



News BLAST

Port Townsend Pickleball Club

Social Saturday Schedule

There is an interest among members to keep Social Saturdays going as long as possible, weather permitting. December 2nd the final club-organized Social Saturday of 2023 and the schedule will restart in the new year. Please pay attention to Playtime Scheduler for next year's schedule. The PTPC board would once again like to thank Stan Jonasson for hosting this ever-so-popular event. Stan is a quiet stalwart of the club, and his efforts help make Port Townsend a welcoming place to play pickleball!

News from the Board

The PTPC Board of Directors is always working to improve the Port Townsend playing experience, so we thought we would share some of the things we have been doing.

- We are already in the process of planning club-organized play and tournaments for next spring and summer. Right now we are planning on an advanced and intermediate mixed doubles tournament with the possibility of men's and women's double tournaments too. Of course, MOTHS, Round Robins and other weekly activities are also being discussed!
- We have received several members' comments about the lack of PTPC "merch" available for purchase, so we are looking into the cost and process for getting shirts, hoodies, etc. available. We are also considering PTPC name tags to identify yourself at club-only events.
- In Port Townsend, indoor play is currently limited to the YMCA gymnasium. Now that the rainy season is upon us, finding other indoor courts is a high priority. We have leads on possible venues in addition to the YMCA, and are investigating the costs

and viability of these different locations. We will keep you informed of our progress.

- Along with all of the fun stuff, there have been numerous administrative issues that we have been working on as well. In particular, it was pointed out that (1) our liability waiver needed updating and that (2) a change to the PTPC bylaws is needed to allow the Board to reserve funds to better plan for future expenses. You will get a separate communication on both of these topics in the near future.

YMCA Scheduling

After a summer full of outdoor only play, we would like to remind our members of the protocols and polite standards for playing at the YMCA.

Firstly, it is important to note that the YMCA is a private facility and only the YMCA can organize games in their gymnasium. Please note that in Playtime Scheduler it is technically feasible for an individual to coordinate a game at the YMCA, but these events CANNOT be honored by YMCA staff. If someone mistakenly creates a Playtime Scheduler event at the YMCA, please do not sign up for it.

Secondly, please refrain from “covering your bases” by signing up to play in multiple locations at the same time. We have recently had occasions when the weather turned sunny and YMCA games went unfilled due to last minute cancellations. If you sign up to play indoors, please commit to it, so that our limited indoor courts are fully utilized, and the greatest number of people have an opportunity to play each day. The YMCA reservations shouldn't be used simply as a back up.



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