



# News BLAST

Port Townsend Pickleball Club

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## Organized Round Robin Play Nearing an End

After a wildly successful summer and autumn, the thrice weekly round robin play being organized by Jennie Hoskins and Patricia Dombrowski will end on Friday, October 27th. Mother nature, of course, will have a lot to say about how frequently the games are actually played between now and then. The PTPC Board of Directors enthusiastically thanks Patricia and Jennie for organizing and hosting one of this year's most impactful new club events. We hope you will do it again next summer!

As a reminder to everyone, please keep apprised of the different venue's "play protocols" as we change from outdoor to indoor play. The PTPC does not define the schedules, and they are subject to change and are not the same at every location. For your convenience, the club maintains links on [our website](#) to all of the different court schedules.

## Tread Lightly!

The City of Port Townsend has recently reseeded an area to the northeast of the Mountain View courts (see below). The city has asked us to stay out of this area to give the grass a chance to grow. Two of the courts are accessible as normal; however, the court closest to Lincoln Street needs to be accessed from the backside gate. If a ball strays into the newly seeded area, please tread lightly and retrieve it using as short a route as possible.

## Sound Advice

If you read news about pickleball, you will undoubtedly be aware that along with all of the great news about pickleball there are issues regarding the noise made while playing. We aren't talking about all the laughter and excitement (that's encouraged!), but about the loud

and distinctive “pop” made when a paddle hits a ball. USA Pickleball recently announced its Quiet Category initiative for pickleball products in an effort to reduce the sport’s sound output during recreational play. The objective is simple, to reduce the sports sound output without negatively impacting performance. As good neighbors in our community, the PTPC encourages all of our members that are replacing equipment to consider new “quiet” products when making purchases. For more information check out the linked articles below.

- [USA Pickleball Announcement](#)
- [CNBC Article](#)

## Mountain View Dog Park

Recently the board has heard about negative interactions between pickleball players and dog owners using the Mountain View dog park. If there is an issue, the PTPC board asks you to simply walk away and let one of us know, either in person or through an email. We have a relationship with the dog park stakeholders and will work with them to resolve whatever problems may exist. Thank you!



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