



Summer 2022 Newsletter

July 11, 2022

President's Notes

—Teri Ehntholt, President

The Club is demonstrating strong enthusiasm for Bend's outdoor pickleball season. I hope you are all enjoying your time playing this amazing sport.

All Members Meeting Outcomes - We are always interested in promoting and growing the sport. With that in mind, we formed a New Courts committee at the All Members meeting in June for the purpose of developing more outdoor pickleball courts in Bend. The committee will meet with Bend Park and Recreation District staff to identify optimum locations, discuss options for converting unused tennis courts, and more. A Capital Funds Committee was also formed to raise funds to build the additional courts.

Two new members have joined the Board! We are pleased to welcome Larry Berk, Court Operations Director, and Janet Davis, our new Director At Large. Sadly, Secretary Faye Gardner resigned her position effective July 4. We thank you, Faye, for your time on the Board, with appreciation for your input and dedication. I appointed an interim Secretary, Susan Day; her role as Secretary will be voted on soon. Thank you, Susan, for stepping up!


We especially want to thank former Director At Large Susan Dona for her service on the Board these last three years. Also, thanks go to Craig Poole for his role as Vice President under former President Bill Brown. In our last Board meeting I announced my appointment of Cynde Hargrave as VP to follow Craig effective

July 1. Truly, we could not be a thriving Club without our amazing volunteers.

New Amenities - I am pleased to announce that we have completed the installation of the permanent PA speakers and system at Pine Nursery Park, well in advance of our upcoming tournament later this month.

Urgent Club Needs - We continue to need volunteers for this amazing tournament. Please sign up at <https://www.pickleballdesk.com/signup/275> (instructions follow); many activities still need your support.

Speaking of volunteers, we are so grateful to Kathy Foster who has generously and successfully served as Volunteer Coordinator for several years. However, she is stepping down at the close of this year's PNW Classic tournament. The Club encourages potential volunteers for this position to reach out directly to me at lynteri@yahoo.com. We are hoping the next Volunteer Coordinator can shadow Kathy Foster at this year's tournament, so let me know soon if you have an interest.

Ideally, with a standing Volunteer Committee, we would have a Chairperson and a Co-Chair. Two people have indicated interest so far, but the Board wants to extend this rare volunteer opportunity to all members who may want to consider one of these two roles. Refer to the job descriptions (Duty Statement) [here](#). 

Updates on Court Utilization

—Craig Poole, Court Utilization Chair

The sun is finally out, and court usage is “pickling” up!

As you know, Courts 1-4 at Pine Nursery Park are always open to the public, as are all the courts on Sundays. Courts 5-16 are the Club’s private courts Monday-Saturday, 7:00am-3:00pm. Nonmembers who just show up to play on those courts during Club times may find court availability confusing, as empty courts “seem” to be open to the public.



When you are at the park during our reserved times, please ask players on our courts if they are members. If they are nonmembers, kindly point out which courts are public. You might also explain our private court times, that the Club paid for and built these courts, and that Bend Parks and Recreation District has endorsed the Club’s use. Thanks for your help in this area as the sport we love continues to grow.

Also, remember to reserve courts if you are planning to play. If you bring a guest, you will need a guest pass. Learn more [here](#).

Great news **effective Monday, July 11:**

- As always, we adjust the playing schedules this time of year. All scheduled court events on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays will now begin at 9:00am (from 10:00am).
- The open play Challenge Courts on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays will also start at 9:00am on Courts 9, 11, 13, and 15. On those same days and times, Court 7 will be for 4.5+ rated skill players only. Please remember to sign up for these drop-in Challenge Courts; rules of play are posted at each court.
- We are also adding 3.5 coed round robin (RR) sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am. These will be on Courts 10, 12, 14, and 16.
- Another change is to the Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2.0/2.5 and 3.0 drop-in play. Start times will now be 9:00am. The 3.0 skill level players can join a RR on Courts 5, 7, and 9. It is imperative that we have captains sign up for these events, or we will not be able to hold those slots for the RRs. The 2.0/2.5 drop-in play will also start at 9:00am on Court 11.

All new times and changes are now on CourtReserve and the Club [website](#).

