



# News BLAST

Port Townsend Pickleball Club

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT COURTHOUSE COURTS - PLEASE READ

### *Third court and noise complaints*

There are two issues PTPC would like to address concerning play at the Courthouse Courts.

**First, someone has chalked in a third court** between the two permanent courts and set up a portable net. The County has not authorized this third court. They are considering cleaning it off or they may even ask the Club to do it. It is important to realize that the County is assessing the effect of the noise from pickleball on the two existing courts before they approve a third court. This temporary third court is having a negative impact on their assessment. **Please do not use this in-between court.**

**Second, more neighbors who live near the Courthouse courts** are complaining to the County about the noise from pickleball. These complaints are in addition to the previous ones from the nearby Inn. They are specifically asking players not to begin before 8:00 am. We know that often players who are not Club members use these courts, but we ask our players to please respect the request not to play pickleball before 8:00 am or after 8:00 pm. **Again, this will impact whether or not the County installs a third court on this site.**

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## Clarification about Rated Play

Rated Play on Mondays at the high school, 9:00-1:00

Rated play at PTHS has always been on the summer schedule, but it has become increasingly popular of late. Players are dropping in between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm with the courts being most crowded around 10:00-11:00.

There has been some confusion about this activity, which we want to clear up. Rated play runs from 9:00-1:00 on Mondays, all drop-in, no scheduled play.

- Rated play does not mean you have to be a "rated" player. It simply means that the courts are labeled as Advanced, Intermediate, and Beginner.
- Rated play is loosely organized around skill depending on who is there. If there are mostly intermediate players there and only a few advanced, you might see 3 intermediate courts and one advanced. If there are least six beginners there, one court is designated as beginner. Otherwise, beginners should be integrated into intermediate play. Put your paddle up at the court designated for your skill level.
- Rated play attempts to maintain the culture of pickleball where everyone is welcome, and it also allows players of similar skills to play with one another. Of course, you are always welcome to play on courts below your skill level. Remember, we were all beginners once!



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