



Spring 2025 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

—Cynde Hargrave, VP/Director, Communications

- **April 5 – CPR Training** for Captains & members (free). 4 spots remaining; register on [CourtReserve](#)
- **April 19 – 2025 SEASON OPENER!**
Members and others can just show up, 9:00am-12:00pm, Pine Nursery Park
- **June 12 – Annual General Meeting**
5:30-7:00pm, Community Event Room at the Larkspur Community Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road, Bend. Meet, mingle, and learn!
- **June 19-21 – Club Member Tournament & Auction/Fundraiser**
Universal Unitarian Fellowship, 61980 Skyline Ranch Road, Bend.
- **July 23-27 – 2025 Pacific NW Classic Tournament**, Pine Nursery Park.

Members, it's YOUR participation that makes these events and the Club succeed. Hope to see you there!

President's Message

—Kirk Foster, President

Punxsutawney Phil may have predicted six more weeks of winter on February 2, but I was skeptical when we enjoyed a stretch of 60-degree days not long ago. Fast forward to March 16—just four days before spring—and my yard is buried under six inches of fresh snow, with more supposedly on the way. But hey, this is Bend—anything can happen!



While winter has kept us on our toes, your Board stayed busy with Club business, tackling a variety of projects, including planning for the 2025 organized play schedule, the Season Opener, a Club Member Tournament, and the Pacific Northwest Classic Tournament. We also made great strides in fundraising for new courts at Pine Nursery Park (PNP).

Thanks to the incredible generosity of 220+ donors, **we raised nearly \$100,000!** Special thanks to Werner and Susan Zehnder for their matching funds, which helped us reach our goal of covering half the construction costs for eight new courts. Bend Park & Recreation District plans to put the project out to bid this spring, with plans of breaking ground in late summer.

In addition, the Board successfully secured a **\$90,000 grant from the Bend Sustainability Fund (BSF)** to install lights on the new courts. This grant will fund half of the cost of the lighting equipment for the new courts! BSF, a Visit Bend initiative, reinvests lodging tax revenue into projects that enhance our community. Many of our tournaments at Bend Pickleball Club

and Pickleball Zone Bend have contributed to these funds, and we're grateful to BSF for recognizing pickleball's growing impact in the Bend area. The Club will continue our fundraising efforts to get the lighting project fully funded.

Another key initiative this year is **CPR training** for our members. The value of this training cannot be overstated—several incidents at PNP, including one just weeks ago, have shown how CPR can save lives. We strongly encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity.

And we have a **Board member change**. Our Treasurer, Rick Brown, has announced his resignation. We sincerely thank Rick for his dedication to the Club and wish him well. Stepping into his role is Bev Timm, who has been appointed to serve the remainder of Rick's term. We appreciate Bev for taking on this critical role and are excited to welcome her to the Board.

With the 2025 Spring Season ahead, there's a lot to look forward to! We hope you take advantage of the many opportunities coming up and can't wait to see you all on the courts.



Let the Season Begin!

—Janet Davis, Director, Training and Player Development

I don't know about you, but I'm beyond excited! With an incredible lineup of training opportunities planned, I can't wait to kick off another fantastic season. And what better way to start than with our

Opening Day Celebration!

 Saturday, April 19th | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Join us as we launch the season with energy, enthusiasm, and—of course—a serve! This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow players and experience the amazing community that makes our Club so special. The morning will be packed with:

- ★ Meet and Greet
- ★ Mini clinics
- ★ Eye rating evaluations (2.5 to 3.0)

- ★ CourtReserve tutorials
- ★ Challenge courts
- ★ Club apparel for sale
- ★ Pickleball Planet booth
- ★ And, most importantly... **coffee & doughnuts!** ☕ 🍩

This season is shaping up to be one of the best yet! Whether you're just getting started with **Intro to Pickleball** or looking to elevate your game with **camps led by top professionals**, there's something for everyone. With options for **2.5 to 4.0 players**, everyone will have chances to sharpen skills.



Do you need help with a specific technique? Let me know. —I'm happy to assist! **CORE testing** will be available for members moving from 3.0 to 3.5 and from 3.5 to 4.0, along with **eye rating evaluations (2.5 to 3.0)**. Keep an eye on CourtReserve and upcoming newsletters for more details.

No matter your level, Bend Pickleball Club has something for you—Round Robins, Challenge Courts, Reserved Courts, special events, and clinics galore! Stay in the loop by checking CourtReserve frequently, as new offerings are always being added.

Get ready for an amazing season. We'll see you on the courts!



2025 Court Schedule Now Available

—RJ Petershagen, Director, Court Utilization & Brian Firebaugh, Director, Membership

If you haven't already, it's time to engage in the upcoming season at Pine Nursery Park! Bend Pickleball Club members have numerous opportunities for great playing time.

