



**COMOX VALLEY
PICKLEBALL**
May 2026 Newsletter

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Rod Hamilton

Champions Crowned at the 9th Annual CVPA Tournament

The 9th Annual Comox Valley Pickleball Association Tournament has officially wrapped up after an incredible weekend of competition, camaraderie, and outstanding pickleball action.

Players from across the region competed in Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events, showcasing impressive skill levels, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm throughout the tournament.

From hard-fought championship matches to exciting comeback victories, the event highlighted why pickleball continues to be one of the fastest-growing sports in Canada.



This tournament would not have been possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers, tournament organizers, referees, sponsors, and community supporters.

A special thank you goes out to every player who participated and helped create such a welcoming and energetic atmosphere throughout the weekend.

Thank you to everyone involved.

Congratulations to Our CVPA Tournament Medalists

Congratulations to all medal winners across every division. Your effort, teamwork, and competitive spirit made this tournament truly memorable.

Our CVPA members who walked away with hardware are listed below:



Sandra Bars, Brian Burrell: Gold, 4.0+

Jessica Hyslop, Matt McKenzie: Bronze, 4.0+



Brian Burrell, Bill Kelly: Silver 4.0+

Tim Dugas, Ben Wyatt: Bronze 4.0+



Jill Nelson, Andy Stewart: Silver, 4.0 Mixed



Brandon Reymerink, Beau Calnan: Bronze, 4.0 Men's



Glenna Hazeldine, Sharon de Goode: Bronze, 4.0 Women's



John Hammerling, Noel Villard: Bronze, 3.5 Men's



Andrea Pellerin, Barry Hyslop: Silver, 3.5, Mixed Doubles



Karen Mayrs, Donna Turner: Bronze, 3.5 Women's Doubles

Courtenay Court Update

In early April, representatives from the CVPA met with the Courtenay Recreation Department and municipal planners for an on-site walkthrough of the future pickleball facility located adjacent to the Lewis Park tennis courts.

Members may have noticed that a project sign has now been installed at the location, including a preliminary concept layout of the proposed six-court facility.

The project has now moved into the engineering and technical planning phase. Engineers are currently completing the detailed design work, along with two required supporting studies that must be finalized before construction can begin.

At this time, the project remains on schedule, with construction anticipated to begin in the spring of 2027.

The CVPA Board will continue to keep members informed as new information and project updates become available.

Information available at <https://engagecomoxvalley.ca/courtenay-pickleball-courts>



New Facility Update

The Facility Sub-Committee has been putting in many, many hours working toward the development of a dedicated indoor pickleball facility in the valley. It has certainly been a lesson in patience as we continue working through the various levels of government involved in the process!

That said, we are making slow but steady progress. As many of you know, we have been working with the Town of Comox regarding access to land on Pritchard Road, Comox. The Town approached the Province of BC and received directions on the process required to transfer the land to the Town of Comox. One of the requirements was to meet with the K'ómoks First Nations to ensure the properties were not part of any K'ómoks First Nations land claims. This meeting took place in March and KFN has signed off on this project.

The Town then met with the CVRD to request support for this development. The CVRD has expressed an interest in receiving more information and details on how the CVPA would proceed with the project.

The Sub-Committee will be making a presentation to the CVRD Recreation Commission in the coming months (remember that patience thing - EVERYTHING takes forever!!!). We will keep you updated as things progress.

The Sub-Committee members, with the support of the CVPA Board of Directors, remain optimistic that this project will eventually become a reality. We look forward to the day when the valley has an amazing indoor pickleball facility offering new programs, expanded training options, clinics and leagues, youth programs, a variety of local, regional and provincial tournaments - the possibilities are endless!

Thanks for your support of the Sub-Committee's work.

Lessons and Skill Development

One of the ongoing challenges for the club continues to be court availability for lessons, clinics, and player development programs. With membership growth and increasing demand for instructional play, court space remains limited at the Rotary Highland courts.

The good news is that the addition of the new courts is expected to significantly improve the situation. The preliminary plan is to move much of our scheduled lessons and training programs to the new facility, where dedicated instructional times can be booked in advance on a more consistent basis.

In the meantime, we continue to make the best use of the court time currently available. Joe has once again launched his popular Skills & Drills sessions on Tuesday afternoons, which continue to attract strong participation and positive feedback from members.

