



## 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 adult players 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](mailto:bmp01201@gmail.com)

## WOW what a great summer!

So much fun and so much news, we will try to fit everything in but first let's talk about the upcoming Fall Sessions.

### **Benedict Road (fondly nicknamed THE DILL)**

We will have morning Open Play Monday through Saturday from 8AM to 12Noon.

- Two sessions 8AM to 10AM and 10AM to 12Noon
- Please do not sign up for two sessions in one day.
- *HOWEVER, if there is room in the second session, first session players can stay. Put your paddles at the end to ensure the that second session players get in before you.*

We will have afternoon Open Plan Monday through Thursday from 3PM to 6PM.

We have three (3) courts available to us at each session. Be kind and courteous if non-BMP players come to use the other courts.

### **Herberg**

Open Play is available on Saturdays and Sundays and Holidays from 8AM to 12Noon.

It will also be available from 3PM to 6PM 7 days per week.

### ***Super Important Note!***

*We tried really hard to separate the courts by Skill Level. It works most days. HOWEVER, we really need to understand that we are NOT ALL ADVANCED players. There has been some recent migration of INTERMEDIATE and even ADVANCED BEGINNERS into the ADVANCED courts. Please be courteous, know your level (read the posting at Herberg and I will add it later on in this Newsletter). You all have the opportunity to mix it up at Benedict where we are not separated by level.*

### **Reid Middle School**

You will no longer see postings for Reid Middle School. There is just not enough activity there for us to clutter Sign Up Genius with those slots. Let us know if you think that's a problem, but for now it's not there. We will be taking our equipment away, so if you want to play there you will need to bring your own net and balls.

### **Boys and Girls Club...yes we will be indoors soon!**

This is available from Monday through Friday from 9AM to 12Noon. Fee is \$5. A reminder that **ALL** of this money goes directly to the Boys and Girls Club, not to BMP.

And just in case you didn't already know this...we really do miss our Snowbirds, we think of you when we are playing indoors! See Y'all in the spring!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Joe Levin Tournaments!

We want to thank everyone that participated and made this so much fun. Yes, it takes some time to put it all together, but we are so happy watching you all participate in this friendly "not so crazy competitive" tournament. We know Joe is smiling down on us!!! Thank you all for participating! We have included some photos here, look for more on our website in the Gallery.

### ***Intermediate and Advanced 60+ Mixed Doubles***

We had 32 participants!

Gold Medal    Susan Haddad and Kurt Hospot  
Silver Medal    Carol Cushenette and Jerry Packard  
Bronze Medal    Kathleen Millett and Ron Wojcik  
Pickles!        Margey Safran and Bob Berube



Ron, Margey, Kurt, Sue, Carol, Jerry, Bob, Kathleen

### **Intermediate and Advanced Mixed Doubles**

It was a crazy rainy day!! And we want to thank everyone for their patience! In parentheses are the original team members who could not make the rain date to complete the tournament.

We had 32 participants!

Gold Medal     Arlene Schiff and Eugene Shuster  
Silver Medal    Rochelle Howe and Dave Turner (Tom Gelb)  
Bronze Medal   Dina Abderhalden and Gary Schiff  
Pickles!        Lexi Trainor and Tim DeSutter (Sava Swirsky)



*Tim, Lexi, Dina, Gary, Rochelle, Dave, Arlene, Eugene*



We were hopeful!!!!!!!!!!

### ***Novice and Advanced Beginner Mixed Doubles***

We had 20 participants! What a beautiful day! So much fun! And a special shout out to Tony Riello Jr. for a live acapella performance of our National Anthem! So proud to know you Tony, and thank you!

Gold Medal Tony Riello Jr. and Sai Kamasani  
Silver Medal Cheri Rodhouse and Tim Armstrong  
Bronze Medal Linda Barbodoro and Dennis Bergin  
Pickles! Julie Kramer and Paige Keenan



*Julie, Paige, Dennis, Linda, Cheri, Tim, Tony Jr., Sai*

### **Questions for you all:**

We had many requests for a Bring Your Own Partner Tournament. Let us know if there is interest.

# Summer Social

What can we say? It was the best! A great time was had by all! Thank you to Marie and Jan for coordinating such a great event! Looking forward to the next one! We got so many requests to have more informal gatherings like this one. We will figure it out....more to come! These are only a few of the photos. We will be posting more in our gallery on our website. We'll let you know when they are up!



ENJOY THE  
*little Things*

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# Welcome New Members

Another new feature that we started with our July membership; WELCOME to our newest members. We are now up to 390 members.

