

# **Sunday July 21, 2019 @ 5:45pm: Cornwall Planning Meeting** (and 5pm potluck)

2210 Hawk Way, Bham 98229 ([Peter & Catharine's](#) above Lake Padden).

(Next Meeting: Sunday 8/18 Annual Meeting & Elections; Next proposed BPC Devt Meeting Date: September???)

## **Introductions** (Barbara)

### **Volunteers of the Month:**

**Eileen Nelson:** For your dedicated thoughtful support & leadership w/ beginner/novice sessions. Your commitment to all three weekly sessions, including your leadership on Saturdays is stellar. Thank you!

**Steve Nelson:** For your dedicated & diligent court hosting; and for providing your time & expertise to guide BPC in developing bylaws. Both of these contributions are invaluable. Thank you!

**Jeff Kerr:** Thank you for enhancing the portable net handtruck set-up; Assisting with Beginner/Novice Sessions; Helping w/ facilities & court lining; & sharing your ball machine w/ others. Your resourcefulness & generosity amaze us!

## **REQUESTING INPUT**

### **How's it going during court closure? Suggestions?**

*What suggestions/concerns do folks have re: morning Drop-in Session paddle rack grouping protocol (w/levels)? It seems to be mostly working well to meet needs but problematic issues we have observed and might want to address include:*

#### **1) Folks putting their paddles in levels that are higher than their own without being invited to join in by, or checking with, a player of that true higher level.** (Can be referred to as "level inflation" or "level slippage".

This results in:

- > A subsequent cascading dilution of levels- more start jumping up levels when they see others doing it;
- > Frustration for players of that true level related to diluted caliber of play;
- > Irritation for those who respect the protocols to see players of their own level (or lower), randomly playing up;
- > The folks who do it being happy about the games, while others are frustrated,

This can be due to:

- > Being unaware of proper protocol;
- > Proper protocol being inadequately communicated;
- > Lack of awareness of the impact on others;
- > Simply seeking to get into next available game rather than wait for their true level;
- > Gray areas for folks who are at the higher end of their level;
- > Wanting to play up, or with certain players, but not asking whether it is ok;
- > Not having read and absorbed the "[BPC Skill-Level Rating Self-Assessment Guidelines](#)";
- > Someone having an inflated perspective of their level;
- > Someone only caring about themselves, rather than also caring about the good of the whole;
- > Other factors....

There are some ideas floating around to help with this issue. What ideas do you have?

#### **2) A recurring level of "frenzy" around the paddle rack. This seems problematic for some. Is it necessary? Can it be subdued a bit without being experienced as oppressive or repressive? Ideas, thoughts, suggestions?**

#### **3) Other observations, topics of concern, & suggestions for consideration?**

## Club Updates, Volunteer Requests\*, and Input Requests

1<sup>st</sup> MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL DRIVE= 55 new members & 100 renewing members. Wow!

### CORNWALL FACILITIES UPDATES

- Court re-surfacing is underway. Fencing will then be installed. It will be done by end of month, maybe sooner.
- BPC has ordered "PolyCap" fence capping. David May will lead a crew to install on top rails for safety.
- BPC has finally gotten approval for a secure storage box @ Cornwall. (Knaack 24"x72"x24"). It is backordered and will likely arrive 7/31 - 8/6. BPC or the Park Dept will install; not sure yet which one.
- BPC is hopeful that the Park Dept will provide a couple of benches, but don't yet know timeline for that.
- Mary & Maggi are working on improved Cornwall kiosk organization and aesthetics.
- We need to figure out a better bike rack situation than what the Park Dept provided. All ideas welcome.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- > WED. 8/7 @ 6PM: CORNWALL PICKLEBALL "SOFT OPENING"  
(Brief acknowledgments, fun activity court rotations, followed by open play. Thank you planning committee!)
- > **SUN. 8/18, 4PM+: BPC ELECTIONS & 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** at Fairhaven Park Pavilion  
(Nominee slate will be emailed & posted by August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Specific election proxy forms also available 8/8.)  
RSVP requested to help with planning (but not required).

#### **\*SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH:**

- \* Making/ bringing food, beverages;
- \* Event planning;
- \* Helping with day of the event tasks.
- \* Nominations or inquiries for board of directors (nomination deadline is 8/3/19);

(Come early for some pickleball if you want. 😊)

4PM: Mexican meal theme (BPC provides some, and others bring foods to supplement.)

5:00-6:30PM: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting and BPC Board Elections

6:30PM+ Stay & enjoy some pickleball!

- > SAT. 9/14 PICKLEPALOOZA FESTIVAL at Birch Bay Activity Center (BBAC); Co-hosted by BBAC & BPC.  
All welcome! More info to come....

### FALL INDOOR OPTIONS

- > \*FERNDALDE YMCA: Seeking volunteers to work with Courtney to enhance its potential to meet community needs.\*
- > BELLINGHAM FITNESS CENTER will have 3 indoor courts, but they might not be available until January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
BPC is encouraging them to consider expediting availability to October or November.
- > SCHOOL GYMS: BPC might once again rent school gyms similar to last year to use Bellingham on weekday evenings (and weekends if available), and Meridian (or other) on various weekends. Input?

### MISCELLANEOUS

- > \*Seeking additional "Court Hosts" for morning Drop-in Sessions. (Ongoing, periodic, and/or substitutes.)\*
- > No update on striping @ Birchwood Park (on Cedarwood) for pickleball & basketball lines.  
Skya & Mary E. have volunteered to provide introductory sessions.
- > \*Anyone want to organize any low-key round robins for late August or in September at Cornwall?\*