

# April 2, 2019 @ 5:15pm: BPC Development Meeting Agenda (draft)

Bellingham Covenant Church, 1530 E. Bakerview Rd, Bellingham 98226 (East of James)

Board Members: President: Barbara Goebel; Vice-Pres: Rick Anderson; Secretary: Maggi Kriger; Treasurer: Terri Vossbeck; At-Large: Catharine Vader; Bernadette Ryan; Gabe Drury.

## Introductions (Barbara)

## Board & Club Updates; Finance Report; (Barbara, Terri, Maggi)

*BPC reached 140 members!* Finance report. Cornwall fence project cost update; FUNDRAISING STARTS NOW !

## Volunteers of the Month: (Barbara)

**Carsten Kroon:** For his vision & work to make “winter” weeknight play in Bellingham a reality. Thank you!

**Dotti Berry:** For being a liaison w/ BBAC & hosting Feb. exhibition + Tues. nights; & applying to be a USAPA ambassador.

Thank You 3/17 Clean-up Crew @ Cornwall (Rick): All 24 who helped with early “spring” clean-up & court chalking!

## February Survey Results & Findings (Barbara, Maggi)

Sharing of findings from 114 responses; solicit input regarding next steps.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MWYvJavJcAxZsg3SiD6Dav3XrVE5lSsEshP0gp7Q0l0/edit?usp=sharing>

## BPC Website: (Maggi)

[www.bellinghampickleball.org](http://www.bellinghampickleball.org) is working well (& we’ll be able to do online payments!!) Feedback/ suggestions? We still can never thank Keith Turley & ImagineDS, enough! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

## BPC Member Business: (Barbara, Maggi, Rick)

Online membership payment options will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> @ [www.bellinghampickleball.org](http://www.bellinghampickleball.org) .

First annual membership drive upcoming: Renewal period? Fee? (good through June 2020).

The first annual meeting (w/board elections) will be held in August 2019.

Self-rating Assessment Guidelines for Local Use: Updates on progress/ input. (Barbara, Rick)

Volunteer Needs; a spreadsheet of volunteer opportunities is being developed. (Barbara, Maggi)

## “Players Pickleball” BPC Sponsorship (Maggi)

Thank you [Players Pickleball](#) for continued BPC sponsorship, and for donating \$10 to BPC for every paddle purchased w/ link above or code **bpc10**. And for the upcoming donation of nets & paddles to the Whatcom YMCA!

## > Outdoor Courts Updates: CORNWALL PARK (Rick, Maggi, Barbara)

### > Ball Barrier Fencing

**3-week fundraising campaign to launch April 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>!** Plus updates.

### Court Conversion Project Updates

Despite BPC’s persistent efforts, the city project includes multiple missteps & delays OUTSIDE OF OUR CONTROL. Likely June/July for court completion. Five new pickleball nets still need to be sent back to the supplier, who will modify them so they don’t drag on the ground so much. One is modified & re-installed. Other related topics: info kiosk, job boxes, bike rack, benches, MOA etc. BPC continues to be responsible for debris removal on court areas.

Do we want an early spring system besides Facebook for folks to communicate about playing days/times? If so, what? *And we need volunteers to be responsible for getting/returning nets from Horseshoe shed, and chalking.*

### > “Grand Opening”

We still don’t know when new courts will be done, but we’d like to have a “Grand Opening” w/ fanfare & events. It could be part of a “Bellingham Pickle (or Pickleball) Week”. Need volunteers to plan & implement.

### > Cornwall: “non-permanent” additional “painted” lines:

BPC will add lines on tennis court area for portable nets once the surface is pressure-washed. (Hopefully in April.) (We can also use spray “Marking Chalk” to “paint” interim lines on new court to hold us over until resurfacing.)

## > OTHER

### > Bellingham Parks Recreation Program Update (Maggi)

The Recreation Program is in support of BPC checking out Bellingham Park basketball courts to see which ones might be appropriate for some light pickleball lines for portable nets. Volunteers could pick parks to assess for suitability, current under-utilization, & best fit for one or two courts.

> Lake Padden: Catharine will coordinate with “Painter” Dave for painting permanent lines on one tennis court.

> Elizabeth Park: BPC hopes to have final authorization to paint some lines @ Elizabeth Park by summer.

## Indoor Court Updates

- > Ferndale Y: BPC is supporting the Y in having two portable pickleball nets at the Ferndale location.
- > Y- Bham: BPC is hosting pickleball events at "Healthy Kids Day" on 4/27 from 3:30-5pm. Volunteers wanted.
- > Birch Bay Activity Center (For more info, see BBAC website @: <https://bbbparkandrec.org/pickleball/>):  
NEW: Various Tues. nights w/Byrd Penney for 3.5+. Drills clinic, and doubles play w/coaching.  
NEW: Wed. evenings 7-9pm, Tami M. offers drop-in drill clinics & player coaching for beginners & novices.  
BPC & BBAC are hoping to co-host a social pickleball event on Saturday September 14th. Stay tuned.....  
3.5 rating sessions were offered on 3/23 & 3/30.
- > Meridian HS Gym events: 2/23 Drill & Skills, plus games (beginners through mid-intermediate) went very well.  
3/23 Women's Day w/drills, mixer, & games was a great time for bonding with 26 sister picklers!
- > Bham Tuesdays 6-9pm 3.25+ @ HAPPY VALLEY by RSVP: 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, & 4/30, (and through May, if desired.)  
*If you wish to start receiving Whoozin invitations for these sessions, please email [BellinghamPickle@gmail.com](mailto:BellinghamPickle@gmail.com)*
- > Semiahmoo: Still waiting for the pickleball schedule to be posted on their website.
- > Bellingham Fitness: 3 indoor courts will be completed this summer. "Grand Opening" will be in the early fall.  
If all goes well with pickleball participation, they'd like to add 3-4 outdoor covered courts.

**Next Meeting Date? (focused on Cornwall):** Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> @ Gail's studio, 2829 Lynn St, Bham 98225  
With optional potluck before?

## Cornwall Needs

*If you want to help in any way, or have questions, please let us know!* [BellinghamPickle@gmail.com](mailto:BellinghamPickle@gmail.com)

### Physical Maintenance, Improvements, & Research

*Rick A., David M, Mike B, Gaby G, Maggi, Ed, Bernadette, Chuck, Dave S; Who else...?*

**CORNWALL: Temporary net hosts; Court chalking; Court taping & painting (under supervision of Painter Dave)**

Similar to last season, we need folks to be responsible for transporting nets to/ from the horseshoe shed.

**Need to research to find the FULLY SECURE jobsite-type boxes** (to be bolted into ground @ Cornwall courts).  
Needs to be heavy-duty & tamper-proof; at least 60" long. One for dry supplies, and one for potentially wet (cleaning) tools. The one for tools needs to be big enough for brooms/squeegees etc. (Do we plan to unscrew heads?)

### Cornwall "Grand Opening"

**Seeking folks to help plan/ implement the "Grand Opening" & associated promotion & activities.**

### 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;*

*There is also group working on skill level rating self-assessment guidelines.*

**Help develop the following for when new courts open:**

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*

We'd like to have folks available for informal coaching/mentoring, as well as scheduled clinic or lesson times to address needs across the spectrum of levels. BPC will NOT be charging a fee @ Cornwall.

### >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!**