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President's message

Hello CPC members.

Where did the summer go? With just 8 weeks of outdoor play left in our 22-week season, let's hope the weather allows us to make the most of every minute outside. Our courts have been bustling as usual, with nearly 800 paid summer members enjoying the game. We've adjusted our schedule a few times to better accommodate player needs. Open Play remains our most popular program, while DUPR events and Mentored sessions are consistently fully booked. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helps both on and off the courts, especially the hosts who keep things running smoothly.

Campaing Chair, Sue Stevenson Brown and myself, had several meetings with the City of Calgary regarding the Outdoor Courts Project, and we have some updates to share in this newsletter. Change is in the air!

Our lesson program is ongoing, and we're excited to announce that we've secured an indoor location to offer Saturday lessons starting in October, catering to members who work during the week. More details will be shared soon. The Junior Hot Shot program, sponsored by Pickleball Alberta, was a hit in Calgary, and our first CPC Junior program at South Glenmore Park was a great success, with over 60 kids participating. National Pickleball Day at North Glenmore and Brentwood was also a triumph, thanks to our dedicated volunteers and favorable weather.

As the indoor season approaches, we're pleased to share a special deal for CPC members at the Pickleball Center. This year, we will not be booking other indoor courts, as last season we faced challenges filling the courts we had reserved. With so many indoor options now available, booking CPC dedicated courts is not feasible for now.

Please read through to the end of the newsletter so you don't miss any important announcements. And finally, a big congratulations to Bill Lane, a long-time CPC member, for receiving the Pickleball Alberta Coach of the Year Award!

Enjoy the rest of the summer, see you on the courts!



Cat Hackman

Outdoor Park Project

The Fundraising Campaign is on hold as change is in the air:

The City is currently undertaking the redevelopment of the Currie Reservoir recreational spaces, also known as Richmond Green, which is proposed to include a minimum of 12 dedicated pickleball courts. The existing multi-purpose tennis/pickleball courts will have eight courts lined for pickleball, making the total number of pickleball courts 20 in this location, enough for the Calgary Pickleball Club to host a local or regional event.

At this time, we feel the city does not require two, 20-court parks, and as such have made the decision to put the current campaign for the Quarry Park project on hold. The Calgary Pickleball Club and the City will work together to adjust current plans and determine the next steps. Both The Calgary Pickleball Club and the City of Calgary are committed to seeing public courts in all quadrants and will continue to pursue opportunities as they arise. In addition to the Richmond Green courts (opening still TBA), dedicated courts at Sandy Beach Park have recently opened and the City announced in July a project for 12, dedicated, temporary pickleball courts at Foothills Athletic Park (opening this fall).

The city is updating their pickleball strategy and are actively seeking ways to move to improve the player experience by investigating opportunities to create more functional multi-purpose court spaces, in addition to increasing the number of dedicated pickleball court locations.

Lesson Program

Our Lesson Program has been steady and filling up including all three programs: Level 1, 2 and 3. Additionally, our Skills and Drills sessions at South Glenmore Park are consistently popular and well-attended, providing participants with valuable practice and improvement opportunities.

For September we have two classes lined up:

Level 1 Beginners - for players who are new to the sport or have played very little and have not had any 'formal' instruction

Location: Thorncliffe Greenview Community Hall

Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, 25 September 1 - 3pm. Price \$130 (open to non-members)

Level 3 Intermediate - Players should have achieved a minimum 3.0 DUPR rating or have at least 18 months regular playing experience

Location: Thorncliffe Greenview Community Hall

Wednesday 4, 11, 18, 25 September 3 - 5pm. Price \$130

Sign-ups for both are available on [Signup genius](#).

Skills and Drills at South Glenmore Park

We will continue the very popular skills and drills Saturday morning clinics at South Glenmore Park throughout September. Each clinic concentrates on a couple of skills and uses a series of progressive drills to improve accuracy and consistency of those strokes. Watch Signup genius for details of each clinic.



Junior Program

In July, we held four clinics where over 60 enthusiastic youths, ranging from 8 to 16 years old, had the opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of pickleball. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing their joy and eagerness to continue playing.

These clinics are a key part of CPC's commitment to supporting the growth of pickleball by developing a comprehensive junior program. Our goal is to foster a love for the game among young players and provide them with the skills and knowledge needed to excel. One notable observation from the clinics was the nearly equal gender participation, with a slight edge to females, underscoring pickleball's inclusivity and its appeal as a sport for everyone.

To build on the success of these clinics, CPC is hosting another junior introductory session on August 24 at South Glenmore Park. Please help us spread the word. A great deal at \$10. [Sign up here](#).