Sarah Almeida  
John Beischel  
Jayne Bellora  
Jay Boden  
John Burrows  
Hannah Burrows  
Christine Codella  
Mary Conklin  
Lori Cote  
Catherine Dullaghan  
Siobhan Enoch  
Donna Giardina  
Martha Haughey  
Maura Hawkins  
Peter Horth  
Elliott Hunnewell  
Jun Inagaki  
Michael Kintner  
Bruce Kirchner  
Julie Kramer  
Roger Malloy  
Karen McHugh  
Jill McKennon  
Katie Meehan  
Susan Nichols  
Andrew Plager  
Marci Proper Gyurjan  
Caron Quinn  
Robert Raymakers  
Rick Salvi  
Lynn Terry  
Debra Thompson  
Joshua Tyskanella  
Stephen Veilleux  
Alicia Welch







## The Pickle Corner: *aka Court Courtesy for this month*

***This time it is me!!!! It's an attempt to address all of the issues that many of you have come to us with over the last few months.***

### **Walk Offs, yes it happens!**

We have had a few instances of players "walking off" courts because they don't like the mix of players or they get frustrated mid game with the level of play. Folks, that's not who we are. If it's OPEN PLAY and not designated levels then it is what it is. Please be kind.

### **Court Instructors, nope that's not you!**

Yes, some of you are better than others. But It's not a good idea to instruct your partner or others mid game. If you want to have a discussion after the game and give some guidance, then by all means do so if the player is receptive. But geesh, mid game, no thanks.

### **Out Balls**

Yup, again....calling questionable balls "out" is prevalent with a handful of us. If it's too close to call, it's in. If neither of you really saw it, it's in. Be courteous and for goodness sake calling "out" balls that are not really out is a cheap way to win! And never ever call a ball "out" before it lands!



### **Rotating through Open Play Protocol (again)**

You all should know this by now but it's worth repeating.

WINNERS STAY and Split after a game. 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE players come off the court.

IF YOU PLAY TWO GAMES IN A ROW you must come off the court. Again, geesh, most of you should know this by now.

### **Finding your Level**

Here's how we look at it, please be mindful and honest with yourself.

You will need to figure out where you should be playing based on the following Guidelines. Court skill assignments are not meant to box anyone into one court. At any time, players can move to the court above or below their level. This will allow players to compete one level higher and will help them improve. *You should, however, be considerate and not move levels until you have achieved the appropriate skills to offer a good game at that level.*

#### **Beginner/Novice**

- First timers and novice. First timers please ask us about free Intro Lessons.
- Can hit simple shots
- Basic understanding of rules
- Sustains short rally
- Basic ability to keep score
- Developing technique and fundamental skills.

#### **Intermediate**

- Understands rules, strategy and court position.
- Regularly uses dinks and lobs
- Can hit a mix of shots
- Sustains medium length rallies
- Consistently gets serve/return in play
- Plays at the non-volley zone

#### **Advanced**

- Mastered the game.
- High level of consistency with a variety of shots including lobs, spin, dinks and drive shots with a purpose and at the right time.
- Experienced in competitive play
- Sustains long rallies
- Limited unforced errors

# FINANCES

Many of you have asked about Finances lately. Just FYI, they are posted on the Website in the MEMBERS ONLY tab, under Treasurer's Report (password is 22Bmppickaba11). Here are the numbers for Year End 2023.

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,980.13
2023 Dues	\$ 8,460.00
2024 Dues	\$ 20.00
Donations	\$ 99.00
Holiday Party	\$ 2,610.00
Tournaments	\$ 395.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 13,564.13</b>

Supplies	\$ 2,039.33
Insurance	\$ 807.12
Dues Refunded	\$ 80.00
BCC-Court Fees	\$ 4,410.00
Holiday Party	\$ 2,617.65
PO Box	\$ 216.00
Tournaments	\$ 419.45
Line Painting	\$ 500.00
Boxcar Media - Host Website	\$ 360.00
A1 Septic	\$ 1,024.24
New Checks	\$ 30.00
Sign Up Genius	\$ 269.89
Venmo Fees	\$ 3.36
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,777.04</b>

**Balance \$ 787.09**

## Sign Up Genius 101

**Skills and Drills** We have asked this so many times before we are at a loss about how to control it. We certainly don't want to have to monitor who is signing up for lessons on Sign Up Genius.

We HAVE to let as many players as possible into these sessions. Please do not sign up week after week after week. You should sign up for a maximum of 1X per month. If you see that there are openings the night before, then feel free to jump in. Please let other players sign up. And don't forget your \$5. These lessons would cost you \$45 to \$90 in other organizations.

**Be Well Picklers, enjoy these last days of summer!**

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