



# Fall 2023 Newsletter

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## New Look: New Logo

—Cynde Hargrave

VP/Director of Communications

Did you notice the new logo?

The Bend Pickleball Club has utilized different logos in the past, often simultaneously in different places for different purposes. The Board decided that a more cohesive approach and modern look was in order. A Board committee commenced work with a local designer to develop a primary (main) logo. Additionally, the designer provided a style board complete with brand color formulas, selected font, and a comprehensive suite of images that reflect and complement the logo design for items such as titles, banners, badges, etc.

The new logo first quietly appeared on the Club website and then was announced at the Fall Calcutta dinner via logo stickers gifted to attendees. New banners were displayed at Pickleball Zone where we held the tournament and will soon be hanging at the Pine Nursery courts.

You can request a logo sticker shown above from one of the round robin captains any time before November 22. Board members may also have some on hand. New name badges will be introduced soon.



## President's Message

—Kirk Foster, President

Recent Bend weather delivered a clear signal that summer has ended! Snowbirds are aiming for warmer climes, while those of us who will stick it out are stowing the outdoor furniture and prepping the snowblowers. While I appreciate the beauty of the fall season in Central Oregon, I am already looking forward to spring.

The BPC Board continues to keep the Club moving forward. We are introducing a new logo, along with complementary images for specific purposes, to better establish our brand among members, sponsors, and visitors to Bend. We hope to offer a line of branded merchandise for online purchase in time for the 2024 Season Opener.

The Calcutta Tournament was great fun, and I enjoyed meeting new members, putting faces to names, and seeing many old friends. Registrants enjoyed a delicious dinner and bidding in the auction that generated a little money for courts. Tournament results are available below.

Speaking of courts, Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD) has been working with the Club on the prospect of adding new courts to Pine Nursery Park (PNP). I now can tell you that there will be 8 new courts at PNP. The precise placement and other details have yet to be worked out. BPRD still has more planning and public announcements to make. The preliminary estimate is that new courts are about 2 years out. We will keep you informed as things firm up.

A group of members led by Justin Rose are working on a plan for permanent lighting on PNP courts 9-16. This ambitious project will benefit Club members and the public, particularly the many players whose work schedules prevent them from playing during the day. Lighting would also help extend tournament play at PNP. The group is looking for project funding in the form of donations. The Board voted at the October 5 meeting to match up to \$30,000 for the installation of lighting at PNP to help get that project done. If you are interested in helping, I can put you in touch with the right people.



## Schedule Changes

—Craig Poole, Court Utilization Chair

Happy Fall to all! And keep playing....

We had planned to end round robins at Pine Nursery Park on October 30, but by popular demand we are **extending RRs until November 22**, now the official season close. This will be dependent upon having Captains and players still signing up. Court reservations are still available; please use CourtReserve to book. No RRs will be scheduled throughout the winter months; Courts 5-16 will be available to members 9:00am-3:00pm.

Effective October 30, start time for round robins at Pine Nursery Park will be moved up to 10:00am (from 9:00am), and Club play on Courts 5-16 extends to 3:00pm (from 2:00pm).

Thank you to all the round robin captains who helped make this season so successful for 3.0/3.5 rated players.

We did make adjustments again this year on our court play by adding more 3.5 RRs and making other changes to positively impact member play. Should you have thoughts about this, please let me know.

**Take Note** - It has been a great and busy season with courts during the prime morning times full of members. However, on occasion, we've had instances of members who have registered (committed) to play fail to show without the required 24-hour advance notice. This blocks members on the waitlist from playing and throws off that day's play. Be advised that we will be tracking those registrants who do not show up. The possibility of corrective action, including suspension for a time, is a real possibility. Please be courteous, and let your captains know if you cannot make scheduled play. Thank you.

**Attention New Members** - Over 200 name badges remain unclaimed in the Pine Nursery shed. If yours is one of them, please stop by the shed any weekday morning by Wednesday, November 22, to pick it up.

For those of you who have not played Winter pickleball at PNP, get ready. It is usually sunny and fun. Just dress warmer!! ☺



## 2023 Tournament Sponsor Renewals

—Christie Gestvang, Pacific NW Classic Tournament

We are excited to announce **Thump Coffee** as the **2024 title sponsor** of the Pacific NW Classic! Thank you once again, Thump Coffee. Be sure to mark your calendars for the July 24-28, 2024, tournament. See you then at Pine Nursery Park in Bend, Oregon. ☺



## Player Development and Training

—RJ Petershagen, Director at Large

Several members and stalwart players took advantage of the new and improved player training sessions offered this season. Enrollment and signups for each session were made available on CourtReserve. Training clinics focused on serve/return, transitioning to the non-volley zone, dinking and resets with an open paddle face, and general tips on footwork, court positioning, shot selection, and point progression. Look for more to come in the winter months on training and player rating, with an eye toward improvement and growth in the 2024 season. ☺

## 2023 Fall Calcutta Tournament

—Kirk Foster, President

The Fall Calcutta was a fundraising event held the last week of September. In a Calcutta tournament, funds are raised through the “sale” of tournament players and teams in an auction held pre-tournament. Funds from the sale are split between the Club and the event. Event funds are pooled, and the first-, second-, and third-place teams receive a share of their respective pool at the end of the tournament. Our Club funds were designated for the development of additional pickleball courts.



