NEWSLETTER



Yukon Pickleball Association

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Top Story: Membership Numbers

This month our membership has expanded from 209 to 222. Unfortunately, we don't yet have an automatic welcome message to new members. We are working on this and hope to have a package of information ready to send to our new members later this summer. In the meantime, new members can get background information by clicking on the FAQs button at our webpage:

https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/yukon-pickleball-association/14/faqs/3211/



Mark Renneson Camp

July 7-11

This was a tremendous success. The demand for the camp was truly overwhelming. We could only accommodate 32 participants. An additional 16 participants on the waitlist were able to get a taste of the camp with a 2-hour clinic. The responses from the survey were very positive. We aim to make this an annual event and will work to bring top coaches, such as Mark, to help our members improve. We plan to offer three camps, including one in the late afternoon or early evening to suit 9-to-5 workers.

Social Events

The hike organized for the Renneson camp, and at the wrap up event were delightful social experiences that gave a chance to talk about things other than pickleball. And for some, a chance to meet new people. We will be planning other social events in the upcoming year, events that may not necessarily involve pickleball.



Instructors Mark Renneson and Gillian Epp



Many of the attendees of the Renneson camp & clinic



Webpage

Our current webmaster, Megan Peters, is leaving Yukon at the end of July. We will have a new webmaster, Sarah Booth, starting in August. We will make sure that the transition is seamless, so that starting at 7 pm each Sunday you will be able to register for the following week's events. We know that some have not been able to de-register from an event, even though they try to follow the procedure outlined on our webpage. Hopefully we will be able to fix this.

Feedback to the Board

We always welcome feedback. Please send any concerns to a board member so that they can be discussed at our regular monthly meeting.

Yukon Championship

August 23

We have rented the entire CGC Flexihall (6 courts) from 9 am - 5 pm on Saturday August 23 to run our annual Yukon Championships. It will be a similar format to the serve and smash tournament held May 30 - June 1.

It will be a team event. Ideally you will select a partner and register as a team. Jayme Curtis and Mike Sparks will organise the tournament and provide details to individuals seeking partners to form a team. There will be three tournaments: one for 3.5, 3.0+ players, one for 3.0 players and one for 2.5 players, with a limit of 12 teams for each level. To participate you must be a YPA member. And you must be a Yukon resident.

Registration will open in early August and close probably on August 16, to allow the organizers time to finalize the tournament schedule. As the Yukon Sport Governing Body for pickleball we will be extending invitations to our rural communities.

Summer Solstice

Jun 20

This was our second annual summer solstice party at the Mt. Mc. courts. We had lovely weather and an abundance of delicious food. Thanks to the co-ordinators and volunteers for creating another fun and social event!



Members enjoying the Summer Solstice (more pics on our Facebook Page)

Summer Indoor Courts

Indoor play continues at Jack Hulland to August 14, Monday to Thursday, from 5-9 pm. For several reasons, we have decided to discontinue facilitated drills on Wednesdays. Thus, the weekly indoor schedule is:

| Day/Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 5-7 pm | 3.0+, 3.5 RR | 2.5, 3.0 RR | Group booking | Group booking |
| 7-9 pm | Open RR | Open RR | Open RR | Open RR |

Outdoor Schedule at Mt. McIntyre

Our normal schedule and operations will be modified over the next week or so to accommodate: the annual Tennis Tournament, (July 18-20), the replacement of a post for tennis net #4, (July 21-25) and the move of the ski wax room to the parking lot (July 23-24)

This week, access to the courts ends at 1 pm on Friday, July 18.

- -On Sunday, July 20, we will have access from 5 pm-9 pm. However, by then the tennis net will be removed. We will have an extra 3 pickleball nets in the storage box that can be set up as a backstop.
- -Monday, July 21, assuming good weather, the tennis post will be replaced. There will be no pickleball that day. Our standard schedule will be maintained for the remainder of the week. The extra nets will substitute for the tennis net until that net is returned to use. The plan is that this will occur on Friday, July 25, between 1 and 2 pm.
- -On Thursday the 24th access to the parking lot will be blocked to accommodate the wax room move. On that day you can still access the courts. But you will need to drive up the hill towards the reservoir and park on the bench above and immediately south of the courts.

Starting in August we will return to the June schedule for the tiered round-robins

Wednesdays

9-11 am Upper Tier

11 am-1 pm Lower Tier

<u>Saturdays</u>

9-11 am Lower Tier

11 am-1 pm Upper Tier