



OPENING EVENTS

A quick update for all on some important upcoming dates.



MAY 2, 2026 BBQ & FUN DAY

Registration for the “BBQ” is now open

If you want food and refreshments
make sure to register!



Registration for the “Play Event” opens at 9:00 pm Saturday, April 18

This is going to be a fun event run by Doug Flowers.

There will be 3 Events: 3.5 and 4.0 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am; 2.5 and 3.0 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
and Open – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Games will be 15 minutes each

Players will draw a numbered chit from a bucket for each time they play and then select their time and court based on the number they have drawn and the round robin books. After you have completed your game, you will go to the control desk to draw your next number and scheduled play time.

Note to participate in both activities there are two events to register in Court Reserve

Remember to bring \$\$\$s – there will be draws and prizes and other goodies on hand

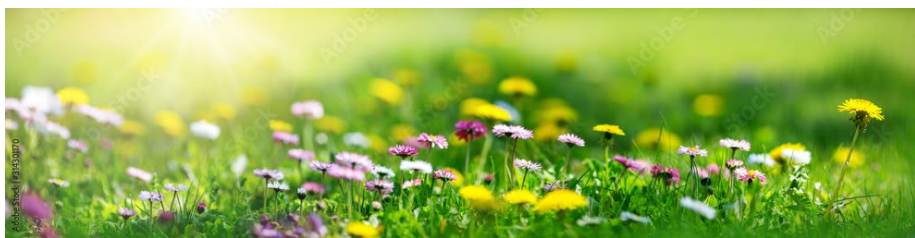


BOTTLE DRIVE

We will be doing a bottle drive fundraiser. Bring your bottles and/or take your bottles to the bottle depot and bring the cash you receive from them. We will accept cash in lieu of the bottles.

COURTRESERVE

On April 15 when you log in to your Court Reserve you will see two new features: “Book A Court” and Leagues.



DUPR EVENTS & INFORMATION

This year, we are taking the deep dive into offering DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating) sessions. For those that are new to the sport, effective December 2025, DUPR became the recognized rating for all sanctioned tournaments.

As you will see from the Schedule we are running DUPR sessions on Saturdays in May and June as follows:

- ❖ Men – 9:30 to 12:00 Noon
- ❖ Ladies – 12:00 Noon to 2:30 pm

By registering in a DUPR event you are agreeing to have your scores (win or lose), entered into the DUPR rating system. DUPR uses a modified Elo algorithm, evaluating not just whether you won, but the score of the match and the strength of your opponents. Once the scores are entered your DUPR rating will be adjusted based on the results and a built-in algorithm that calculates your new rating.

We are looking for Captains that will run the DUPR events. This will include all the normal duties of a captain, plus you will need to have CourtReserve on your mobile phone and data to run the session, provide guidance with the entering of scores as games are concluded, and at the end of the session finalizing the game day. For those of you that were participants to Pickleball Brackets Leagues, it is a similar but more intuitive process. Please contact Barbara.Mullen@scpa.ca if you are willing to be a DUPR Captain. Captain orientations are being run April 23 and April 25.

MAY & JUNE SCHEDULE

A PDF version of the schedule can be found on the PCNS Website under the “Round Robin and Open Play Information” tab and it is also on the SCPA Website.



YOUTH PROGRAM

The Club and our Certified IPTPA Instructors are committed to growing our Youth Program and are once again accepting registrations for the Youth Program.

The Program is open for all youths 10 – 17.

It will run on Monday evenings from 4:00 until 5:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 pm commencing Monday, May 11 through to the end of June. Monday will be skills and drills run by a Certified IPTPA Instructor and Wednesday will be a mix of skills and drills and round

robin game play supervised by Mentors.



This program will be advertised through social media to recruit new youth players to the club. If you do not subscribe to social media and you require further and additional information, please contact Zane.Nykiforuk@scpa.ca and he will assist you.

Zane, with the assistance of Fiona, is busy working with School Phys Ed Departments offering direct lessons to their students with the goal of increasing our youth base!

All registered youth can also play in any open play event or an event offered at their assessed level.

CLUB SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Club has recently drafted a Club Sponsorship Program to raise funds for the future development of Courts for SCPA, whether it be with the assistance and cooperation of the County or as a private development for the Club.

The Sponsorship Program is being circulated together with this newsletter. There are some exciting opportunities for Club Members to also financially support the club at its upcoming tournaments. All funds raised by the Club through sponsorship and donations we be added to our Savings Account, which we continue to grow!

Contact Zane.Nykiforuk@scpa to express your interest in becoming a Club Sponsor!



SCPA 2026 OPEN TOURNAMENT

The 2026 Open Tournament is now open for registration. The link to the tournament can be found here:

<https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/77ad4948-79b8-4085-9037-4536c8a6b703>.