Signups opened on August 20, resulting in 60 player entries. (We had hoped for 96 entries.... Maybe next year, given this year’s fun time.) Players attended the pre-tournament “Reveal” dinner/auction two days prior to the day of play.

### The Setup

Skill Groups - The sixty players were first grouped into 3 “skill groups” and given a letter to designate the group.

- A Group: Twenty 3.0-3.5 players
- B Group: Twenty 3.5-4.0 players
- C Group: Twenty 4.0-4.5+ players

Pairings - Players were then paired within each skill group with the goal of achieving an appropriate balance of skill from any given pairing to the next. This created 10 pairs of players (“pairings”) in each of the three groups.

Teams - Next, one pairing (2 players) was randomly selected from each of the three skill groups to form a “team” of six players. This resulted in 10 teams.

Divisions - The teams were randomly split into two divisions:

- Broken Top = five teams: Blue, Green, Red, White, and Black
- Mt. Bachelor = five teams: Blue, Green, Red, White, and Black

### The Process

Each pairing would participate in a double round robin against other teams within their group and division. For example, the Mt. Bachelor Blue Team-Group A pairing would play against the Group A pairings in the Green, Red, White, and Black teams within their division. The B and C pairings would do the same. All pairings in the Broken Top division would also do the same within their division. This resulted in each pairing in each group playing 8 games with two byes.

### The Auction

The “Reveal” dinner on Thursday, September 28, was catered by Bleu Bite Catering and included a delicious barbecued tri-tip meal with all the trimmings. Prior to dinner, players learned who their “pairing” partners and other “team” members were. Dinner attendees were first given an opportunity to participate in a silent auction to bid on any of the pairings.

After dinner, silent auction winners were announced, and the live auction for the 6 player “teams” commenced. Michael Mineni ran the live auction and did a great job of bringing in the bids. The evening ended with all pairings and teams sold.

## Outcomes

Tournament play occurred on Saturday, September 30 at Pickleball Zone. Due to inclement weather, Werner Zehnder generously offered to host the event indoors. Each game was played in a 1-15/win-by-1 “rally scoring” format where a point occurs with any fault. This faster format turned out to be a lot of fun once everyone got the hang of keeping score.

When the dust settled, the winning pairs in each group were determined by the number of wins. Ties were broken by head-to-head play and point differential. Of the 30 pairings, only one pairing “ran the table,” winning all 8 of their games. There was not one “pickle” (shutout), and many games were determined by one point. Winning teams were determined in the same manner.

Complete results are available at <https://bendpickleballclub.com/2023-fall-calcutta/>.

All-in-all, the tournament was really fun and, based on many comments, seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to all who supported the event planning and hosting, and, of course, by participating!

Winners Teams		Group A	Group B	Group C
First	Broken Top Red	Mike Peebles & Amy Bender	Ken Johnson & Barbara Thiele	Ginny Koscielecki & John Augustyn
Second	Mt. Bachelor Black	Barbara Marks & Dan Johnson	Becky Eriksson & Ed Garth	RJ Petershagen & Werner Zehnder
Third	Mt. Bachelor Red	Debra Marsh & Susie Saladin	Dyxie VanBruggen & Tracy Johnson	Justin Rose & Stacey Marcus

Pairings Winners	Pairing	Division
Group A First	Mike Peebles & Amy Bender	Broken Top
Group A Second	Cheryl Edwards & Mike Edgerton	Mt. Bachelor Blue
Group A Third	Barbara Marks & Dan Johnson	Mt. Bachelor Black
Group B First	Becky Eriksson & Ed Garth	Mt. Bachelor Black
Group B Second	Janet Davis & Nils Eriksson	Broken Top White
Group B Third	Debbie Barrows & Tauni Petershagen	Mt. Bachelor Blue
Group C First	Raegan Ferguson & Henrik Jahn	Broken Top Green
Group C Second	Ginny Koscielecki & John Augustyn	Broken Top Red
Group C Third	RJ Petershagen & Werner Zehnder	Mt. Bachelor Black

## Lose Something?



- ☐ That jacket that went missing and you're sure your brother-in-law stole it?
- ☐ The insulated coffee mug that you swear disappeared in the dishwasher?
- ☐ How about those sunglasses you thought you may have left on top of your car when you drove away?

The Lost & Found at PNP shed is full-to-overflowing with articles left behind by pickleball players: hats, jackets, shirts, water bottles, a shoe. Yes, one shoe. (Who loses one shoe?!). All the useful or serviceable articles that have accumulated over the past year will get a second chance through a donation to charity after the Club season ends on November 22. Things that don't pass the smell test will go to the recycling center or landfill. Hurry down and check to see if you left more than your pride behind at the courts! ✍



**Thanks for being a member!**