The **2025 Playing Schedule** is now on the Club website and posted in the Pine Nursery kiosk. The playing schedule has changed significantly from last year and promises to provide more availability for the popular round robin format.

- There are two round robin sessions per day, Monday-Friday, instead of one.
 - The early sessions, at 8:00-10:00am, are for 3.0 and 3.5 players.
 - The later sessions, at 10:00am-12:00pm, are for 2.5, 3.0/3.5 (combined), and 4.0+ players.
- Saturdays are for skill level-based challenge play, 9:00-11am and 11:00-1:00am, as in prior seasons.

| | | MONDAY | | | |
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| | | 7am-8am | 8am-10am | 10am-12pm | 12-2pm |
| Court 5 | Reserve | Reserve | 3.0/3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 7 | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.0/3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 9 | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.0/3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 11 | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.0/3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 13 | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 3.0/3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 15 | Reserve | 3.0 RR | 4.0+ RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 6 | Reserve | Reserve | Reserve | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 8 | Reserve | 3.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 10 | Reserve | 3.5 RR | 2.0/2.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 12 | Reserve | 3.5 RR | 2.0/2.5 RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 14 | Reserve | 3.5 RR | 4.0+ RR | Reserve | Reserve |
| Court 16 | Reserve | 3.5 RR | 4.0+ RR | Reserve | Reserve |

Each day, courts for private reservations are also available. And of course, your play can be interspersed with a variety of clinics, workshops, and other skill set training sessions throughout the new season.

Regardless of your preference, don't forget to register on CourtReserve!

Rules and Regulations for pickleball play are on the Club website:

- Round robin players are responsible for knowing the [round robin play rules](#). RR players are required to be at the courts at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the event in order to play.
- [Challenge play rules](#) also apply on Club courts. Players are responsible for knowing these rules before they come to play.

So, stay tuned and ready yourself for an exciting and challenging season of pickleball with all your friends at the courts.



Upcoming Tournaments – Join In!

—Kirk Foster, President & Pacific NW Classic Director

→ Club Member Tournament – June 19-21, 2025

The Board is excited to host a Club Member Tournament from June 19-21, 2025, an event designed to bring players of all skill levels together for fun, competition, and camaraderie. This unique format kicks off with a **social evening dinner**, followed by an action-packed day of pickleball!

[Registration is now OPEN on CourtReserve](#) so don't wait—sign up soon! We're aiming for 96 players to complete the tournament lineup.

→ Pacific Northwest Classic – July 23-27, 2025

The Pacific Northwest Classic returns to Pine Nursery Park from July 23-27, 2025, drawing players from across the U.S. Registration opened February 1, and over 130 players have already signed up!



This year's tournament features an **all round robin, all doubles format**, ensuring every player gets at least **five games**. The competition is open to all skill levels and divided by age groups to keep things exciting and fair.

Looking for a partner? Check the **Need Partner** list—someone may be waiting for you to sign up! Secure your spot and learn more at

<https://pickleballbrackets.com?pnwc2025>.

A successful tournament takes a great team—volunteers will be needed! Stay tuned for details on how you can help.



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Board Elections for 2025

—Cynde Hargrave, VP/Director of Communications

On June 30, 2025, the 3-year board member terms will expire for the positions of **President** (Kirk Foster), **Membership Chair** (Brian Firebaugh), and **Director At Large #1** (Alane Harrold). FYI, these board members' brief bios are available [here](#).

Why should you care? Although each of the current board members is willing to serve another term, many of you may have unique skills to contribute to the Club. Consider running for election to the board!

The duty statements that describe these roles and responsibilities are posted for your information:

- [President](#)
- [Director of Membership](#)
- [Director At Large](#)

The stipends for these positions are listed in [Bend Pickleball Club Bylaws](#), Article III, Section G.

Candidates: Please provide a brief biography with relevant experience, volunteer work, or any other pertinent details for the June ballot. Please send this information to bpc@bendpickleballclub.com as soon as possible, but no later than May 15.

And please attend! Voting for board candidates will take place at the annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 12, at 5:30pm, Larkspur Community Center.



Ratings on the Up-and-Up!

—Alane Harrold, Director-At-Large

Congratulations are in order! Here's to the large number of Bend Pickleball Club members who passing their CORE (Central Oregon Rating Evaluation) tests this first quarter of 2025:

3.5 Rating

Cynthia Lilly
Teresa Kaufman
Jake Chandler
Jeff Kramer

4.0 Rating

Holly McLane
Erin Kerr
Lillian Rutledge
Craig Everett
Maury Douglas
Leslie Maclennan
Susan Airola-Skully

Christa Deckrow
Gabe Steger
Bob Krueger
Elise Franklin
Erica Dimitrov
Stephen Dimitrov

