



Summer 2024 Newsletter

July 8, 2024

Tournament Help Still Needed

—Margaret Immink, Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks to the many of you who will be volunteering for the July 24-28 *Pacific NW Classic* at Pine Nursery Park. While most categories have been filled, we still need parking crew assistance and final grounds and takedown help. Please click this [link](#) to view the times and to sign up. And, look forward to the Volunteer Appreciation Party on Tuesday, August 6, 4:00-7:00pm! ❖

Spaces Available - Wes Gabrielsen Clinics

Dean Guyer will be teaching 2.5 and 3.5+ clinics for Bend Pickleball Club members on Saturday, July 20, at Pine Nursery Park. These 2-hour clinics will focus on skills and drills to improve your game. Stills will work on specific shots such as offensive and defensive dinking, volleys, and 3rd shot strategies. Drill practice will be a major component of the clinic, along with point play scenarios.

- 3.0-3.5 Level Skills Clinic
8:00-10:00am
Sign up [here](#).
- 3.5+ Level Skills Clinic
10:15am-12:15pm
Sign up [here](#).

President's Message

—Kirk Foster, President

After a few false starts, Summer finally pushed the door open with warmer temps. Play has been steady at Pine Nursery Park both day and night, as lots of players are taking advantage of the new lights on Courts 9-16.

Club management duties, as well as arranging organized play and clinics, have been keeping the Board busy. Do take advantage of the many offerings available.

Many thanks to the 80+ members who attended the June 18 General Meeting at Aspen Hall. Your support, questions, and feedback are very much appreciated. Please refer to the article below that summarizes the important meeting outcomes.

Since the meeting, the Board has taken the following actions:

- **Janet Davis**, our current **Director of Training & Development**, resigned from her other position as Director At Large #1 to better focus on player development. **Alane Harrold** had resigned as Treasurer but agreed to stay on the Board to fill that vacated seat of **Director At Large #1** through the term ending June 30, 2025.
- I appointed **RJ Petershagen**, former Director At Large #2, to fill the position of **Director of Court Utilization** that was vacated by Craig Poole. RJ's term is through June 30, 2026.
- The Board named **Marion Anderson** to the vacated role of **Director At Large #2** with a term through June 30, 2026.

Our Thanks - To our good fortune, Alane Harrold served as our steadfast Club Treasurer from 2021. She will be working closely with new Treasurer Rick Brown in the job transition while serving as Director At Large. Craig Poole resigned

effective June 30 after serving on the Board since 2017. We thank Craig for his years of service and contributions to the Club and wish him well in his future endeavors.

New Courts Planned - Late last year we learned that Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD) was planning a major project at Pine Nursery Park. That project potentially will include 8 new pickleball courts in proximity to the existing 16 courts—an answer to growing demand.

BPRD asked BPC to help fund the pickleball portion of the project, estimated to cost \$800,000. The Club Board voted in July in favor of providing \$400,000 to assist in this funding. Upon project completion, the Club will have exclusive access to Courts 1-16, 7:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Saturday, for organized play and member use. Of course, anyone will be able to play on the 8 new courts, in accordance with BPRD use rules.

Fundraising projects are in our future, as we work with BPRD in fulfilling our commitment. We will also be able to provide input on the planning and design for the new courts.

Bragging Rights – The Club has achieved a lot this past year. We have a new look with updated club logos and colors. Club gear has been available for members to purchase through an online store. Membership has increased. We continually delivered new clinics and play opportunities. We provided more than 33 percent of the funding and support for the new court lights. Not bad.

In Anticipation – The July 24-28 Pacific NW Classic tournament this year will offer a new all-round-robin format. Tournament Co-Director Christie Gestvang and her team have been lining up impressive sponsor support. It is shaping up to be our best tournament ever!

Finally, we are prepping for the 2024 Calcutta Tournament in September. We want 96 players of all skill levels to participate in this fun event that will help us raise funds for the courts project. Look for more details soon.

