

Delta Pickleball Association

DPA Newsletter #5

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Summer is just around the corner!

It is good to hear about so many people playing pickleball in the good weather (when it is here....we do live on the west coast after all). So much has been going on this spring and we continue to make adjustments as needed to schedules, etc. to best meet our club's needs. With a philosophy of equalizing sessions according to member numbers and levels in April, we made adjustments in May and will make some more tweaks in June to make sure that courts are well used.

Cromie Park Update

Most of you have been following the progress at Cromie Park and know of some of the mis-steps of the original contractor. Thankfully we asked the City to work with the same surfacing company that did both Dennison and Chalmers, and they have now taken the lead on surface finishing, base coat painting, court surface painting and then lines. Much of this finishing work is dependent on dry weather and when they get the appropriate window, they will complete this work, and the new courts will be available to us. We continue to have good relationships and communication with the City and are thankful for this good partnership.

Membership Renewals

Thank you to all of you for renewing your membership. We are almost at the number of members that we ended 2024 and hope to soon eclipse that number. If you have not renewed, we would ask you to please do so as soon as you can. With a municipal election occurring next year it is important that we show the City how vibrant and committed the pickleball community is.

Dash 'N Smash Volunteers

Our Dash 'N Smash sanctioned tournament is right around the corner on June 6-8, 2025! Thanks to all of you that have stepped up to volunteer already. We still need some more help. If you have never been in a tournament or watched a tournament this may be an opportunity for you to help out and see what it is about. We need help in the following areas: Parking attendants, a few court runners, utility people, set-up, and clean-up help. To sign up for volunteer tasks, please go to Playtime Scheduler where you will see the openings that we have. For any enquiries, please contact Henry Lyszczyk at tournaments@deltapickleball.org.

We are also in need of more referees. Please contact Mary Lee Barham directly or through the tournament email above if you can help.

Court Hosts needed in the South

We need court hosts in the South, particularly for sessions from 3.5 and above. We want to ensure that we have people that can act as a communication bridge between members and the executive, and it is important that we have hosts for each session. If you can help us as a court host, please forward your information to info@deltapickleball.org, contact South Operations Director Brad Nelson at southdelta@deltapickleball.org or talk with any Board member to indicate your willingness to help out.

Player Development

Our introductory lessons and education sessions are in full swing now. To date, we have run more than 12 sessions with over 100 participants. The feedback from new members about introduction to pickleball has been excellent. Thanks to Linda, Henry, and Jim for helping us with these sessions. We have also held 4 mentor sessions designed to help those players wanting to advance in their skills, tactics and understanding on the game. Additional thanks go out to Ray, Doug, Ann, Dave, Cheryl, and Kim for stepping up as Volunteer coaches. Without their help this wouldn't be possible. Please remember that members are only allowed to sign up for one player development session per club season to ensure more people have access.

Scheduling and Club Operations

To keep our club running smoothly, please remember a few things during your DPA sessions:

- Please exit the courts promptly when the time of your session ends regardless of the score. This ensures that the next session gets their complete time. If public courts are available, please feel free to "paddle up" for public courts to compete your game.
- Please sign up for only one DPA session per day. This allows everyone to sign up for sessions;
- If you need to cancel, please cancel well in advance so that others can sign up for that time slot and the sessions can fill up appropriately.

Summary

Your Board is excited to continue to work to improve the offerings and operations of our club. We have adopted a philosophy of trying new things. If these things are popular and helpful to our club, then we can look to expand these offerings. If sessions or schedules are not working, then we can change and offer something different.

We have a lot of ideas still to be presented in the coming months. We have some ideas for mini-tournaments and other social sessions that we would like to implement after the Dash 'N Smash tournament.

I hope that you are enjoying your pickleball this season. There is still a lot ahead of us for this year. If you have feedback for us, we are happy to hear it at info@deltapickleball.org. Happy pickl'ing!

Regards,
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