

Sunday June 23, 2019 @ 5:45pm: Cornwall Planning Meeting (and 5pm potluck)

Location: 2829 Lynn St, @ Gail & Pat's Birdhouse Studio

Barbara G., Peter H, Terri V, Catharine V, Cheryl O, Cathy C, Gail M, Pat M, Ed Goebel, Neal, Kim, Gabriel, Polly, Claude, Mary G., Gaby G, Rick, A, Maggi K, Eileen N, Steve N, Scott M, Carol Lawrence, Thomas & Carol C.

Next BPC & Cornwall Development Meeting: Sunday July 21st @ 5:45pm; Optional Potluck @ 5pm.

Location is [Peter & Catharine's](#) @ 2210 Hawk Way, Bham 98229 (above Lake Padden). Their place is beautiful!

Introductions (Barbara)

Volunteers of the Month:

Gaby Gaiz: For being a dedicated, cheerful, and thoughtful "Court Host". You help everything go better- Thank You!

Gail MacDonald: Thank you for: Court hosting & Session hosting; Drafting etiquette guidelines; And Making "Host" sashes- wow! You bless us by observing needs, taking initiative, & carrying through on endeavors.

Input Requested

1) What do you think is going well with Cornwall?

Court hosts - making things run smoothly & willing to have difficult conversations;

Court rotation – going pretty smoothly, allowing skill-level grouping, and mixed any-level grouping;

Great atmosphere of hospitality & inclusiveness, including welcoming new players, & non-pickleball players stopping by;

Large number of participants for playing, & volunteers for clearing courts, and especially the team of folks measuring, chalking and painting the lines;

Well organized. (Said "you folks", so we assume they meant the board and overall);

Temporary fences so much better than nothing;

Sufficient number of balls available at Cornwall;

From email comments:

I love it that at unscheduled times, there are plenty of courts for unpressured practice & play with my own group of friends.

Lots of players and generally good games. I'm really impressed with the level of organization, mentoring, etc. Kudos!

I enjoy both the drop-in sessions and the skill level sessions, including Tuesday evening. Paddle grouping system with tags identifying the skill level is working very well, and games are quite enjoyable.

Love the new [Recreational Etiquette 101 Guidelines](#) for Cornwall; VERY NICE!!! (And jerks will still be jerks...)

So appreciate all that people are doing!!!

Thanks to everyone who is making this work!

2) Suggestions for improvements? Issues of concern?

Want more education & communication to not disrupt courts in play when passing thorough, including not going when players are preparing to serve. **Pat & Gail** crafted language, and it's in the new "[BPC Recreational Pickleball Etiquette 101](#)".

Though it's very improved, there are still various problems with some players not following court rotation protocols:

There is still uninvited jumping up in levels which dilutes games for the people who are that level (or higher).

The policy is that to jump up a level, the player should be invited by a player of the higher level.

Or alternatively, the lower level player can ask whether they can join the group at the higher level.

All need to speak up, not just the court hosts. (And perhaps offer to invite them to play at another time.)

Some switch paddles to guarantee their four-some. If it's a rarity, let it go. If persisting, speak to players/ hosts.

The policy is that you can move YOUR paddle back, but not someone else if they are at an appropriate level.

Even situations where someone is in a wrong level, you should talk w/ the person rather than just move paddle.

The Parks Dept has received some letters of serious complaints from tennis players about the multiple lines on their courts and the intrusion of pickleball players. **Maggi and Barbara** are meeting with the Parks Dept Tuesday to discuss in hopes of finding a cooperative solution that encourages multiple use.

Kiosk Organization Layout/ Organization improvement desired; **Mary G.** will help Maggi. Keith will assist.

Improve tag holder system, larger rings, etc. (**Gail / Gabby / Dave** - completed 6/24)

Find out about YMCA availability as options during court resurfacing (**Maggi/ Catharine**- completed 6/26)

We need to figure out requirements & procedures for our August Elections. **Steve Nelson** (retired lawyer) will work on researching this and, so we have proper protocol & documentation.

Need more helpers for Beginner/ Novices sessions. **Eileen Nelson** will be a regular helper. Can use more...

Need volunteers to offer introductory clinics at Birchwood Park, once pickleball lines are painted on the basketball court. **Mary Eastwood & Skya Fisher** have offered to do so.

Need more drop-in court hosts. **Steve Nelson offered.** **Maggi** will send him (and all other court hosts) the draft of the job description for review and finalization.

Court Hosts should estimate the people hours on each shift which we'll record

From email comments:

Provide more rating advice for 3.0-4.0 players. Many players are putting their paddles in inappropriate levels.

Suggestion offered of how to secure jobsite box with anchor bolts from inside the box.

Explore use of two YMCAs, use tennis courts @ Cornwall, use Fairhaven & other courts during court completion.

When the six courts are being surfaced, we can set up 4 portable nets, use them, & at Fairhaven.

Club Updates, Volunteer Requests*, and Input Requests

- *(Editor note: Now July 8th.)*
Cornwall court re-surfacing was scheduled to begin July 1st. (Weather permitting, and all forces aligning!) Nothing is set in stone until it is actually done. The 6 courts could be out of commission for 2 – 3 weeks. This involves pressure washing, sub-surfacing, surfacing, installation of fencing, etc.
- Meeting chose Wednesday evening 8/7 as the tentative date for the Cornwall Pickleball Courts' "Soft Opening".
- We have several new "Court Hosts" for morning Drop-in Sessions, and still seeking a few more.*
- 1st Annual General Meeting, Elections (& Pickleball): Sunday August 18th, 4PM+ @ Fairhaven Park Pavilion.
Planning needs to start soon.
Steve Nelson will do governance research (requirements/suggestions for job descriptions, election process, etc.
Need volunteers for event planning*;
Volunteers needed for preparing and/or day of the event tasks*.
- 9/14 "PicklePalooza" @ BBAC, cohosted by BPC & BBAC, will be a fun event with games, clinics, and social time.

If you want a \$10 magnetic name tag, let "Wheeler" know how you want your name: wheeler225@gmail.com

- Net adjustments Anyone who measures, can adjust straps; (need accountability for other adjustments)
- "Grand Opening" is postponed until 2020
- Volunteer Liability Waivers should be signed by all who help at Cornwall. Maggi has them.

Updates on TOP Priority Suggestion Status from 5/19 meeting

1. Posted Skill-level session [calendar on website](#).
2. Clarified & improved morning "Drop-in Session" court rotation protocols & communication.
3. Drafted "Etiquette Policy" which has been reviewed, approved at the 6/23 meeting, and will be posted soon.
4. Completed [1-page Skill-Rating](#) Self-Assessment Sheet with descriptive wording including "Glossary").
5. Started ongoing evening Drop-In Sessions ("no-host") on Wednesdays 5:30PM+.
6. Began first ongoing "Ladder" (3.25+) on Tuesday 6/18.
(Individual session round-robins can be added to calendar if there are volunteers to coordinate & lead.*)
7. Added ongoing "Skill-level Sessions" throughout week. It's suggested to start sessions w/ drills.
(Also a 12-participant "Travelling Clinic" is scheduled for Thursday 8/8, 3:30PM-8PM.)
Let Maggi (or bellinghampickle@gmail.com) know if you are interested in getting on the list.
8. Offer special courts (challenge, mixed Pickle-in, etc). Plan to introduce at Soft Opening;
9. More winter options, including Ferndale Y (with level structure);
10. Develop governance - job descriptions, constitution – Steve Nelson leading;
11. Creative ways to hear from club members; (doesn't take the Board to do, just offer/ email ideas.)