



Chilliwack Pickleball Club

May 2025 Newsletter



Welcome to May Newsletter

It's amazing how fast this month is flying by!! As the weather starts to get more summer-like, many of us are adding gardening and outdoor work to our already busy days..... and, of course, trying to find some time to fit in outdoor pickleball as well! In the meantime, the Landing has remained busy with daily play sessions and has welcomed many new members. If you are new to our Club, we would like to formally welcome you, and hope that you are finding your way around our systems and play sessions. If you have any questions, make sure to check in with your host, or some of your fellow players, if they can't provide you with the information you need, I'm sure they can steer you in the right direction. In this regard, I would also like to extend a big Thank You to our established members who graciously offer a helping hand and friendly face to our newcomers. We were all newbies at some point, and can remember how impactful a friendly smile and a hello can be when it's your first time out on the court! Keep being your wonderful selves, CPC members!!

Congratulations and a BIG THANK YOU to our president, Lyle Simpson!

Last month our president, Lyle Simpson was recognized by Pickleball Canada during their appreciation week. We all know how much time Lyle (along with many of your other board members) puts into making this one of the best run clubs around, and it was wonderful to see him receive recognition for his many years of dedication and contribution. Thank you, Lyle for your vision and commitment to helping our club become such a wonderful, inclusive place for players of all levels (young, old, experienced and new) to come and enjoy this amazing sport!



Name: Lyle Simpson

Location: British Columbia

About:

Lyle Simpson is presently the President of the Chilliwack Pickleball Club having served on the board for eight years. Lyle has been instrumental in building the clubs membership from 100 to 400 over the past few years. Lyle gives his time to run orientation sessions for people who are interested in learning and/or playing this great game of pickleball once to four times a month.

In keeping with the clubs constitutional goal of providing promotional support of pickleball in the eastern Fraser Valley he hosts teachers from the Chilliwack School District as well as running courses for the Elder College. This is in addition to running weekly skills & drills sessions and hosting play sessions at the club.

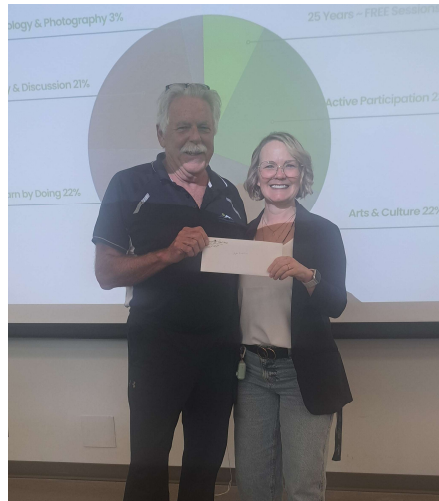


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For the past few years, Lyle has also shared his pickleball knowledge, and passion for the sport, with members of UFV's Elder College. Twice a year he runs a classroom session followed by an on-court session for groups of Elder College students, introducing them to the great sport of pickleball. In fact, many of the session attendees end up joining our club and are now fellow club members! Last month Lyle was invited to attend a recognition lunch and given a lifetime Elder College membership. Congratulations, Lyle!!



CPC Mayday Team Challenge

This month saw the completion of another successful CPC Tournament. On May 19th 24 teams took part in the Mayday Team Challenge. Lots of great pickleball was had, and the team format was enjoyed by all. Teams of 2 women and 2 men competed against each other in the four different divisions. The day long event provided great competition, great camaraderie, and great food (thanks again, Helen, Ken, and your kitchen helpers!!) Also, a big thank you goes out to our organizer, Carol Hart, and her team of helpers....particularly those who stepped in at the last minute to lend a helping hand! Congratulations to everyone that took part and here are some photos of our medal winners:

Div. 1 Gold: Awesome Team
(Elisabeth, Meghan, Mario, Adam)

Silver: Young at Hart
(Carol, Kathy, Jeremy, Dave)

Bronze: The Incredibles
(Lisa, April, Greg, Carlton)





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Div. 2 Gold: Not So Supr Dupr
(Samantha, Jodie, Mike, Dan)

Silver: The Pickle Punishers
(Susie, Shannon, Alex, Calvin)

Bronze: N.V. Lobsters
(Catherine, Jackie, Mario, Jay)



Div. 3 Gold: The Stakerz
(Faiyaz, April, Hasti, Andrew)

Silver: Get-A-Grip
(Michele, Janice, Mike, Wayne)

Bronze: Shiras Team
(Shira, Rebecca, Jory, Kevin)



Div. 4 Gold: Awesome Team
(Elisabeth, Meghan, Mario, Adam)

Silver: Ronnies Rippers
(Kathy, Marilu, Dave, Ron)

Bronze: Pickleball Pals
(Donna, Melissa, Jay, Bruce)





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Coaches training and pickleball clinics with Tracy Bennet

This month our club was one of the 3 stops for this year's NCCP Professional Development Tour. It was facilitated by Tracy Bennet, who has years of experience in coaching and development, originally for Tennis Canada, and now for their Pickleball division. About 20 instructors, including a number of CPC members, spent the afternoon unlocking the secrets of how timing, rhythm, and momentum are the keys to the technical fundamentals in pickleball. Tracy also ran a number of player workshops over the weekend, mostly attended by our members, and on Saturday participated in a wonderful day of exciting play with other top-level women players at Topspin in Abbotsford. Those of us lucky enough to attend, were treated to some absolutely amazing pickleball viewing!! The NCCP tour continues on throughout the rest of the country over the next 6 months and will be back in BC again next year!