Thank you, Members, for being part of this Club. Together we are helping pickleball thrive in Central Oregon, a feat not possible without your support! ❖

Accomplishments Highlighted at Annual General Meeting

—Cynde Hargrave, VP/Director of Communications

Our June 18 All Member meeting at Aspen Hall brought together a good crowd of members and marked the Club's 14th annual meeting. A few of the highlights President Kirk Foster mentioned included the fact that the Club is financially sound, our relationship with Bend Park and Recreation District continues to be very good, and we now have court lights for night play and brand new cameras. Also, planning is underway for eight additional public courts at Pine Nursery Park, which will give Bend Pickleball Club priority usage of our current courts plus Courts 1-4; we would then have access to all 24 courts for special events.

Meeting attendees voted for new Board members and for bylaw changes which went into effect on July 1. Here's a summary:



Board Members - The following candidates were elected to their positions with terms ending June 30, 2027:

- **Rick Brown, Treasurer**
- **Susan Day, Secretary**
- **Cynde Hargrave, Director of Communications**
- **Scott McIntosh, Director of Court Operations**

Amendments - Attendees passed all proposed bylaw amendments, including Board stipend increases.

Tournament Update - Tournament Committee Chair RJ Petershagen provided details on current tournament status and the upcoming MLP Competition that we'll all want to attend:

- Just preceding the Pacific NW Classic, this competition on July 23, 6:00-8:00pm, is the **Wes Gabrielson Team** (Willamette Valley) **vs. the Dave Kowalski Team** (Central Oregon). Beer and food carts will be available for this fun event.
- RJ also lauded **Christie Gestvang, Tournament Co-Director**, for her outstanding contributions in making our tournament the success we know it to be.

Following a Q&A session, we wrapped up the meeting with a raffle of new paddles, making 6 members quite happy!

Having a complete Board is an honor and a privilege. ❖

Sign Up | Show Up | Have Fun!

—*Craig Poole, former Director of Court Utilization (through June 30, 2024)*

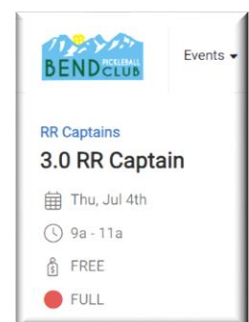
Growing Club membership has increased play significantly at Pine Nursery Park courts. At over 1,400 members, keeping everyone happily playing pickleball is a challenge we work on constantly.

On CourtReserve, members can reserve play on unscheduled courts during our official play hours (Courts 5-16, 7:00am-2:00pm, Mon.-Sat.). However, at 9:00-11:00am, most of our courts are reserved for scheduled RR play. And are they ever popular!

Of course, RRs require volunteer captains for each skill level to set up and oversee a session. Our thanks go to:

- Sylvia Schulpbach, Nancy Isbell, Cindy Mormon, and Marion Anderson, captains for the 3.0 RRs
- Brian Firebaugh*, Scott Martin, and Steve Powell, captains for 3.5 RRs
- Scott McIntosh* and Christie Gestvang*, captains for 4.0 RRs

*These three also help with the 2.0/2.5 RRs that currently lack captains.



Note: RR participation requires that you sign up on CourtReserve up to 7 days in advance; the openings tend to fill quickly. On the day of RR play, you are expected to sign in at least 10 minutes prior to start time so the RR captain can set up the play schedule. Should you fail to show (FTS) in time, your reservation may be given to someone on the waitlist and your FTS noted by the captain for future reference (not favorable).

It's the job of the Director of Court Utilization to routinely evaluate RR play on our courts. RJ Petershagen, our newly elected Director as of July 1, states, "Our plan is to expand RR play for each skill group by July 15. We will

also be introducing more challenge sessions at all skill levels.” RJ added, “Challenge play offers individual members more flexibility since a player can join a session as early or as late as fits their personal schedule. It’s a fantastic way to get into a pickup game.”

For rating support, the Club usually provides CORE testing on a Saturday, mostly to accommodate members who work during the week. However, some members have pointed out that doing so takes courts away from the very many working adults who can only play on the weekend. Your Directors of Court Utilization and Training & Development are taking it all into consideration and will provide a solution soon.

