



BERKSHIRE MOUNTAIN PICKLEBALL

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Berkshire Mountain Pickleball Mission Statement

BMP provides an inclusive, welcoming environment for Berkshire residents and visitors to actively participate in the sport of Pickleball that is easy to learn, fun to play, socially oriented, and promotes wellness and vitality among people of all ages and backgrounds.

Please contact me if you have any items you would like to see addressed in our Newsletter. Or if you know of any upcoming events! Thanks!

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Welcome Back!

So nice to see our snowbirds back with us! We missed you!

BCC was a success!

It was fun and it was a beautiful setting! Stay tuned we are looking ahead to the FALL, when it's too nice to play indoors but the kids are back in school so we can't use Herberg and Reid. Also, remember, those courts are public so you can use them anytime at all now. You just need to bring your own nets for the lower courts.

Balderdash Bash!

Don't miss out on the fun, August 5th at Balderdash Cellars from 4:00 to 8:00. Enjoy a summer evening with friends as you listen to music, play yard games, have a bite to eat and sample the offerings of the venue. The food truck La Calupa y La Enchilada will be on site. You may also bring your own food and nonalcoholic beverages. Don't worry if the weather doesn't cooperate, as BMP has reserved the barn for the evening. To get in on the fun, send your \$15 per person payment via Venmo to Janice-Uliasz or mail a check made out to BMP to Jan at PO Box 66, Dalton, MA 01227. Hope to see you there.

Summer Open Play

Herberg and Reid

Summer Sessions are now in effect at Herberg School and Reid School. 8:30 to noon 7 days a week. 3PM to 6PM evenings. Pay close attention to Sign Up Genius and make sure you go to the location that is designated for your level.

Catherine Parenteau Clinic

It was fabulous! Special thanks to Mike Latini for making the connection and bringing Catherine and her partner Athena to us. They were so engaging, helpful, and fun! Here are some great shots of the day! Catherine is currently ranked #2 in Womens Singles and #3 in Women's Doubles.





Moving On!

We thank Mike Gilardi and Mary Pat Knepper for all they have done as they step down from our Steering Committee.

Well Done, Mike!

+/-6 years ago Mike saw the need to coordinate and organize a small local group that had just learned to play pickleball. He secured equipment and indoor and outdoor space for courts and Berkshire Mountain Pickleball was formed. The initial group of twelve players has become an email list of more than 250. Today, thanks to his efforts, you can join a diverse group in playing pickleball seven days a week.

As the BMP leader, scheduler, buyer, communicator, promoter, teacher and organizer, Mike has done all this because he sees the values that pickleball promotes: a “healthy spirit, mind, and body.”

Mike will continue to teach our Introduction to PB classes.

Thank you, Mary Pat!

Mary Pat joined Berkshire Mountain Pickleball shortly after Mike started the organization. While learning the game Mary Pat added so much value to the organization and enthusiastically joined the Steering Committee to help out wherever she could. Her steadfast guidance on and off the court is an invaluable asset to many of us. Cheerful, professional, supportive, collaborative, and fun to play with!

We congratulate Mary Pat in achieving her training certification as she moves on to teach and become part of the Bousquet team.

See you on the courts Mike and MP!

Transitions

We thought it would be helpful for you to know what our roles and responsibilities are going forward:

Operations and Training: Tony Richards, Jan Uliasz

Membership and Financials: Jan Uliasz

Sign Up Genius: Carol Cushenette, Marie Richardson

Community Liaison/Site Management: Bill Travis

Events/Social Activities/Tournaments: Marie Richardson, Jan Uliasz

Site Operations and Supplies: Tony Riello

Marketing: Ann Phillips

Newsletter: Carol Cushenette

You can contact any of us through bmp01201@gmail.com or our personal emails listed at the end of this newsletter.

Marketing BMP

We are in the process of building a website for BMP! We have contracted with Boxcar Media. We will have a simple professionally created website where new people can find us, schedules and news will be shared, merchandise will be available, etc. Stay tuned, it should be done by the end of the summer.

Safety

Three broken wrists and a hard hit to the head!

Our Safety Sub Committee met in June to discuss some much needed safety protocols and upgrading our first aid kits. Thank you, Maureen Krecji, for lending your professional expertise to help us through this. We have purchased new first aid bags and supplies for each site.

Paddles Up!

Yes, we have a process and it's working and It's simple.

Winners stay and split; near winners (ok losers) come off.

If you win two games in a row you come off.

EVERYONE puts their paddles up and adheres to the rotation. (**Yes everyone**). Process will be posted at each site.

Classes – This is worth repeating!

As you know Berkshire Mountain Pickleball offers free instruction for players. To be safe and get a complete understanding of the game these classes are invaluable. See SIGN UP GENIUS for dates and times.

INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL

Our offerings start at the INTRO level for novices. We recommend a maximum of 3 sessions for those who are just starting out. If you've never held a paddle before, or only have a tennis background, this is for you!

SKILLS and DRILLS Level 1

Every player should take this after completing the INTRO classes.

SKILLS and DRILLS Level 2

All of us, even though we may think we are Intermediate or even Advanced, can benefit from this level. It's about development of fundamentals, introduction to advanced techniques and more.

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