We did such a great job last year, that we decided this year the tournament will be run over 4 days with more age categories and singles categories. We will of course be looking for volunteers as the Tournament draws closer. Once again there will be lots of fun with silent auction items and planned daily beer gardens!



MENTORS NEEDED

As we did in 2025, for the first two weeks of May we will be providing mentors at all our 2.5 events. Being a mentor at the 2.5 events is not a coaching / instructing task, it is simply to provide guidance to the players on what to do when they get there, how to read a Round Robin Sheet, where to go on the Courts, as well as provide support for our new captains etc. We are hopeful that many of you will come out and welcome our new 2.5 players and help them on their path to some very enjoyable games! 2.5 Event times are:

- Monday – 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
- Tuesdays – 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon
- Wednesdays – 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- Wednesdays – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Please let me know if you can assist for these two weeks by emailing Barbara.Mullen@scpa.ca

ASSESSMENTS

We are in the process of scheduling assessments on April 23, 24 and 28 as follows:

April 23 and 24 – 3.5 Recertifications and Assessments (i.e., moving from 3.0)

April 28 – 4.0 Assessments

Final scheduling will be confirmed, and further details should be on Court Reserve by the end of the week.

Please note, several players trying to move from 3.0 to 3.5 found the process challenging. There are drills that must be consistently executed, scoring a minimum of 75%. If you are not yet ready, we will be running more sessions in the fall! Our qualified instructors are working on putting a package of material together including drills that you can be working on in preparation for an assessment clinic. We hope to have these materials ready and online by the end of April.

COURT CLEANING & SET UP

Weather permitting, we have scheduled the court cleaning and set up including installing the windbreaks for Thursday, April 23, 12:30 pm until finished (approximately 2 hours). This will be followed by some fun play and maybe a beer or two at Game On!

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

As of April 13, we have 515 Members. 16% of the active membership are residents from outside of Strathcona County. The Board continues to monitor closely new members to ensure we do not surpass the number outside the County thereby exceeding Strathcona County expectations of no more than 20%.



Membership status has changed as follows:

New Members = 115

Renewed Members = 500

The number of members by skill level is:

2.5 – 137

3.0 – 181

3.5 – 133

4.0 – 61

4.5 – 3

ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES

Strathcona County is excited that the Alberta Summer Games are coming to Strathcona County July 16-19, 2026. They are reaching out to see if anyone in the pickleball community would be interested in volunteering over the weekend! There are plenty of different activities happening across the community:

Non-sport type: Accommodations, Food Centre, Opening Ceremonies, Participant Entertainment Night, Polyclinic, Registration Centre, Transportation, Volunteer Rally.

Sport type: Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Canoe-Kayak, Golf, Lacrosse, Mountain Bike, Rugby, Softball, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis.

If anyone interested, more information and volunteer registration can be found here: [Volunteers](#)



Let's Play Pickleball!

Barbara Mullen, President



Strathcona County Pickleball Association 2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in North America, celebrated for its unique ability to foster community, health, and social connection across all generations. The **Strathcona County Pickleball Association (SCPA)** is at the forefront of this movement with over 600 members ranging in age from 10 to 84. Based at the Sherwood Heights Courts, our dedicated volunteers deliver comprehensive programming, including youth clinics, skill development, recreational play, competitive play, and senior 70+ play.

By partnering with SCPA, your brand will gain significant visibility within a vibrant, active demographic. This year, we are proud to host two major events:

- **SCPA Open Sanctioned Tournament (July 23 -26):** Expected to draw over 400 athletes and spectators from across Alberta for four days of highly competitive pickleball.
- **SCPA Club Tournament (September 12 – 13):** A members-only event expected to draw 100 members and spectators for a fun-filled weekend of spirited competition and community building.

We invite you to explore our various sponsorship tiers and join us in supporting an active, healthy lifestyle in Strathcona County.



Sherwood Heights Courts
Strathcona County Pickleball 2025 Sanctioned Tournament



Strathcona County Pickleball Association 2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

SPONSORSHIP TIERS

Diamond Sponsor - \$1500

- **Premium Signage:** Prominent 6' wide x 6' high banner displayed in a high-traffic location at the Sherwood Heights Courts for both tournaments.
- **Direct Engagement:** Opportunity to host a booth or table for promotional material and engage directly with participants.
- **Speaking Opportunity:** Ability to address participants during the tournament.
- **Event Recognition:** Acknowledgment of your sponsorship during the tournament and medal ceremonies.
- **Digital Presence:** Business logo featured on the SCPA tournament website and SCPA website.
- **Lessons:** Complimentary pickleball lessons for 8 people (two 2-hour sessions).

