

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.

*As always we value your
input*

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

Beauty is in the Eye of the Pickler

And they are BEAUTIFUL! How about those new courts on Benedict Road? We are so fortunate to have some dedicated times to play there. Check out Sign Up Genius for the schedule if you haven't already done that.

We want to give a special thanks to Marie Richardson. Marie worked hard over an 18-month period with city officials to give much needed input. The results were great and her hard work and dedication to BMP is appreciated.

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YOUR PRIVATE EMAILS WITH ANY
THIRD-PARTY VENDORS OR WITH
ANYONE FOR THAT MATTER!



The Pickle Corner

Here's more advice from the Crazy Pickleball Lady (again, not me!)

The Third Shot Drop and MORE!

Personally, I believe in the third shot drop. It is my "go to" shot when my team is serving. I believe it provides more opportunity to take control of the rally from the start. A well placed third shot drop can limit your opponent's options and will help you get to the kitchen line, which is your best offensive position.

PICKLEBALL PLAYERS



I'm not saying that you should always hit a drop shot as your third shot. I like a mix of drops and drives that keep your opponents on their toes. And there are times when the third shot drop is NOT the best shot to use. For example, when your opponent doesn't come forward to the kitchen line. Drive the ball deep to that player and keep them in the back court as long as possible. Aiming at their feet is the best target.

Consider too where you aim your drive shots. If you don't have an opening to drive a winner through, maybe a drive is not the best option. Aiming directly at your opponent can lead to many unsatisfactory situations, most of which are unpredictable since the pace and angle of the ball coming back will often be uncontrollable.

Here's a few things to consider in your game plan:

- The harder you hit a non-winner, the faster it comes back, making your next shot more difficult, and often leading to a rally that becomes completely out of control.
- Slow the game down. Take away your opponent's ability to slam the ball back at you.
- Use soft shots to move your opponents, creating an opening that you can then hit a winner through.
- Control the pace of the rally when you are the serving team with a third shot drop. Sure, you'll miss some, but you'll never learn the shot until you try.
- Be aware of your partner's ability. You may have fast reactions, but your partner might not and won't be able to handle a fast-paced rally. Make shots to create a rally conducive to your partner's skill too. Don't create a fast rally, then get mad because your partner makes a mistake.



The Winners Circle!

A new addition to our newsletter! Many of our members and their pickle partners are playing in tournaments. We want to congratulate them all. This month I have just grabbed some photos and created a collage but going forward I will try and let everyone know where the tournament was and how they placed.

For now, I'm sure you will recognize many of these proud and happy faces! Congratulations to everyone!





Speaking of Tournaments

2nd Annual Joe Levin Memorial Tournaments

July 13th (Rain date July 20th)

Advanced/Intermediate Senior Tournament for players ages 60+
Mixed Doubles

August 3rd (Rain date August 10th)

Advanced/Intermediate Tournament for players of all ages
Mixed Doubles

August 24th (Rain date August 31st)

Beginners/Novice Tournament for players of all ages

We Appreciate You!

It might look easy, but we have a really dedicated Steering Committee who make a lot of things happen every day. That said, we want to give a HUGE shout out to Bill Travis, Tony Riello and Donny Campagna for their help as they step away from the committee for various reasons. Health, travel and life just get in the way sometimes.



We are welcoming our newest Steering Committee member, Gary Schiff. Recently retired, Gary is willing to roll up his sleeves and join us in keeping things organized and moving forward. Thank you, Gary, for stepping up!

Need another T Shirt?

Kelly is willing to take orders for us for some technical performance shirts. They will be one color (blue) and have our logo on them. Wear it proud! We will send out a message when Kelly is ready to take orders.

Sign Up Genius 101

How to delete yourself from a time slot!

You should have the ability to delete yourself under your name. If the "delete" button doesn't appear, you should make sure you are getting to the app from a download. If that's not working delete the app and start again. If you are still having trouble reach out to Carol at carol.cushenette@gmail.com. I will be happy to help you (if I can).

Be Well Picklers! Stay cool!

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