



The Dinker

Keeping our members informed

July calendar changes

Here is the updated calendar starting July 1. You can access the full calendar at the [July schedule](#) link. Our scheduling committee is Chairwoman Barb Delaurier, Bonnie Ewasechko, Kathy Hammel, Brenda Lea MacPhail and Barry Schneider. Changes starting in July include:

- Partner play to replace 3.5 ladder Thursdays 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
- Partner play every Saturday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Received a request for 3.5 Mixed and 3.5 Men's Play:
 - Additional 3.5 Men's Play in the 8 a.m.-10 a.m. timeslot.
 - Additional 3.5 Mixed Play in the 8 a.m.-10 a.m. timeslot.

The committee carefully considered several options and ultimately decided to **keep the 3.5 Men's Play, Women's Play and Mixed Play program schedule unchanged**, as the requests conflicted and it was not possible to accommodate them all.

- **DUPR 4.0+ Pilot Project Program Revised Criteria** (*Committee: Bonnie Ewasechko, Chris Friesen, Ken MacPhail, Wanda Lazar*)

CRITERIA

- Have a DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating) of 4.0 or higher and/or compete in competitive DUPR league/games and/or tournament 4.0 or higher brackets with other registered DUPR 4.0+ rated players.
- Players must have a minimum DUPR 3.5 because Pickleball Canada implemented the tournament guideline that players can only play .5 above their DUPR, and these players must satisfy the program's tournament participation requirements.

What you need to know

- If your DUPR rises to 4.0 or higher during the pickleball season after May 1, you may request program access from the committee.
- If you qualify for the program based on your April 30 rating and your DUPR drops during the pickleball season after May 1, you will remain in the program for the remainder of the season.
- Club members who do not have a DUPR rating and do not participate in DUPR competitive leagues/games or tournaments, and who clearly demonstrate 4.0+ level skill and game play, may inquire with the Program Coordinators (Bonnie, Chris, Ken, and Wanda) regarding eligibility for participation in this group.
- For specific program questions, inquiries or information, please contact committee members directly

If you have any feedback on the Calendar or suggestions for new events, email scheduling.mhpc@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Weekly drop-in play for all skill levels
- Organized play programs, including Learn to Play, Skills & Drills, and guided game play
- Junior program
- Winter in-school program lessons
- Court booking privileges
- Structured youth and family programming
- Social play nights
- UCT Clubhouse access with BBQ, lights, music, and a comfortable gathering space
- Group bookings for social events
- Ball machine rentals
- Equipment and amenities: Everything you need to enjoy the season!



Junior/Adult Club Events

The Board of Directors, in collaboration with the Junior Committee, has been asked to consider a proposal that will allow **Approved Advanced Junior Members** to attend designated adult play activities. This proposal will also allow these Advanced Juniors to supervise selected players younger than 16 during independent play. This proposal is for a one-month trial basis (July). Prior to the end of the trial period, the program and any feedback will be reviewed.

All Advanced Juniors need to register for any events they are attending on Court Reserve so the club can assess the program's success or need for improvement.

Selected events that Advanced Junior members can play in (based on July schedule):

- 8-10 a.m. time slot: 2.5-3.5 Open play, Monday, Thursday and Friday
- 10 a.m.-noon time slot: 2.5-3.5 Open Play Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Family Play on Sunday
- 6-8 p.m. time slot: All Level Round Robin Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Junior/Adult Mixed Tuesday evening
- Partner Play (playing with a guardian): Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
- Participate in any Reserved Court Booking that they are invited to, or that their parents have booked.

Program criteria:

Junior members have been assessed in relation to the level of play, level of maturity and sportsmanship. Players only at a rating of 3.0 and above would be approved as an Advanced Junior member and be able to participate in board approved scheduled events. More information, along with a start date, to come soon.

HAT'S DIGITAL HALL PASS

MHPC will be taking part in the **Explore The Hat Digital Pass**, where passholders can purchase one **Learn to Play** session and receive one for free. This is a great way for passholders to sign up for Learn to Play and bring a friend. If you are interested in helping with our Learn to Play program, please reach out to Wanda Lazar at wlaraz@telus.net.