And by the way, CourtReserve has announced the release of a new mobile app with lots of user-friendly updates. If you have automatic updates turned ON within your mobile device, the app will automatically update on your device beginning Tuesday, July 5. Or you can visit the App store appropriate for your device and download the current version. We trust the changes on the administrative side of things will be simple to establish.

Finally, we are discontinuing all Ball Machine reservations. Our machines are problematic and expensive to repair; we are looking at other options.

As always, drop me a note with questions. Know that as a Board, we are doing all we can to make our Club a wonderful experience. Here’s to love of the game!



Tournament Happenings

—Christie Gestvang & Kirk Foster, Co-Directors, PNW Classic

Latest News - Bend Pickleball Club's Pacific Northwest Classic by Beaver Coach Sales is just a few weeks out, and we are busy getting everything ready to go! The tournament at Pine Nursery Park is Thursday-Sunday, July 27-31. For the past year, we have been securing sponsors, planning the operation, acquiring SWAG and equipment, lining up volunteers, and getting players registered. The registration site as of this writing shows 650 registered players. [Registration](#) closes 7/12/2022.

Bend Pickleball Club tournaments are a source of pride for Club members and have been incredibly popular among players and spectators alike. This is due, in part, because they are very well-run events with highly skilled players competing, and also because of the undeniable attraction of Central Oregon in the summer. Bend has the Pacific Northwest's premiere pickleball facility, with 16 dedicated courts. For 2022, the Club is offering **\$25,000 in cash payouts to pro medalists**, drawing more players overall, not to mention an increased number of high caliber players.

*Pacific Northwest Classic by Beaver Coach Prize Money Distribution**

Group	Events	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
Open - All Ages	Singles Men / Women	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$3,500
	Doubles Men / Women	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$7,000
	Mixed Doubles	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$3,500
Senior Open, 50+	Singles Men / Women	\$800	\$400	\$175	\$2,750
	Doubles Men / Women	\$1,600	\$800	\$350	\$5,500
	Mixed Doubles	\$1,600	\$800	\$350	\$2,750
Total Purse					\$25,000

**Purse amounts listed are PER TEAM in Doubles events, PER PLAYER in Singles events. Minimum of eight (8) players/teams per draw to secure 100% payout of money offered for that division. If the minimum is not met per draw, tournament directors will notify players ahead of brackets drawn and review the proposed financial payout and point distribution for the modified draw.*

Don't Miss the July 26 Opener

As a fun opening to the 2022 Pacific NW Classic sponsored by Beaver Coach Sales, we're excited to have the tournament co-hosts, Wes



Gabrielson and Enrique Ruiz, put on a demonstration game at Pine Nursery Park on July 26, 2022, at 5:30 PM. This is a pre-tournament event and an opportunity for you to watch the pros

practice with their partners Erik Lange and Pierre-David Turmel before the tournament.

Spectators can purchase food and beverages from an on-site vendor. We look forward to welcoming Wes and Enrique, with their partners, back to the wonderful 16 courts and venue at Pine Nursery Park in Bend.



Volunteer signup for tournament: <https://www.pickleballdesk.com/signup/275>

Pickleball BEGINNERS, Take Note – The same Enrique Ruiz, Hall of Famer and co-host of the 2022 Pacific NW Classic Pickleball Tournament, will be offering one clinic prior to the tournament geared for beginners. So, newbies to pickleball, this clinic is for you. The clinic is Tuesday, July 26, 9:30-11:30am at Pine Nursery Park. Enrique will cover fundamentals and teach you various shots and drills to help you become a better, well-rounded player both on defense and offense. Only eight (8) spots are available.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Enrique. He is a 2019 Hall of Famer; he has won a gold medal at Nationals in all his age divisions and, on top of that, he is six-time Open gold medalist in the Open Category. He also has garnered gold medals three times at the highly competitive Tournament of Champions. As an experienced player for 32 years, Enrique is one of the original curriculum consultants for the ITPTA Certification program.



Private Lessons - As a BONUS, Enrique will be offering a limited number of private lessons on Monday, July 25, 9:30-11:30am for a nominal fee of \$50 per person. If you are interested in getting on Enrique Ruiz's limited schedule, please contact him at pickleballdink@gmail.com for more details.



