# 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.

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 <u>bmp01201@gmail.com</u>

# We Can't Wait Either!

It won't be long until we can get outside and play again! It's been fun at the Boys and Girls Club but there are so many more options when the weather is good!

<u>Berkshire Community College</u> ~A little good news. We are contracting with BCC to be able to play out doors on their lower courts Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 12 from May 1 through June  $23^{rd}$ .

We value your input!

<u>Herberg and Reid</u> ~ We will start sessions there as soon as school is out. Which should be June 24<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eye on the schedule.

<u>Boys and Girls Club</u> ~ It's been great but a little challenging this year with the scheduling and sporadic court closings. But we are thankful to that organization for letting us use their facility. Reminder: April School Vacation is around the corner: April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch the calendar.

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE!** When you play at the Boys and Girls Club **DO NOT OPEN** the side doors. I know that it can get warm and stuffy. But remember we are in a facility where there are children. And open doors can lead to danger. Please keep them closed.

# Sign Up Genius is Genius!

It is such a great app and so user friendly. BUT it is challenging for some of us when we can't delete or change our sign up. The best thing to do is remove the app and reinstall it when that happens. It should reset itself. And when all else fails email us at <u>bmp01201@gmail.com</u>

**ANOTHER IMPORTANT NOTE!** Please do not share the link for Sign Up Genius with people who are not members. Please send your friends to berkshiremountainpickleball.com. The rest is easy!

# Other Noteworthy Stuff

#### Dues

I JUST FREAKING LOVE PICKLEBALL OK? Remember dues must be paid by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't paid by that date, you will be removed from the member list. You can sign up again through the website at any time to reinstate your membership.

Mail checks to: Berkshire Mountain Pickleball PO Box 66 Dalton, MA 01227 Venmo to: @Janice-Uliasz

### **Skills and Drills**

That Tony is such a popular guy! Seriously, when you take lessons anywhere on the planet, you already feel like you know what they're talking about! Who knew that the Trophy Position was a real thing? Thank you, Tony, for your patience and diligence always.

**IMPORTANT NOTE #3!** We are now charging each player \$5 to take Skills and Drills. *Please put the money for Skills and Drills in the envelope INSIDE of the gym.* You still must pay \$5 to play and that money goes in the envelope on the counter. Got it?

#### Tournaments

If any of our members are participating in tournaments let us know. We would love to celebrate your successes!

### Want to Improve Your Game Even More?

We have designated one court on Tuesdays, 10:30 to Noon, for you to find some folks to drill with. We all spend so much time playing and perhaps not enough time on those important drills that Tony taught us. If no one is using the court to train, of course can be used for Open Play.

## Need New Shoes?

Our friends at Berkshire Running Center in the Allendale Mall (underground) carry court shoes now! If they don't have your size, they will get it quickly for you! Stop in and tell them BMP sent you!

## **One More Thing**

**IMPORTANT NOTE #4:** This Newsletter is dedicated to our friend Joe Levin.



#### **Be Well Picklers!**

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