



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BPC General Meeting and Board Elections Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 6PM (via Zoom)

### **Everyone is welcome at the meeting!**

Only members who renewed or joined since May are eligible to vote in advance or at the meeting).  
*RSVP greatly appreciated to ensure we have a quorum, but not required.*

To RSVP, or if you are aren't sure whether your membership is current, email [bellingshampickle@gmail.com](mailto:bellingshampickle@gmail.com) .  
To renew or join, please go to <https://bellingshampickleball.org/membership/> .

### **DETAILS TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING:**

Click on Zoom link, or copy and paste: <https://swsd.zoom.us/j/99650377092> .

No password needed. Meeting ID: 996 5037 7092; One tap mobile +12532158782, 99650377092# US  
(Barbara Goebel will be there early to welcome attendees.)

You are welcome to try out the meeting link ahead of time.

If needed, there is helpful info on the Zoom website. Look for "About/ Resources and Support/ Test Zoom".

*If trouble-shooting assistance is needed on Sunday evening, please contact Mark L. @ 252-451-0367 (c).*

*If you need support in advance, you may contact Mark @ [mdllivingston@gmail.com](mailto:mdllivingston@gmail.com) & he'll respond when able.*

### **6:00 PM**

#### **"2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting" Call to Order**

- Welcome & introductions
- Summary: Highlights of Accomplishments; Volunteer Recognition.
- Treasurer's Report
- Board Elections: Candidate introductions, with Q & A if relevant
- Final voting for meeting attendees by electronic ballot via Google Form  
(Vote tabulation will then proceed.)
- Attendee Input:  
What is one thing that you think is positive or has been going well, re: BPC or Cornwall?  
What is one thing you'd like to see prioritized during the coming year for BPC or Cornwall?
- Election Results
- Next Steps
- Thank you!

**UPCOMING BPC CLUB DEVELOPMENT MEETING DATE:** To be determined by the new board.

*(New board meets briefly to set next board meeting date, and any other relevant steps.)*

# Candidates for the August 2020 BPC Board Member Election

**Please read the 8 candidates' descriptions below & why they want to serve on the board.**

*Voting link via secure Google Form Ballot is at the end of the document.*

You must be a current member in order for your vote to be valid when submitted.

You can renew or join at <https://bellingshampickleball.org/membership/> if not currently a member.

BPC members vote for the board, and then the elected board members determine their positions.

The positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 At-large members.

*It is important that the chosen board has members who are willing to fill out those positions!*

Voting is open now until 7pm Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>, (or potentially later for those attending the 8/9 meeting).

You may vote "Yes" for up to 7 candidates for the 7 board seats.

Individual's votes will NOT be seen by any of the candidates.

Questions for candidates may be submitted by emailing [bellingshampickle@gmail.com](mailto:bellingshampickle@gmail.com) , and/or at the meeting.

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## **Stephen Dillon**

I have enjoyed my year on the BPC board as the current Vice-President. It has been a crazy time as we are all aware. This coming year will have many challenges. The foremost of which is being able to stay safe and still get the positive benefits of playing Pickleball. Going into the winter indoor season will also be a big challenge.

I've played primarily at Cornwall Park, the YMCA, and the Bellingham School gyms.

Continuing on the board will allow me to take what I have learned about BPC and its key relationships with the City of Bellingham, the YMCA, and many others, to help keep the BPC strong in our community.

I have extensive experience in dealing with local governments, contractors and public works contracts.

I served on the City of Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board for 6 years. I also served on the Mayor's Homeless Advisory Committee, and I am currently the President of the Whatcom Falls Neighborhood Association.

*If elected, I would accept a position of President, Vice-President, or At-large.*



## **Barbara Goebel**

I've been playing competitive pickleball for five years, mainly at private courts and at Cornwall. I participate in regional pickleball tournaments, and in national tournaments when my son Matt competes, so I particularly enjoy drilling to improve.

I'm a part-time math teacher, Nana to 5 (soon 6) grandsons, and an active volunteer at my church.

I have wanted to help get the club established so that everyone can play as much as they want in summer and in winter, and to encourage those who want to improve to have those opportunities.

I am very pleased with what the club has accomplished these first 2 years. I am willing to provide continuity on the board, but I am ready for others to take on more of the leadership including someone else to become president.

*I am running for Secretary or At-Large position.*

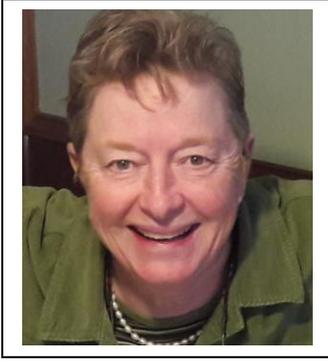
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## **Josh Sharon**

I started playing Pickleball in November 2019 while on a family vacation and have since fell in love with it. With all my concussions, I haven't been able to play soccer as competitively and Pickleball has been able to meet that competitive need of mine. I like to play anywhere and everywhere I can.