(CPC members attending Coaching Clinic: Andrew Hall, Ed Nicholl, Lyle Simpson, Sheila Armstrong, Darcy Reeves, Alistair Hart, Kathy Isaac)





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(CPC members attending workshops: Session 1-Kirstin Stuart, Lili Blackwell, Lisa DeVries, Sheila Armstrong, Nicolene Wildervanck, Kathy Isaac, Carol Hart. Session 2-Samantha Johnson, April Graham, Jodi Vanthournout, Janice Williams, Karen Ng, Darci Reeves, Yvonne Snow. Session 3-Cheryl May, Sandi Ten Cate Brouwer, Joanne Jones)

A big THANK YOU goes out Sheila Armstrong, who helped to organize the player workshops with Tracy, and also to Mike and Samantha Johnson, and Southern Irrigation, who generously offered to host the workshops with Tracy when the weather had us scrambling to find an indoor location at the last minute!

June Play session updates:

As summer approaches and the good weather draws people outdoors to play, or off on holidays, we continue to make changes to our play calendar. Our July and August calendars will also be adjusted later this summer, so make sure you have a good look at what sessions are being offered each day. (A copy of the June play calendar is attached at the end of this newsletter and can also be found on our Club website).

For June, our Monday play will switch to evening sessions, and offer club play so that our working members can have better access to getting in and working on their ratings. The following are the new club play dates and times for June:

Club Play 2.9 and under: Mondays, June 2nd, 23rd, 30th 7:00-9:30
Saturday, June 14th 10:15-12:30
Thursday, June 19th 12:30-3:00

Club Play 3.0 and over: Friday, June 6th 12:30-3:00
Mondays, June 9th, 16th, 7:00-9:30
Saturday, June 28th, 10:15-12:30

(Please take note that as rating levels rise for the club as a whole, the cut off of levels of 2.9 and 3.0 will continue to be adjusted so that the maximum number of playing spots are being utilized during club play sessions.)

Our **Skills & Drills** sessions will continue to be offered on Tuesdays from 12:30-3:00 and run along side our **Rec Social Play**. **Rec** play will also have a sessions at the Landing on June 12th from 12:30 - 3:00, and on Saturdays, June 7th and 21st from 10:30-1:00 at the Curling Club. **Mixers** will be held on Wednesdays from 10:30-1:00, as well as Thursday, June 5th and Fridays, June 13th and 27th from 12:30-3:00.

This month we are also having another **Mixed Set Doubles** session on Friday, June 20th from 12:30 to 3:00, which is now open on SUH for signup, so grab a partner and secure your spot!

JUNE CANCELLATIONS: The city has cancelled play at the Landing for June 24th, 25th and 26th



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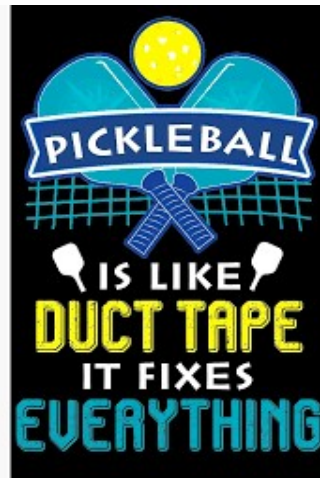
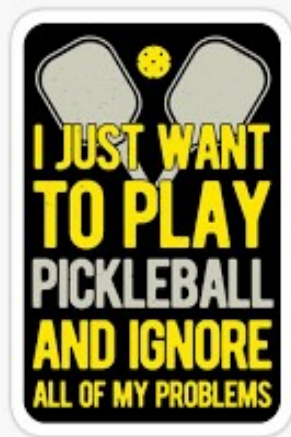


Drill & Play with Alistair:- We will not be organizing any more sessions throughout the summer, however if you are interested in a private lesson, semi-private or organising a lesson for a group of 4 please let Carol know at treasurer@chillpb.com.

Club Etiquette

A big thank you to everyone for complying with our new mandatory **eyewear** regulation!! It's a great feeling to know that we are all doing our part to make sure play at the Landing is safe and fun for everyone!

Please remember that our courts here at the Landing have very little room behind them, and that hard cement walls, metal girders, or flopping tennis nets are lurking closely behind! In that we regard, we would kindly ask that players reconsider sending up long **lobs to the back of courts**. We realize it is an effective shot at times but would hope that, due to our constricted courts, everyone's safety becomes more important than just getting one more point.



Save the Date!!!

CPC Annual General Meeting
July 9th, 2024, 6:30-9:30pm
Location: Upstairs at the Chilliwack Curling Club

Our yearly Club Meeting is sneaking up quickly and we would like to see you all there! You can sign up now on [PickleballSignUpHub](https://PickleballSignUpHub.com) (just as you would for a regular play session). There will be appetizers served and a free drink for all members attending, so we will need to know if you are planning on attending. The AGM agenda, and all required reports, will be sent out to all members at the end of June. Along with voting for board members for the upcoming year, we will



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hopefully have some updated information regarding the Landing Annex facility being built by the City of Chilliwack. Hope to see you there. (Note: Our Club's bylaws do not allow for proxy votes, so voting can only be done in person at the AGM.)

Sponsors:

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!** We also have a few spots that have opened for additional sponsors, so if you know a local business that would love to support our club and have their banner on a net, (along with advertising on our website, newsletters and during our tournaments), then please have them contact Ray Hart at Rayhart58@gmail.com, or via text at 604-807-2533.



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