

April 11, 2022

President's Notes

—Teri Ehntholt, Acting President

Our spring season opened April 4. I hope you've had an opportunity to register on CourtReserve for round robins and/or challenge play at Pine



Nursery Park. Use the [2022 Playing Schedule](#) to plan your pickleball week.

Tournament News: Planning is well underway for this year's Pacific Northwest Classic pickleball tournament to be

held July 27-31. The Club could never put on such a large and successful tournament without the help of our dedicated volunteers, and we will be requesting your assistance very soon. In the meantime, mark your calendars! The "Thank You, Volunteers" party will be September 27, 2022, at Pine Nursery Park. All 16 courts are reserved for this fun social event. Stay tuned for more details.

All Members Meeting: Please join our Board members on June 8, 6:00pm, at the Larkspur Community Center meeting room. You must not miss this opportunity to gather, hear and share ideas and suggestions, and help plan for any

changes to our pickleball season. We will provide free beer and encourage you to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We all look forward to seeing you there.

Club Needs: While I am happy to be serving as the Club's Acting President, please remember this [temporary](#) term is only through July 2022. We will have three vacancies on our board as of August 1, 2022, a situation that negatively impacts our success as a thriving pickleball organization.

Our bylaws require a committee of two member volunteers plus a Board member to serve as the Nominating Committee that reviews interested board candidates. Please consider volunteering for this critical yet occasional role by [contacting us](#) by April 18, latest. If no member volunteers step forward, the Board will contact long-term members with a Club history for their assistance.

For potential candidates, we hope you will indicate your interest in joining the board by sending an [email via our website](#) as soon as possible. Candidates will be considered in May.

Have fun out there!

March Mini-Camp a Hit

—Dean Guyer, Director of Training & Development

Last month Pickleball Zone Bend hosted a mini bootcamp for 2.5 players looking to earn a [local-to-Bend-only](#) 3.0 rating.

Coaches from Widgi Creek, Pickleball Zone Bend, and Bend Pickleball Club together provided players two hours of training and round robin play to improve their games and rating. The first hour focused on skills development where each teacher led a group drill; each of four drills focused on an important aspect of pickleball. The second hour was a 5-player round robin modeled after our CORE (Central Oregon Rating Evaluation) program. The four teachers involved assessed players throughout the bootcamp and afterwards met with assistants to discuss how each player fared. It was a huge success.

The Club will be offering several similar bootcamp training sessions at Pine Nursery Park. Upcoming dates and times will be announced.

As for CORE, testing procedures have been proceeding very well. Widgi Creek and Pickleball Zone Bend have been testing their members as well as our own, resulting in numerous rating increases. The Club will start testing members once our 2022 summer season gets underway, most likely in May.

Congratulations to everyone's success!

Membership Stats-to-Date

—*Brian Firebaugh, Membership Chair*

As you'll recall, Club membership was capped last fall at 850 members. We currently have just under 900 active members with 23 members in renewal phase. Our waitlist has grown to 351. As a result, we have eliminated one-month guest memberships until our cap is reached. However, each member may still request up to two permanent [guest passes](#) for use by visiting friends and family.

Important: To safeguard the optimum use of our courts, we remind every member to wear their name tag while playing at Pine Nursery Park during Club hours.

Ahoy, Captains!

—*Craig Poole, VP & Court Utilization Chair*

Our 2022 spring playing season opened on April 4.

- Organized play, including both round robin (**RR play for 3.5 skill level players and skill level play for all other levels**) is scheduled on Mon/Wed/Fri, 10:00am-12:00pm. Note that a session has been added for **4.5+ skill level play** on Court 6 on these same days.
- Challenge court play sessions, open to all members, are scheduled on Tues/Thurs/Sat, 10:00am-12:00pm on five courts.
- Ball machine sessions are Tues/Sat, 10:00am-12:00pm. Each two-hour session is divided into three (3) 40-minute segments each of which is limited to two members.

Once the weather warms, we will move start times to 9:00am. You can review the playing schedule on our [website](#) and visit [CourtReserve](#) to book your play.

No RR sessions can occur without captains. We need volunteer captains to sign up or that day's RR will be cancelled. If you are interested in becoming a RR captain, [email us](#), text 541-233-3978, or talk with a captain/ball machine operator on the courts at Pine Nursery Park.

Our schedule for ball machines is included in the playing schedule. As with RR sessions, ball machine sessions cannot occur without an operator present. Please contact [Dean Guyer](#) to arrange for training on the machines.



Court Lights? Yes, Please

—Teri Ehntholt, *Court Operations Director*

Courts at Pine Nursery Park are well utilized, and the number of players grows daily. We all know that Bend needs more courts; we also need lights on the current courts at Pine Nursery. I'm seeking interested volunteers to support or spearhead teams to work on one or both projects. [Connect with me](#) as soon as possible. *One day, night play* could be your reward!

Bend Park and Recreation District plans to pay for resurfacing the Pine Nursery Park pickleball courts #1-8 in Spring 2023. We are fortunate to have such a great set of courts in our town and are also grateful to Club members who help to keep them beautifully maintained.

Tournament Housing Liaison

—Alane Harrold

We know that many players in the upcoming Pacific Northwest Classic will be looking for overnight accommodations. If you are interested in renting, hosting, providing RV hook-up, or similar, please [contact me](#) as soon as possible. This is just one more way of making our Bend Pickleball Club tournament a popular destination.

Take a Look

—Cynde Hargrave, *Communications Director*

You might enjoy the new addition to our website of [the Club history](#). Several of our "originators" contributed not only to this timeline but to the Club's overall and continuing success. If you know of other interesting factoids to add to this history, please [let me know](#).

Calendar Recap

- **April 4** – Season Opener
- **June 8** – All Members Meeting, Larkspur Community Center, 6:00pm
- **July 27-31** – Pacific Northwest Tournament, Pine Nursery Park
- **August 1** – Terms of new board members begin
- **September 27** - "Thank You, Volunteers!" Party, Pine Nursery Park