I currently live in Bellingham and I frequent Cornwall, Lynden, and Birch Bay. I want to be on the BPC board to be a diverse voice and ensure all are heard in the Bellingham Pickleball scene. I hope to be a connecting factor for people in the Pickleball community, and perhaps host a tournament in the post-COVID future!



## Carol Lo

Pickleball saved my bacon! And I have the time and energy to give back to our local pickleball community.

When I moved here three years ago with my wife, Mo, and dog Bailey, being retired in a new town was lonelier than expected. Pickleball provided a social outlet as well as great exercise, a sense of community, lots of funny t-shirts, and more than a few friends.

Last year I led months of skill-level sessions for beginners and novices @ Cornwall Park. It's a pleasure to help people get started on their pickleball journey. I also served on the Picklepalooza committee in Blaine last year which was a smashing success.

I have the skills and experience of being a librarian, teacher (elementary, environmental, and English as a Second Language), restaurant owner, massage therapist, and as a business writer for *Whatcom Talk*. Additionally, I have strong communication skills, both in person, and with websites and "social media."

One day I woke up and thought, "someone should write an article about pickleball" (the Cornwall courts were just about to open). I pitched the idea which was embraced, and my writing partner and I wrote [this article](#) .

As you can see from my various jobs, I know hard work and I know how to work as a team player. For me, pickleball is like reading (a high compliment, indeed). It opens up new worlds, provides hours of entertainment, and connects you with other people and places.

I'm here year-round (so far) and can assist the Club during winter months, as well as the rest of the year. I'm grateful for all the work that preceded me to get pickleball where it is today in Bellingham and I look forward to moving it forward in the future.

*If elected, I'd be happy to serve as Vice-President or in an At-Large position.*

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## Gaby Gaiz

I started playing Pickleball about 4-5 years ago in Southern CA. Last year I volunteered to be a host at Cornwall Park while also serving on the BPC board. Prior to that I helped prepare temporary courts for 3 tournaments and worked one of those tournaments.

I currently split my time between playing at Cornwall during the spring and summer, as well as at a few venues in Southern CA for the fall and winter.



## Mark Livingston

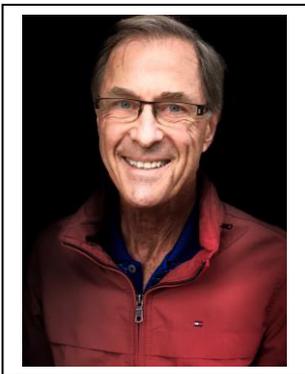
I'm interested in joining the BPC board to lend my expertise in organizational effectiveness, fundraising, strategic planning, nonprofit leadership, and competency-based skill development. These are areas where I have helped for-profit businesses, nonprofit enterprises, and government entities during my forty-year career as a business consultant, strategic advisor, and community volunteer.

In fall 2018, I retired and relocated to Blaine/Semiahmoo. However, I continue my passion for learning and continuous improvement as head of a private family foundation and as a certified pickleball coach & teaching professional (from PPR and IPTPA). In the last year, I volunteered with BPC to help establish return-to-play guidelines, research reservation system options, test a skills-level rating process, and lead drill-practice sessions.

My fifty years of tennis playing and ten years of tennis teaching experience helped me to learn pickleball and advance in the sport. I would like to assist others to do the same. In addition to playing on courts in Bellingham, I play at Birch Bay Activity Center, private courts, and at Semiahmoo Resort.

*I am interested in running for an At-large position.*

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## Steve Nelson

I became a pickleball player in 2018 and it is now my favorite sport. The fun, good company, and quick pace are the big attractions. I have been a resident of Bellingham since 2007, with prior residency in Northern California for 59 years. I presently live in the California desert during winter, and the rest of year in Bellingham.

I've been involved with BPC from the early days as a Bylaws consultant, financial contributor, and volunteer court host, and I hope to join the Board in 2020. It may be quite a while before we see the crowds of players at Cornwall that marked last summer, but I believe the Board can develop arrangements with Bellingham Parks that will increase play opportunities.

The leadership of BPC has demonstrated great dedication and perseverance to bring the club to its current position. With prior experience on the boards of multiple Bellingham community organizations, I am confident I can assist in the continuation of BPC's growth.



## **Terri Vossbeck**

I began playing pickleball in Spring 2018 and immediately fell in love with the game. It's a great way to have fun and exercise at the same time. I have especially enjoyed meeting the awesome people in the pickleball community. The Cornwall courts & the YMCA are where I usually like to play.

After working for 40 years as a bookkeeper in a local orthodontic office, I am excited to be retiring soon and look forward to having more time to spend on the courts!

It's been a privilege to work as Treasurer with the amazing BPC board members over the last two years, and I am excited to continue my involvement with the club.

*I am running to once again serve as Treasurer.*

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