Our [website](#) is a great resource for answering most questions you may have about Club play or policies. Be sure to check out the [NEW July playing schedule here](#). If you still have questions, do not hesitate to send them our way. ❖

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| Court 7 | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.0 RR | Reserve |
| Court 9 | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.5 RR | Reserve |
| Court 11 | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.5 RR | Reserve |
| Court 13 | 4.0 Challenge | 4.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 4.0 Challenge | 3.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 4.0 Challenge | 4.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
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| Court 12 | 3.5 Challenge | 3.5 RR | 2.0/2.5 RR | Reserve | 3.5 Challenge | 3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 3.5 Challenge | 3.5 RR | 2.0/2.5 RR | Reserve |
| Court 14 | 2.5 Challenge | 3.5 RR | 2.0/2.5 RR | Reserve | 2.5 Challenge | 3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 2.5 Challenge | 3.5 RR | 2.0/2.5 RR | Reserve |
| Court 16 | 2.5 Challenge | 4.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 2.5 Challenge | 4.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 2.5 Challenge | 4.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| | THURSDAY | | | | FRIDAY | | | | SATURDAY | | | |
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| Court 16 | 2.5 Challenge | 4.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve | 2.5 Challenge | 4.0 RR | Reserve | Reserve | Reserve | Reserve | Reserve | Reserve |

So Many Ways to Advance Your Game

—Janet Davis, Director of Training and Player Development

Happy Summer! If you attended, you know that our Opening Day Celebration had a big turnout. Members made new acquaintances and got a sense of what our amazing club provides. Also, our recent *Woman to Woman Mentor* event was a big success, filled with pointers, laughter, and connections. Everyone left smiling and wanting more!

CORE testing is in place, giving members the opportunity to advance to 3.5/4.0 when ready. We will continue to provide an eye rating for 2.5-level players to advance to 3.0.

Camps and clinics will fill the season. Consider our offerings:

- Intro to Pickleball
- Serve and Return Workshops
- Paddle Position
- Match Play Critique
- Patience and the Pickleball Point
- Open Paddle Face Practice
- Dinks & Drills (coming)

Other clinics, announced earlier, are coming to Pine Nursery:

- Wes Gabrielsen Pickleball Clinics, Saturday, July 2 (see page 1, above)
- Rob Davidson’s [RISE Pickleball Clinic](#), Tuesday, July 23

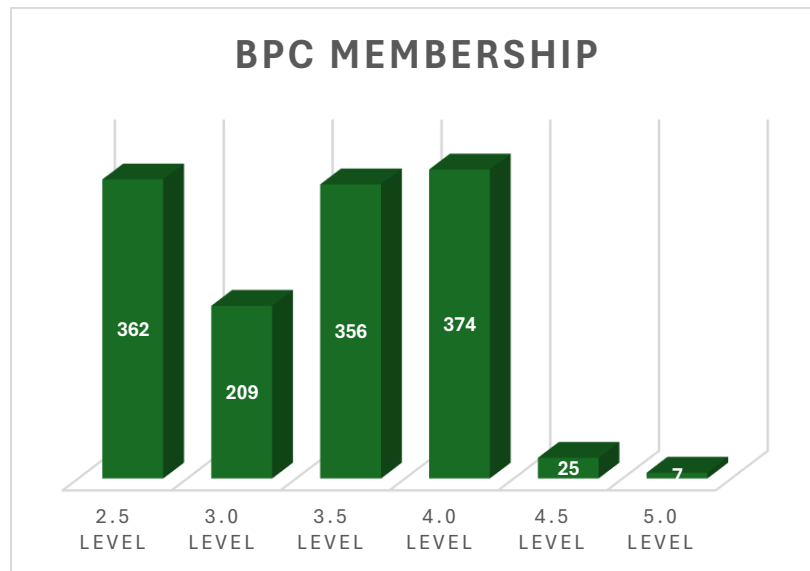
Whatever your level, Bend Pickleball Club has something just for you.—Round robins, challenge courts, clinics, and reserved courts abound. Take advantage of all we offer. Always check the Events>List or Calendar on CourtReserve for upcoming activities.