Platinum Sponsor - \$1000

- **Prime Signage:** Prominent 6' wide x 6' high banner at the Sherwood Heights Courts for both tournaments.
- **Event Recognition:** An invitation to personally present medals at the tournament medal ceremony and acknowledgment of your sponsorship during the tournament.
- **Digital Presence:** Business logo featured on the SCPA tournament website and SCPA website.
- **Lessons:** Complimentary pickleball lessons for 8 people (two 2-hour sessions).

Gold Sponsor - \$500

- **Court Signage:** Business-provided banner 5' wide x 3' high displayed on one of eight courts for both tournaments.
- **Event Recognition:** Announcement of your business name for every game on your court.
- **Digital Presence:** Business logo featured on the SCPA tournament website and SCPA website.

Club Sponsor - \$500

- **Year-Round Visibility:** Business logo prominently displayed on the SCPA website for one full year.
- **Recognition:** Official mention and appreciation at the SCPA Annual General Meeting.

Family/Member Sponsor - \$100

- **Signage:** Family/Member provided banner 2' x 2' with your name and optional design. The banner will be displayed at the courts for both tournaments.
- **Recognition:** Official mention and appreciation during the tournament.

Silent Auction Donation

- **Donation:** Gift cards, services, or items for the tournament silent auction.
- **Recognition:** Business name will be featured on the silent auction bidding sheets.

In-Kind Donation

- **Donation:** Provide cash or products to create the athlete swag bags.
- **Recognition:** Place your brand into the hands of every tournament athlete.

SCPA 2026 - Sherwood Heights Pickleball Courts Schedule

As good neighbors, we urge you to observe quiet times and not play before 8 am. and after 10 pm.

TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TIME DATE		
8 am - 9 am								8 am - 9 am		
8:30 am - 9:00 am		Book a Court 6 Courts	Book a Court 6 Courts	Book a Court 6 Courts	Book a Court 6 Courts	Book a Court 6 Courts		8:30 am - 9:00 am		
9:00 am - 9:30 am								9:00 am - 9:30 am		
9:30 am - 10:00 am.								9:30 am - 10:00 am.		
10 am. -10:30 am.	Paddles on the Fence 6 Courts	3.5 Round Robin 6 Courts	2.5 Round Robin 6 Courts	3.0 Round Robin 6 Courts	3.5 Round Robin 6 Courts	4.0+ Round Robin 6 Courts	MEN'S DUPR 6 Courts	10 am. -10:30 am.		
10:30 am. -11am.								10:30 am. -11am.		
11 am. -11:30 am.								11 am. -11:30 am.		
11:30 am - 12 pm.								11:30 am - 12 pm.		
12 pm. -12:30 pm.	2.5 & 3.0 Team Round Robin 6 Courts	3.0 Round Robin 6 Courts	Seniors 70+ 6 Courts	3.5 & 4.0 Round Robin 6 Courts	3.0 Round Robin 6 Courts	3.5 Round Robin 6 Courts	LADIES DUPR 6 Courts	12 pm. -12:30 pm.		
12:30 pm. -1 pm.								12:30 pm. -1 pm.		
1 pm. - 1:30 pm.								1 pm. - 1:30 pm.		
1:30 pm. -2 pm.								1:30 pm. -2 pm.		
2 pm. - 2:30 pm.	3.5+ Team Round Robin 6 Courts							2 pm. - 2:30 pm.		
2:30 pm. -3 pm.								2:30 pm. -3 pm.		
3 pm. - 3:30 pm.								3 pm. - 3:30 pm.		
3:30 pm. - 4pm.								3:30 pm. - 4pm.		
4 pm. - 4:30 pm.		Youth Program 3 Courts	2.5 Round Robin (Mentor) 3 Courts	4.0+ Round Robin 6 Courts	Youth Program 3 Courts	2.5 Round Robin (Mentor) 3 Courts	Book a Court 6 Courts	4 pm. - 4:30 pm.		
4:30 pm. -5 pm.										
5 pm. - 5:30 pm.								5 pm. - 5:30 pm.		
5:30 pm. - 6 pm.		Open Ladies Round Robin 6 Courts	Open Round Robin 6 Courts	Paddles on the Fence 6 Courts	Open Round Robin 6 Courts			5:30 pm. - 6 pm.		
6 pm. - 6:30 pm.										6 pm. - 6:30 pm.
6:30 pm. - 7 pm.								6:30 pm. - 7 pm.		
7 pm. - 7:30 pm.		3.0 Round Robin 6 Courts	3.5 Round Robin 6 Courts	2.5 Round Robin 6 Courts	4.0 Round Robin 6 Courts			7 pm. - 7:30 pm.		
7:30 pm. - 8 pm.										7:30 pm. - 8 pm.
8 pm. - 8:30 pm.										8 pm. - 8:30 pm.
8:30 pm. - 9 pm.										8:30 pm. - 9 pm.