MENTORED PLAY

Mentored Play is an opportunity to participate in team mentoring sessions to improve your skills and game play. Mentors are club members who have offered to volunteer their time to work with other club members wanting to improve. Members may request to be assigned to a mentor. Mentored Play is flexible and allows mentors and players to decide what skills to work on, either as part of a drilling session and/or game play. Players who have completed a mentoring series need to be prepared to sign up as a mentor to extend learning to other members. You can request a mentor at mhpbinfo@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

MHPC is responsible for **tracking volunteer hours** to submit to the city as part of our operating agreement and when applying for funding. Please keep track of your volunteer hours and return sheets to Wanda Lazar by the end of October. **Member volunteer hours tracking form** is available in the link and in Court Reserve. Copies also available in the clubhouse.

Membership experience

Our social committee has worked hard to create fun, inclusive events for this summer! Our goal is to create a welcoming environment where new members feel included and returning members feel valued. This means creating a community-focused environment rather than just a facility to play pickleball. If you are interested in helping out the social committee in planning or volunteering, please contact mhpbinfo@gmail.com.

Upcoming Social Committee Events

- **July 12 Open House/Member Appreciation BBQ:** Event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is FREE, so bring a friend! There will be Learn to Play opportunities and club information available. BBQ and cake at 11 a.m.
- **July 24 Play Under the Lights:** More info to come!
- **Aug. 8 National Pickleball Day:** More info to come!

DINK WAR WINNERS



Dink Wars was moved to June 26 because of weather, and finished just before another downpour. Clockwise from upper left: Junior medalists, novice medalists, intermediate medalists and advanced medalists.

Volunteer opportunities

The club has several volunteer opportunities, which are opportunities to bring our club together and help create a more inclusive pickleball community. Please consider volunteering for one of the opportunities listed.

Ambassadors: The role of Ambassadors is to welcome our new and novice players, help them integrate into the club, and find play opportunities where they feel comfortable participating. This role includes being available for new members to reach out with questions or inquiries about club information.

Hosts: The role of Hosts is to help create a welcoming, organized and fun environment for players attending club scheduled events. This includes welcoming players, introducing new players, setting up the round robin or gold/silver buckets before the start of the games and then putting everything away at the end of the time slot and making any club announcements as needed.

Social Event Host: The role of a Social Event Host is to work with the club's event coordinator to plan, promote and carry out a variety of social events such as open houses, potlucks, or mini in-house tournaments.

A special request from Root Cellar: The club needs a Root Cellar Race for Hunger coordinator to help with our participation in the Root Cellar's Amazing Race event happening



Photo by Liana Carlson

Signs helped Amazing Race participants know where to go during the August 2025 race.

on Aug. 22, when we will be a stop for race participants.

The coordinator will assist with set up, recruiting of volunteers and work with Root Cellar staff on the day of the event to ensure the event runs smoothly.

Just one more: Want to give volunteering a try? We need a few volunteers for our July 12 Open House. A variety of time slots and jobs are available. Register through our volunteer form at [Open House Volunteers](#).

WINDSCREEN UPDATE: Windscreen material has arrived and will tentatively be installed by the city the week of July 13, subject to weather conditions.



Great **Canada Day** turnout!





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Sponsorship passes

Our club would like to recognize our 2026 Court Sponsors for their generous donations and continued support of our club. Sponsorship passes have been provided as a small token of our appreciation. These passes can be used in place of any visitor or guest fees. Please email mhpbinfo@gmail.com to redeem your pass.

OPEN HOUSE AND MEMBER APPRECIATION BBQ

Celebrate. Play. Connect.

SUNDAY, JULY 12
★ 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM ★

WE NEED YOU!
We're looking for friendly volunteers to help make our Open House & Member Appreciation BBQ a success!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Welcome and greet guests
- Sign-up and information desk
- Learn-to-Play court assistance
- Answer questions and help visitors feel comfortable

Your friendly welcome makes all the difference!

ENJOY A DAY FULL OF Pickleball!

- FREE DROP-IN PICKLEBALL ALL DAY**
Open courts for all skill levels!
- LEARN-TO-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES**
Perfect for beginners!
- MEMBER APPRECIATION BBQ LUNCH**
Thank you for being part of our club!
- BRING A FRIEND DAY!**
Invite your friends to join in partner play or other club events!

EVEN IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO COME OUT AND PLAY, PLEASE STICK AROUND FOR A BIT AND HELP SUPPORT THE EVENT.
A friendly welcome and positive first impression can make all the difference for new players.

VOLUNTEER & SIGN UP TODAY!
Please sign up on our Google Form to volunteer for any portion of the day.

Scan me!

NEED NEW PICKLEBALLS?

Check out the **BALL SALES** category on home page of Court-Reserve. Franklin X-40 balls are three for \$10. Register to buy on the app, place your order, pay, then pick them up in the office.