>



### **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/>

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