



Spring 2026 Newsletter

April 19, 2026

Upcoming Events

—Cynde Hargrave, VP/Director,
Communications

- **Saturday, May 2**
2026 SEASON OPENER!
10:00am-2:00pm
Pine Nursery Park
Fun + Food + Info
- **Friday, May 15**
CANDIDATE BIOS DUE
Review article on running for
BPC Board of Directors.
- **Monday, June 22**
ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING
6:30-8:00pm
Elks Lodge
63120 Boyd Acres Road, Bend
Meet, mingle, learn, VOTE!
- **July 22-26**
2026 PACIFIC NW CLASSIC
Pine Nursery Park
Annual tournament draws
hundreds of players! Consider
volunteering.



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

Pacific NW Classis: Registration is Open!

—Kirk Foster, President

First Thing - Our annual tournament, which attracts players from all over the country, takes place on Wednesday, July 22, through Sunday, July 26. Registration fee is \$75 now but increases to \$85 after May 15. Visit PickleballBrackets.com?pnc2026 to register and learn more. Note: Registration closes end-of-day July 12.

What's New – This year the Pacific NW Classic has been approved for USAP sanctioning. That means that players participating in this tournament earn “points” from USAP that can be accumulated via tournament attendance and used to qualify for entering Nationals. A minimum of 4,500 points is required to qualify. Ours is a Tier 1 event, so your registration alone earns you 3,000 points; a bronze medal earns you an additional 3,000 points, making you able to qualify.

Singles competitions are typical of regional events, and ours is no exception. All Singles events for this year's tournament are on Wednesday, July 22. Also, the age splits in all events are extensive. Check out the tentative schedule and listings.

As Usual – At this time, we are only planning for 16 courts. Should Bend Park and Recreation District complete the 8 new courts by June 30, as forecasted, more courts will be available. But why tempt fate?!

We seek referees, sponsors, and vendors to make the tournament fun and successful for all participants. Referees must sign up on [PickleballBrackets](https://PickleballBrackets.com). Sponsors and vendors should contact pnwclassic@bendpickleballclub.com.

For Future (Important!) – Orchestrating the planning and delivery of a successful tournament takes the support of our Club. We are seeking members to take on leadership roles for future tournaments. We need a Tournament Director, a Volunteer Coordinator, and Marketing & Sponsor Acquisition lead. Consider shadowing for the role during THIS tournament. ❖

The Joy of Making It Happen

—Janet Davis, Director, Training and Player Development

What a Success!!! Our BPC community really delivered this winter. Thanks to the generosity and spirit of our members, “Play for a Purpose” made a meaningful impact throughout our community:

- Hundreds of dollars’ worth of toys brought joy to children during the Christmas season
- Over 80 pounds of food collected for families in need
- More than 100 articles of warm clothing delivered to Shepherd’s House
- Enough candy and sweet Valentines to brighten the day for every resident at Stone Lodge



This is what makes the Club so special—a love of pickleball paired with a genuine desire to give back. Thank you to all who participated, donated, and helped spread kindness.

Opening Day Is Nearly Here - We’re excited to kick off the season on May 2, 10:00am–2:00pm, with fun, food, and info:

- Challenge play to get the rallies going
- Eye ratings to help guide your level of play
- Educational stations, including AED instruction
- Morning beverages and sweet treats to enjoy while you socialize

This is your perfect opportunity to mix, mingle, and reconnect with fellow members as we celebrate the start of the 2026 season. And if you haven’t already claimed your BPC name tag, be sure to stop by and pick it up (you’ll need it).

See you on the courts! ❖

A New Season Full of Options

—RJ Petershagen, Director of Court Utilization

The final day of Winter League round robins is Friday, May 1. Our 2026 season starting May 4 brings a full lineup of round robin play, interspersed with the popular challenge court competitions for all levels of participation. And, of course, you can also reserve courts for personal play.

One thing you are certain to notice this season is the new court numbering system. Odd-numbered courts are now along the north side, even-numbered courts along the south. The always-public courts are now Courts 13/14/15/16. The renumbering is necessitated with the construction of the 8 new courts being added along the east end of the Pine Nursery complex (directly adjacent to the volleyball courts). We will soon have 24 total courts. More news will follow as court construction continues.

Those of you new to pickleball (welcome!) may appreciate our 2.5 mentoring round robin sessions every M/W/F. Your mentor will provide instructions and tips and answer questions about pickleball, our CourtReserve reservation system, the Club, and more. Also, players can be evaluated for 3.0 skill level ratings.