Joe has also restarted the Sunday morning Beginner Sessions, designed specifically for new players learning the fundamentals of the game in a fun and welcoming environment. In addition, lessons continue to be offered for members looking to further develop and elevate their game. Due to limited court availability, lesson times cannot currently be scheduled on a fixed weekly basis.

Members interested in instruction are encouraged to contact Rod directly to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Membership

As of May 13th, 2026 the CVPA membership is at 584 with 304 females (average age 63.7) and 280 males (average age 64.6). Don't forget to renew your membership so you can participate in CVPA scheduled play times.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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 December 31st, 2026.

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.

CVPA Scheduled Play Times - Membership

Your CVPA board has approved the implementation of a “guest fee” for non-members or visitors that wish to play during the Suggested Play Times at the Rotary Highland Courts and at Martin Park Courts.

The reason for this decision was based on several factors:

1) As we continue working to improve pickleball facilities throughout the Valley, the number of CVPA members plays a very important role in advocating for additional courts and the ongoing maintenance of our existing facilities.

For visitors or non-members who plan to play several times, becoming a CVPA member is the most cost-effective option and helps strengthen our voice within the community. Those who only expect to play occasionally may find the \$5.00 drop-in fee to be the better choice.

2) The work of the CVPA has been fully responsible for establishing the pickleball venues currently enjoyed by players throughout the Valley. We encourage all players using these facilities to become members of the CVPA in support of these ongoing efforts.

The \$5.00 drop-in fee has been implemented to help ensure that all players contribute to the development, improvement, and maintenance of local pickleball facilities.

3) As a CVPA member, players are not only investing in the club itself, but also contributing to the development and upkeep of the venues the CVPA has worked hard to establish. The Board felt it was important that all players using these courts contribute in some way.

For that reason, a \$5.00 drop-in fee was introduced for visitors and non-members to help ensure everyone playing on the courts is supporting the facilities and the ongoing work of the CVPA.

4) Most pickleball clubs charge a fee to participate in club play. We have also been advised by Pickleball BC and Pickleball Canada that the CVPA is one of the very few clubs that has allowed visitors and non-members to participate in club play times without paying a fee.

The introduction of the drop-in fee helps bring the CVPA more in line with common practices at other clubs while ensuring continued support for local pickleball facilities and programs.

5) The fee applies only to players who wish to participate in club play with CVPA members during the designated club play times, which are generally in the mornings. Players who wish to use the courts outside of these suggested club play times are welcome to do so without paying the fee.

6) If someone does not wish to pay this fee, the coordinators of all our play times are aware that, if the courts are full, a net must be set up in the lacrosse box to allow access to that area. In this way, we are not preventing anyone from playing and we are adhering to the arrangement we have with the Town of Comox and the City of Courtenay.

Hopefully this helps clarify our new policy. If you have any questions or comments. Please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to respond as quickly as possible.

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. All that at this link below. Note the play time coordinators and our Facebook groups publish the school use times.

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

CVPA Merchandise Sales Coordinator

A huge thank you goes out to Denise Lawson who worked with Russ Portigal to get the CVPA sales program set up for online purchasing. Denise then ran the “sales” for the club but has had to step back from this position.

Therefore the club is looking for someone to step in and fill Denise’s shoes. The program pretty much runs itself so the time commitment is very minimal.....3 or 4 hours a month.

You don’t have to be a computer person as it is very simple to use. Please send an email to cvpa2015@gmail.com if you feel that you can help the club out with this small job.

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/register/cvpa-store/37940/>

Check out the items the CVPA has on the online store by clicking on the link above. Ordering is simple and delivery is quick. What more could you ask for? Get some swag today and then you can “represent” on the courts!!!!

Until someone volunteers, if you have any questions, please contact Donna at cvpa2015@gmail.com

HELP WANTED!!!

Don't skip by this part - it is the best part AND could be fun!!!!

1) Sales manager as described earlier in the newsletter.

2) National Pickleball Day is Saturday August 8, 2026. Is there anyone out there that would like to plan an extravaganza.....an event.....a minor get together to celebrate National Pickleball Day in the Comox Valley. You would have carte blanche to do as much or as little as you would like at whatever venue you would like. If someone is willing to step forward and spearhead this idea the club will find you all the volunteers you need in order to get your vision off the ground.....and onto the courts!!

If you are interested in taking on either (or both!) of these jobs please send a note to

Donna at cvpa2015@gmail.com

The success of our club is due 100% to our volunteers. Be a part of that success - it will make you feel GOOOOD!

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.

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.

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 Donna at cvpa2015@gmail.com

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.

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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