

2/1/19 Bellingham Pickleball Club (BPC) Development Meeting Notes (@ Maggi's)

Attending: Amy Butler, Barbara Goebel, Catharine Vader, Dotti Berry, Gabe Drury, Maggi Kriger, Peter Homann, Rick Anderson, Ron Young, Terri Vossbeck. (BellinghamPickle@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE for Next Meeting: Tuesday 4/2 @ 6pm; Location TBD

Introductions

Board & Club Updates; Finance Report:

BPC reached 115 members. Terri gave a finance report. Our school gym events cover their costs (with help from BPC sponsor "Players Pickleball"). Other expenses have been 4 portable nets & misc. supplies, etc. Future= 2 secure storage boxes & court cleaning tools, for Cornwall. We have \$1800 (Income minus expenses).

Volunteers of the Month:

The Techies: Tammy Findlay: For bringing the BPC logo concept to reality. Thank you, thank you!

Rick Hill: For initiating our website development. We are forever indebted to you. Many thanks!

Keith Turley: For website design, and ongoing development & maintenance. You are a true blessing!

The 1/6 Clean-up Crew @ Cornwall: Thank you to **all eighteen** who pitched in!

"Players Pickleball" BPC Sponsorship

Thank you to [Players Pickleball](#) for supporting Meridian gym events, & for donating \$10 to BPC for every paddle purchased (code bpc10).

BPC Member Business:

Confirming: General annual membership renewal period will be May through June;

Annual meeting (w/board elections) will be held in August.

BPC Website:

Our website has launched! Check it out @ www.BellinghamPickleball.org . We welcome ideas to improve it. (Next phase potential: Online payment; Discussion forum; Buy/sell/ "bulletin board"; Member list; Find a partner.) We can never thank Keith Turley (*new BPC member*), & ImagineDS, enough! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Indoor Court Updates

- > Meridian HS Gym events: 1/5; 1/12; & 1/26 inaugural round robin; all went well using 4 courts & portable nets. The biggest problem is if players no-show or last-second cancel. We plan to tape back line for visibility.
- > Upcoming Meridian HS Gym sessions by RSVP: 2/23 "Drills & Skills" plus games, beginner to mid-inter+ 3/23 "Women's Day" for all levels.
- > Bham Elem. School Weeknights 3.25+: Feb./March @ LOWELL by RSVP: Wed 2/6, 2/23, 2/27 & Tues 2/19, 3/5 March 3/12+ @ HAPPY VALLEY by RSVP: T 3/12, T 3/19, & Wed 3/27.
If you wish to start receiving Whoozin invitations for these sessions, please email BellinghamPickle@gmail.com
- > Ferndale Y: Players Pickleball is going to donate 2 new portable nets for use at Ferndale (or Bellingham). New weekday hours: discussion about better utilizing Ferndale facility & hours. No decision made. There might be good opportunities for a class, drill sessions, or level-based play.
- > Y- Bham: New upper intermediate Tuesday & Thursday evening league sessions start March 5th & April 15th.
- > Bellingham Fitness: Aiming to open 3 indoor courts by Fall 2019, with a hope for outdoor covered courts to follow.
- > Birch Bay Activity Center: Lots going on out there. See schedule @ <https://bbbparkandrec.org/pickleball/> For more info, or to be put on the "Whoozin" Invitation Lists, contact: info@bbbprd2.com or (360) 656-6416.
- > Semiahmoo: Will soon have the pickleball schedule posted on website. Drop-in fee=\$10 (\$5 w/member); Court reservation (if available) =\$25/hr; Club/Spa membership =\$500 + 65/mo..
- > Whatcom Community College: Amy will inquire about potential of painting pickleball lines on tennis courts, etc.

Outdoor Courts' Updates

- > Cornwall "Grand Opening": Although we don't know the week, we'd like to have a "Grand Opening" with fanfare & events for the new Cornwall pickleball courts. It could be part of a "Bellingham Pickle (or Pickleball) Week".
- > Cornwall Park/ MOA: The "Memorandum of Agreement" with the City is being finalized re: court maintenance, info kiosk, job boxes, bike rack(s), benches, etc. BPC is responsible for winter debris removal on court areas... The nets have been removed and returned to the supplier, to modify them so that they don't drag on the ground.

- > Cornwall: “non-permanent” additional “painted” lines: BPC will add lines on tennis court area for portable nets. There is potential for us to use “Marking Chalk” to “paint” interim lines to hold us over until new court surfacing.
- > Lake Padden: Catharine will coordinate with “Painter” Dave for painting permanent lines on one tennis court.
- > Elizabeth Park: BPC is close to having final authorization to paint some lines @ Elizabeth Park.
- > Potential for brand new courts; IF BPC can find suitable City (park) property, we can fund/ contract it ourselves. With this scenario, we could *potentially* have covered courts (And way quicker & cheaper than if the City did it!)
- > Bellingham Parks Recreation Program Update: The Parks & Rec Dept cannot schedule or advertise any programs/ clinics/ tournaments UNTIL the courts are completed.

Needs

If you want to help in any way, or have questions, please let us know! BellinghamPickle@gmail.com

Indoor Court Need

Seeking a reliable person to take on “Whoozin” online invitation coordination for Bellingham elementary school evening play. Barbara G. currently does it, and she is happy to train someone else to take over.

Cornwall “Grand Opening”

Seeking folks to help plan/ implement the “Grand Opening” & associated promotion & activities.

Physical Maintenance, Improvements, & Research

Cornwall courts clean-up at the end of February or early March. Watch for info. Many hands make lighter work (and more fun) for all.

Need to research for BEST secure jobsite-type box to be bolted into ground @ Cornwall courts. Needs to be heavy-duty & tamper-proof; at least 60” long. One is for dry supplies, and one for potentially wet (cleaning) tools.

Tech Research

Seeking the best company to use for accepting online payments (Paypal, Stripe, Popmoney, etc)

Cornwall court discussion re: “protocols” once the new courts are in

Rick A., Ellen, Maggi, Barbara, Lola, Mary G.; Jean wants to help with etiquette guidelines; Gabe & Peter will work on determining the best rating self-assessment guidelines. OTHERS?

Help develop the following for 2019 late spring/summer:

Cornwall Drop-in Rotation/ Levels of Play/ (“self-rating”?)/ Etiquette/ Protocols/ Support for beginners/ Schedule/ Court “host” responsibilities/ Relevant “signage” messaging/ “lost & found” system.

Work on a method for labeling paddles with names. (Get a labeler. Maybe even a bell to signal court open.)

Instructing/ Coaching/ Mentoring; all levels *(would like a group by early May).*

Karen, Bernadette, Rick A. plus multiple others are needed (Peter H. and Jean L. are considering....)

We would like to have folks available for informal coaching/mentoring, as well as scheduled clinic or lesson times to address the needs across the spectrum of levels.

>Cornwall Court “Hosts”

Rick A., Barbara G, Maggi, Mary G, Gaby G, Mary E, Catharine, Jill, Gail, plus need 6-8 others (board coordinates).

Board members & committed others to take turns at Cornwall drop-in times. As new systems are experimented with they will diplomatically help with questions, court flow, new folks, beginners, etc. This is a serious responsibility. There will be some type of vest or sash to identify court hosts, and potentially name tags.

Thank you!