Hot Shot Program

CPC also supported Pickleball Alberta's new junior program: Hot Shots. The goal of the HOT SHOTS program is to increase diversity and inclusion in the sport of pickleball, specifically for juniors aged 6 to 18. The program started with a FREE Try-It Event where participants will have the opportunity to be instructed by some of Alberta's top NCCP coaches. The Try-It Event was followed by a multi-week Learn to Play program where participants received eight hours of pickleball instruction. The Learn To Play program was subsidized by Pickleball Alberta.

Tournament update

Don't forget to register for the CPC tournament on September 7. [Sign up here!](#)

Singles and Mixed Doubles!

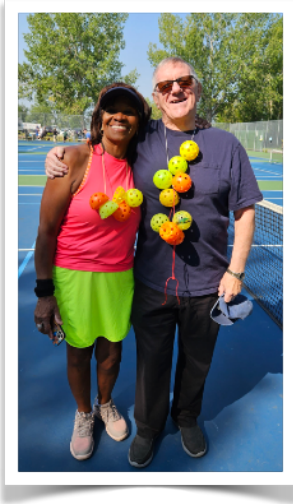
Volunteer Appreciation Day

Save the Date: We are planning a Volunteer FUN Day on October 6, at 2 – 6pm at Oakridge. Join fellow volunteers for fun tournaments, draws, pizza, beverages and more. To help us get organized, please confirm your attendance via [SUG](#). First 30 to sign up will be entered into a special draw!

National Pickleball Day

The national pickable day was celebrated at North Glenmore Park and Brentwood. The two events were both successful with approximately 40 brand new players trying out the sport at both locations. Volunteers decorated with balloons and old pickle balls and made the day festive and fun. Snacks and beverages were served to all participants. We so appreciate all the volunteers who help out at the events and the courts to make it special for everyone involved. We had a player as young as two years old and our oldest player 85.

We hope our events generated interest in joining the family of pickleballers. We did a draw for free a CPC membership at each location and the winners have been contacted. Thank you again to our hosts and volunteers who make our outdoor season such a pleasure and fun.



Indoor Program

As a CPC member you can play at the Pickleball Center as a Pay as You Go Member. They will have your name in the database so you should be automatically receiving the Pay as you Go Benefits:

Pay As You Go (Value of \$15 per month \$165 per year)

- 10 Day Advanced Booking
- 5% Discount at the Center Proshop
- 5% Discount at the Center Lounge
- 5% Discount on the Center Clinics (Not including private lessons)
- \$27 Ball Machine Rental Cost
- \$6/\$7 Per hour program fee (Based on peak/off-peak hours)
- \$24 Off-Peak/\$28 Peak Hours - Court Rental fee
- \$2 Per Person, Per Hour Guest Fee on Any Private Court Booking

Board Members and Volunteers

Do you have experience with on-line marketing? Canva? Copy writing? Instagram and Facebook. We are looking for some help with these jobs. You can volunteer as a Board Member or simply as a “member” with skills. Reach out to Cat, president@calgarypickleballclub.ca

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Signup Genius - goodbye

This on-line sign-up system was not specifically designed for Pickleball and has its challenges, so we will be launching a new program/application this fall that is more user friendly. Stay tuned.

CRA Charitable Status Application

The Calgary Pickleball Club would like to pursue charitable status to allow for fundraising for future development. With this in mind, we understand that CPC must have a charitable cause. The CPC board agreed that mental health is an area many of our members can relate to, and through pickleball, have experienced higher levels of well-being through social connections and exercise. Moving forward, CPC will be looking at ways to support Mental Health agencies that align with our mandate. If you would like to assist the Board in helping the club plan for this mandate, please reach out to president@calgarypickleballclub.ca.

The Calgary Pickleball Club (CPC) is committed to promoting pickleball to enhance community health and well-being. As the fastest-growing sport in North America, pickleball is celebrated for its accessibility, making it a

popular choice for all Calgarians, including seniors, youth, and individuals with special needs. With a membership exceeding 1,470, CPC ranks among the largest pickleball clubs in Canada. Our mission is to foster fun, fair play, and mental well-being in a safe and inclusive environment. Through events, tournaments, and fundraisers, we aim to support mental health initiatives and agencies that share our belief: "Strong, Healthy Relationships and Lifestyles Build Strong, Healthy Communities."

Coach of the Year - Bill Lane

Bill Lane received the Coach of the Year Award by Pickleball Alberta. Bill is a long time CPC member, a level 2 Certified Coach and has dedicated much time teaching beginners to advanced players. We would like to congratulate Bill on his achievements. Watch the full awards [video here](#).



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