Help to Make It All a Great Success! All tournament events are nearly full, and we are expecting jam-packed days of tournament play with more than 650 players in attendance over the 5-day tournament. As reported in the June 2 member email, we need volunteers for a successful tournament. Openings still exist in several categories (e.g., Parking, Information, Grounds Maintenance, etc.). Here again is [how to register to volunteer](#):

1. Follow this link: <https://www.pickleballdesk.com/signup/275>
2. If this is the first time you have used the system, in the upper right corner, click REGISTER
3. Add name, email, cell phone number. Enable Text Messages to receive system reminders (recommended)
4. Create a password
5. Click REGISTER at the bottom of the registration screen
6. You should now see a pop-up with your Profile. The only information you must provide on this page is your shirt size. Everything else is optional.
7. After you have updated your profile, scroll to the bottom of the pop-up and click SAVE
NOTE: If, after registering, you find yourself at a screen with Referee/Volunteer Opportunities and search boxes, in the Search by Location box type Bend, press enter. The tournament link will appear under the search boxes and tournament icons.
8. Click the tournament link; this will open the Volunteer Opportunities window
9. Click Volunteer
10. Scroll down page, look for the category you are interested in on the right side of display
11. Click the down arrow (V) on the left side of the listing
12. Scroll down the listing to the time slots you wish to select
13. Click the Register button on the right side of the listing
14. You will be registered for that time slot. You will receive email confirmation for each time slot selected.

Thanks for supporting Bend Pickleball Club and we look forward to seeing you at the tournament!



Tournament Housing Liaison

—Alane Harrold, Treasurer

A reminder: We know that many players in the upcoming Pacific Northwest Classic tournament 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.



Miscellany

—Cynde Hargrave, Communications Director

Board, Bios, and Bylaws - As Teri mentioned, the All-Members Meeting had some terrific outcomes. You can find short bios of all our Board members on the [website](#).

The All Members Meeting also resulted in passage of all the proposed amendments to the bylaws, posted [here](#).

Party, Party, Party – The Board has changed the Volunteer Appreciation Party date from September 27 to August 5. Not only is this closer to the tournament end, but the date also ensures that Kathy Foster, Volunteer Coordinator, and Tournament Co-Directors Christie Gestvang and Kirk Foster can attend. All volunteers for the 2022 tournament are invited to attend this party. Food will be provided, but BYOB.

September 27 is now the date for our End of Summer Social. We have reserved all Pine Nursery courts for this event.



Who's Playing?

—Janet Davis, Director At Large

A couple notes to share as I begin my position as Director At Large:

- As the courts fill for summer fun, PLEASE remember to wear your name tag. This helps us ensure that Club courts are used only by members during Club hours. Plus, it gets your name in front of those Club members who don't know you. If you need a replacement tag, just [drop me an email](#), and I will get it to you as soon as possible. Please know there will be a slight charge, so dig deeper into those pickleball bags to maybe find it...?
- If you will be having one or two nonmembers join you in play, please remember that they will need a guest pass. I can print up to two passes for you. You can collect them at The Pickleball Zone front desk prior to your play.

I look forward to serving this incredible club. See you on the court!



Status on Memberships

—Brian Firebaugh, Membership Chair

We have reached our 850-member cap and are now inviting applicants on the waitlist to join the Club. Applicants have five (5) days to register as members before we offer their spot to the next in line.

Current members receive their membership renewal reminder two (2) weeks before their renewal date. This is the earliest opportunity for members to renew. You can find your renewal date on your account on the [Bend Pickleball Club website](#).

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Calendar Recap

- Tuesday, July 5 – New CourtReserve mobile app available
- Monday, July 11 – M/W/F court events move to 9:00am start time
- Tuesday, July 12 – Registration CLOSES for Pacific Northwest Classic
- Monday, July 24, 9:30-11:30am – Private lessons with Enrique Ruiz
- Tuesday, July 25, 9:30-11:30am – Beginners Clinic with Enrique Ruiz
- Wednesday, July 26, 5:30 – Demonstration game with Wes Gabrielson, Enrique Ruiz, and partners, Pine Nursery Park
- Wednesday-Sunday, July 27-31, 8am-6pm – Pacific Northwest Classic tournament, Pine Nursery Park
- Friday, August 5, 4:00-7:00pm – Volunteer Appreciation Party, Pine Nursery Park
- September 27 – End of Summer Social, Pine Nursery Park

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