



**COMOX VALLEY
PICKLEBALL**

January 2026 Newsletter

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Rod Hamilton

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are still sticking to their New Year's Eve resolutions.

Not much pickleball here in New Zealand but on a rainy day my son and I did try indoor Padel for the first time. A fun, energetic game but there is no risk of it replacing the boom in pickleball growth.

As you know we have been talking with the City of Courtenay for several years to have them construct permanent pickleball courts. After extensive studies, meetings and negotiations the Courtenay City Council has approved the construction of six pickleball courts to be located beside the existing tennis courts at Lewis Park.

As part of the process, the CVPA has committed to a capital contribution of \$50,000 with the City supplying the remainder of funds required.

Prior to beginning construction, there are several studies that need to be completed including an archeological study. This study is out of the hands of the City and may delay the start date of construction until next year. There is not much we can do to help speed up the process. We will keep you posted on the progress and let you know when a more detailed timeline is announced.

The beta Membership Benefit program found on our website has now begun and I expect that by March 1st, there will be 200 – 300 participating local businesses offering discounts and promotions on the platform to CVPA members. The beta program will end and become permanent once Pickleball Canada takes over the running of the platform, which is expected by June 1st.

The Board has received numerous requests for squeegees and towels to be available to all members and not be limited to only those members with access to the locked shed. The Board has approved a motion to make squeegees and towels available outside the shed for all members to use. We acknowledge that this exposes the equipment to theft or damage and does not deal with the issue of who and how the towels get dried out for

use the next day. But we are willing to give it a try and see if either this works or another process emerges that is better than what we currently have.

The 9th annual May tournament dates have been set for May 2 – 3. The posting is already up on Pickleball Tournaments with registration dates, etc. There will be additional reminders that go out as we get closer to the registration dates, so nobody misses the sign up.

Enjoy your pickleball, wherever you are.

Comox Valley Pickleball Association Christmas Play Day & Potluck Party!

Pickle bells, pickle bells, pickle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to dink and smash a winner play, HEY!

This year's CVPA Christmas Party was a day of pickleball fun, socializing, delicious potluck food, and karaoke. Nearly 100 enthusiastic people signed up, a fantastic turnout!

We made a slight change from past years pickleball play by arranging waiting players into gold and silver categories to help mix and move players along. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the pickleball. As always, snacks were provided by the party organizing committee and were scrumptiously enjoyed.

The dinner was enough to feed an entire army of elves! There were so many great appetizers, salads, main courses, and desserts. Those with big appetites could easily have a second (or even third!) helping. A thank you to those who brought their own plates and cups to help reduce the waste and environmental impact.

The 50/50 raffle was a huge hit, raising \$495.00. The lucky winner received \$247.50 and generously donated \$47.50 to the CVPA. What a success! Additionally, \$247.50 and at least 6 totes and boxes of food were donated to the food bank. Such an impressive contribution from everyone! Thank you!

In keeping with tradition, many members donated items for our evening door prizes. Thank you so much to everyone who brought in items. We drew so many fantastic prizes throughout the evening.

The main entertainment was karaoke, which started with a humorous skit and karaoke version of "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," performed by the Christmas Party organizing committee. Thanks to Don Catling for stepping in as Santa. Throughout the evening, other brave karaoke singers entertained with amazing confidence.

There was also a very entertaining lip sync performance by Jean Douglas who had the crowd laughing hysterically with her interpretation of Patsy Cline's "She's Got You."

Overall, the day and evening were a blast! Again, thanks Don Catling, for keeping the order of events moving as our MC. Lastly, a huge thank you to the organizing committee: Jenny Kennedy, Jane Kolmatychi, Susan Mathie, April Hull, Donna Turner, and Moira Ashlee. Without these amazing women, the evening wouldn't have been possible. Thanks so much for everything!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

For those of you that have not renewed your 2026 CVPA membership this gentle reminder should be just what you need to get the job done.

The membership fee is \$37.88 and will be valid until 31 December, 2026.....what a deal!!.

When renewing your membership **please remember to use your current membership number** which is accessed on the registration page. This will prevent you having a duplicate membership (2 membership numbers) which makes more work for the CVPA volunteers and could complicate things for you if you register for something (Christmas party, clinic, tournament, etc.) in the future.

This is the link that you can use to access the renewal page and the fill in form that you will need to complete -

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

Your CVPA Membership Will:

1. Include membership in Pickleball BC (PBC) & PCO with their benefits
2. Give you access to all the great discounts on Member Benefits
3. Give the CVPA the credibility to go forward in applying for grants;
4. Contribute to the development and utilization of local Pickleball facilities;
5. Enable you to participate in CVPA Training Academy lessons and competitive and non competitive events offered by the CVPA.
6. Maintain the CVPA Training Academy on a cost-neutral basis;
7. Help promote youth involvement through clinics & training sessions
8. Cover operating expenses such as our website cvpickleball.ca pickleball assets (ball machines, gates, signage, protective fence tops, etc.);
9. Include participant sport insurance through Pickleball Canada;
10. Enable you to receive the CVPA member newsletter;
11. Enable you to receive the PCO & PBC newsletters with wonderful articles, timely information, rule updates, very useful tips & lots of other great material
12. Enable you to join in on fun social activities.
13. Enable you to participate in member only tournaments and leagues.

ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$37.88 - YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS DEAL

ROTARY HIGHLAND EMERGENCY SHED ACCESS

- 1) A sign is posted on the shed door with the fire hall phone number and 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.

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:



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/club/comox-valley-pickleball-association/1059/>

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

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.

The Sunday play times are back on at the CFB Comox Base Gym, see the website and Facebook group for updates through the winter.

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/comox-valley-pickleball-association/1059/play-schedules/9288/>

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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership as of December 31, 2025 - 702 members

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 max 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.

Visit the Comox Valley Pickleball Association websites and social media

Comox Valley Pickleball Association Website

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

Comox Valley Pickleball Association on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/cvpickleball.ca>

Comox Valley Pickleball Discussion on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/741799624629434>

Email 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/>

Contact Leanne at kleannewebster@gmail.com

The 2025/2026 Board of Directors as follows:

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