The 2026 playing schedule is now available on CourtReserve and the BPC website. You can register on CourtReserve up to eight days in advance for an event. Be sure to sign in at Pine Nursery 10 minutes before the start of the event. Late arrivals may lose their place on the roster. Here's what to look forward to:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00-10:00am

- 3.0 round robin - 4 courts
- 3.5 round robin - 5 courts

10:00am-12:00noon

- New and 2.5 round robin with mentoring - 2 courts
- 3.0/3.5 round robin - 5 courts
- 4.0+ round robin - 4 courts

Tuesday

8:00-10:00am

- 3.0 round robin - 3 courts
- 3.5 round robin - 4 courts

10:00am-12:00noon

- New and 2.5 round robin - 2 courts
- 3.0/3.5 round robin - 5 courts
- 4.0+ challenge play - 3 courts

Thursday

8:00-10:00am

- 3.0 round robin - 3 courts
- 3.5 round robin - 5 courts

10:00am-12:00noon

- New/2.5 round robin - 2 courts
- 3.0/3.5 round robin - 5 courts
- 4.0+ challenge play - 3 courts

Saturday – All challenge play, beginning at 9:00am

- 2.5 play - 1 court
- 3.0 play - 1 court
- 3.5 play - 2 courts
- 4.0+ - 2 courts



Our current captains (thank you!) are:

3.0 Captains

Nancy Isbel
Karen Cogdill

3.0/3.5 Captains

Sylvia Schupbach
Marion Anderson

3.5 Captains

Brian Firebaugh
Scott Martin
Marion Anderson

4.0 Captain

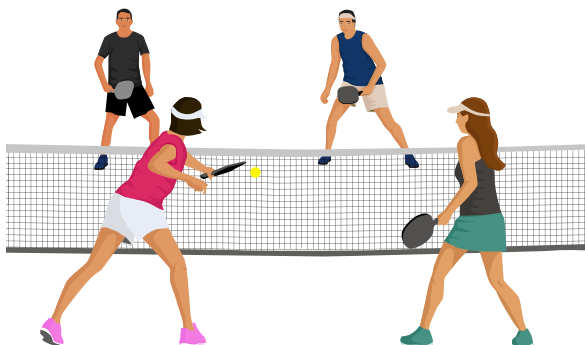
Scott McIntosh

We do have 8 captains so far but need more! Here's where YOU can step up: Additional volunteer captains are needed for our 2.5 and 3.0/3.5 play sessions. Please connect with one of our current (and awesome!) 3.5 round robin captains—Brian Firebaugh, Marion Anderson, or Scott Martin—to learn more about how to assist in this role. You'll meet so many same-level players! ❖

“Winter League” Thrived!

—Marion Anderson, Director At Large #2 (interim)

As captain of the Winter League round robins November through April, I can say that repeat players not only survived the often freezing temperatures at Pine Nursery this winter, but pretty much thrived on the play and camaraderie. With admitted regret for skiers and our potential drought conditions, it was the lack of snow and only 7 days of rain that made lots of pickleball play possible. Every Monday through Friday, 12:00-2:00pm, anywhere from 10 to 36 players of all levels met on the courts. And given the availability of courts, many Bend visitors got to join us as well. This is the third year for Winter League round robins; it's been enormously successful and FUN!



In March, Scott McIntosh started his 4.0 round robins on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with Tuesdays and Thursdays being challenge court days. The number of 4.0 members playing now has grown significantly under Scott's captainship. ❖

Members Should Know

—Brian Firebaugh, Director of Membership

The Club now has nearly 1,200 members and is likely to expand with coming warmer months. Playing times at Pine Nursery Park throughout the season will continue to be 7:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Saturday, on (recently re-numbered) Courts 1-12.

Member Reminders

- Wear your name badge every time you play on the Pine Nursery courts.
- BPC Membership renewal - Members automatically receive BPC membership renewal emails beginning two weeks prior to their renewal date.
- Should you have interest in setting up matches with specific members, you can always seek out their contact info [here](#). You'll need your login info.

Court Usage Note - Club members should become familiar with the court usage policies posted in the onsite kiosk. Should a public usage conflict occur, Club members can kindly point out that the public has access to:

- ALL courts on Sundays
- Daily, all-day access to Courts 13-16 and, once completed, Courts 17-24
- Daily access to Courts 1-12 after 2:00pm

Of course, courtesy to all players is expected of BPC members. ❖

Help BPC Thrive – Become a Board Member!

—Cynde Hargrave, VP, Director of Communications

Regardless of which officer(s) may or may not run again, any member can run for an open BPC Board position. It's important that members attend the Annual Member Meeting, as those in attendance will elect the board members from among the candidates running.

The next 3-year term for each of the following positions is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029:

- Director of Training & Development
- Director of Court Utilization
- Director At Large # 2



While our June 22 Member Meeting may feel a long way off, your consideration to contribute to BPC as a Board member needs to happen soon. Duty statements that describe each of these open positions are available. Simply email your request for any duty statement to bpc@bendpickleballclub.com. Also, the Board requests that you submit a personal bio that describes a bit of your background. Please submit this bio by May 15.

Do consider running for the board. Each of you has new ideas and ways to uniquely support the Club. ❖



Paving begins on new courts (April 13, 2026).