



BERKSHIRE MOUNTAIN PICKLEBALL

October 2023

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.

*We would love
your feedback!*

What are we doing right? What can we do to improve? Do you want to see more organized play? Please email us at bmp01201@gmail.com

We value your input!

And the RESULTS ARE IN!

First let us say that we are forever grateful to our members for participating in the 1st Joe Levin Memorial Tournaments . They were incredibly popular, and we cannot wait to do it again next year!

A huge thank you to all our volunteers Marcia DeFazio, Dave Wallace, Mary Turner, Chris Riello, Sue Haddad (and others I may have missed, sorry!). Also, a big shout out to Jan Uliasz for her expert coordination and leading this entire effort. And of course, Tony Riello Jr. for his amazing rendition of our National Anthem.

Last, we could not be prouder in naming this tournament series after our wonderful friend Joe Levin. And thank you so much to Mary Ellen Levin for attending our last event. It was so heartwarming to have her with us.





Todd, Carter, Margey, Wendy, Dina, Chris, Anne, Kim

**1ST Tournament - August 10th _
Intermediate/Advanced – Partner Draw**

- 1st - Carter Tyer & Dina Abderhalden
- 2nd - Anne Wehry & Christopher Abderhalden
- 3rd - Wendy Ferrelli & Kim Madden
- 4th - Todd Tyer & Marjorie Safran



Bob, Amy, Dino, Kathy, Monique, Dede, Julia, Brad

2ND Tournament - August 29th

Novice – Partner Draw

- 1st - Kathy Mele & Amy Penzabene
- 2nd - Monique Blake & Dino Pressley
- 3rd - Dede Foote & Julia Rindfuss
- 4th - Bob Berube & Brad Simon



Kirk, Sam, Kelly, Mary Ellen, Ilene, Larry, Ed, Carter, Todd

**3RD Tournament – October 14th
Intermediate/Advanced - Teams**

- 1st - Todd & Carter Tyer
 - 2nd - Kelly Maginnis & Ed Burneski
 - 3rd - Sam Peitler & Kirk Mitchell
 - 4th - Ilene & Larry Richard
- With Mary Ellen Levin!



Holiday Party Coming Up!

Save the date Picklers! It's about time we got together for some fun "off the courts" (Wait! What? You can have fun off the courts?) December 8th at the Pittsfield Italian American Club. Fun starts at 6PM Cocktail Hour, Dinner at 7PM, Dancing all night long! Music will be provided by DJ Bizz! Watch for an email about details.....coming soon!

Other Stuff

Winter is on its Way...Where can we Play?

So long to our snowbirds we will miss you all! Stay in touch! Enjoy the weather wherever you go.

We have organized play only at the **Boys and Girls Club**. The winter schedule is in Sign Up Genius through the end of March.

BUT HERE's some NEWS!

There are courts at **BCC** that are good enough for us to play on and we found out lots of information about them. Here's a link to their website where they explain the cost.

[Paterson Field House | Pittsfield Gym | Berkshire Community College \(berkshirecc.edu\)](#)

Here's what some of us did this last week.....

Joined for one month for \$18. We played for 3 hours for two days, and we will play there again on weekends for sure.

Our \$18 gets us FULL USE OF THE GYM AND WORK OUT FACILITY!

There are also two courts at the **YMCA**, call them to find out details.

Your Opinion Counts

We will be sending out a short survey to gather some basic information from our members. Keep your eye out

New Outdoor Courts Near Completion

Well, there is good news, they are almost built! The "other news" is that they will not be ready until the spring. More on that later, BMP expects to have some great opportunities for court time.



The Pickle Corner

There have often been questions about rules, so we thought we would add a spot in the newsletter to help us all. And no matter how good we think we are, please join our Intro Class or Skills and Drills to keep getting better! Drilling does help!

The Two Bounce Rule

The two-bounce rule exists to remove any advantages of serving and volleying, making the ball bounce once before the serve return, and once more before the third shot.

The Two-Bounce rule of pickleball prevents volleying in the first two hits after every serve. Once the ball is served, the receiving team must let it bounce once before returning, and the serving team must then let the return bounce once before hitting it back again. After that third shot, either team can volley.

The Kitchen

The seven-foot zone on each side of the net is known as the non-volley zone, more commonly referred to as "the kitchen" of a pickleball court. Players are not permitted to volley while standing in it. The kitchen rule exists to prevent a player from standing at the net and smashing every hit. Below is from USA Pickleball's 2023 rule book.

Rule 9.A. - No volleying while touching the kitchen.

Rule 9.B. - If you or your body touches any part of the kitchen while volleying, this is a fault. It includes your swing, follow-through, momentum, and even applies to your paddle or anything you're wearing.

Rule 9.C. - If your momentum or even your partner somehow causes you to enter the kitchen while volleying, that's a fault.

Rule 9.D. - If you enter the kitchen by any means, you can't volley until both feet are completely back out of the kitchen. This includes entering and jumping in the air to land behind the kitchen while volleying - this would result in a fault as well.

Rule 9.E. - You can be in the kitchen any time you like, except when volleying.

Rule 9.F. - You can hit the ball from the kitchen so long as there is a ball bounce first.

Rule 9.G. - You don't have to leave the kitchen to return a ball if it has bounced first. This means you can stay in the kitchen whenever and however long you like, except for... You guessed it - volleying inside the kitchen.

Rule 9.H. - If you're standing in the kitchen and your partner returns or volleys the ball legally, this is not breaking the rules of the kitchen.



We'll Leave You with This....

"It's Nice to be Nice"

Keep in mind our mission statement when you step on the court. Yes, go back to page one, it is always at the top, because it's always on the top of our minds! We have had some instances lately of contentious interactions. If you encounter something that appears to be negative, or you are subjected to something that made you uncomfortable, please let one of us know and we will handle it.

Always keep in mind that we are not all at the same level in skill and in competitiveness. Be kind, be helpful, be humble and have fun!

This was recently posted, it's so true:

"Pickleball is the only sport where I can lose literally every game and still have the best time in the world."

Be Well Picklers!



In Case you don't know us and you have a question.....

This Is Us~Your Steering Committee

*Top Row: Tony Richards, Carol Cushenette, Bill Travis, Tony Riello, Marie Richardson
Front Row: Don Campagna, Jan Uliasz, Kelly Maginnis
Missing from photo: Phil Landa*

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