Needing pointers with a certain skill or technique? Just let me know if I can help. See you on the courts! ❖

Pine Nursery Match Making?!!

—Brian Firebaugh, Director of Membership

No doubt you have noticed that our courts at Pine Nursery are busy all the time now. Our growing membership is why. Here is what our membership of 1,427 looks like by skill level:



Now, about that Match Making - Given the many new members, now is a good time to once again explain Match Making on CourtReserve; it's one of the tabs at the top of the page. This feature solves three problems:

- ✓ Allows players to find other players that match playing criteria, e.g., practice, drilling, competitive, etc.
- ✓ Enables new members who don't know lots of folks to find matches that are open.
- ✓ Enables players to post a match and let other people join.

First, a BPC member must set up their own open or restricted 'event' (without Admin access):

1. Log into CourtReserve, click **Reservations > BPC member play**
2. Navigate to day and start times to schedule your match (up to 7 days in advance, as usual).
3. Click on **Reserve <hour>** to open the reservation window for that day/start time (as usual).
4. Check the **Is Open Reservation** box at the bottom of the window.
5. Fill in preferences for your match in the **Open Reservation Criteria window** that opens.
6. If you want to add a description of the match, enter info in the 'What to expect in this match' box. This will appear on CR calendar when 'Details' is clicked for the match.
7. If you want to limit registrants to select members, check the 'Is Private' box at the bottom and input a code number in the **Join Code** box. Text/email code to players of your choosing as the code is required to join the match.
8. Hit **SAVE**. Star on left of box will be YOUR reservation marking.

Next, for members to find Match Making opportunities for play:

1. Log into BPC CourtReserve, then click on **Match Making** at the top to see what might be available
2. As more members use this tool and post more open matches, you can filter for an opening that best suits your preferences using the options on the left side menu. Using **Additional Filter > Eligible Matches only** will bring up only those matches with a criterion you meet. ❖

Club Members Volunteer to Support SOAR 2024

—Christie Gestvang, BPC Member and Co-Director of Pacific NW Classic Tournament

Destination Rehab's SOAR Activity Day is "a FREE day of exciting wellness, sport, and outdoor activities specifically created for people with physical challenges and disabilities." SOAR 2024 was held June 22 at the Bend Pavilion.

And we know that everyone deserves to learn pickleball! That said, Bend Pickleball Club members volunteered to teach the game to those interested. It was a wonderful day of exciting wellness, sport, and outdoor activities specifically designed for individuals and their families affected by neurological conditions like stroke, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, MS, CP and Parkinson's.



Christie Gestvang, Scott McIntosh, Cindy Wilson, Patti Moss, and Christy Hunter presented pickleball activities for folks of all ability levels.

To learn more about Destination Rehab and their many programs, click [here](#).

But Wait, There's More!

Bend Pickleball Club will be hosting a Veteran's Pickleball 101 Clinic the morning of August 10, 2024. Eight pickleball courts at Pine Nursery Park will be utilized for this great event. Christie Gestvang and Scott McIntosh are working with several local organizations, including Project Recover, and will be heading up the clinic. ❖

LOST & FOUND

Water bottle?

Sweatshirt?

Keys?!

You may have lost it but DO try to find it. All items remaining in Lost & Found (in the shed) must be claimed **before July 16**. ALL will be donated after that date.

❖ Key Dates ❖

July 15 – New Playing Schedule

July 20 – Wes Gabrielsen Clinics

July 23 – RISE Pickleball Clinic

July 23 – MLP Competition

July 24-28 – Pacific NW Classic

August 6 – Volunteer Appreciation Party

August 10 – Veteran's Pickleball 101 Clinic

September 20-22 – Calcutta Tournament

- BPC thanks our *PACIFIC NW CLASSIC 2024* Sponsors -

