



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 bmp01201@gmail.com

We value your input!

So Nice to be Outside Again!

It's been so nice to play outside with everyone again. And wow has our membership grown! We will reiterate a few of our rules and regs at the end of this newsletter just because there are so many new folks.

As a reminder here are our times by location.

Berkshire Community College ~ Lower courts Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 to 12 from May 1 through June 23rd.

Herberg and Reid ~ Weekends until June 24th. 9 to 12 on Saturdays and Sundays. At Herberg, Saturday is Advance/Intermediate. Sunday is all levels. At Reid, Saturday and Sunday is Beginner/Novice.

Boys and Girls Club ~ We are there from 9 to 12 Monday through Friday until June 1st. There is a \$5 fee to play. [***NEW UPDATE! We were just informed by the Boys and Girls Club that play will end June 1st this year.***](#)

Tournament Fun at BMP

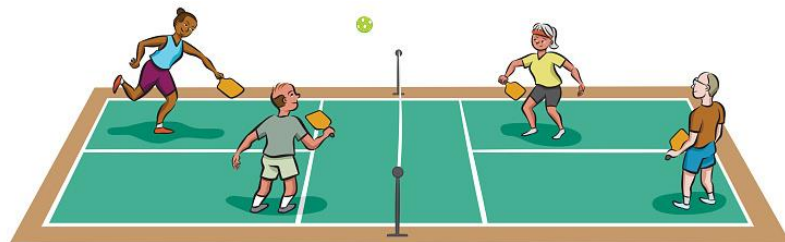
Look for our upcoming Tournaments this summer! More information on when and where will be coming soon. Here are our initial thoughts. More to come on the process and how we will "mix it up"!

July: Pick a Partner – Doubles Teams - Intermediate/Advanced

August: Draw a Partner – Doubles Teams– Beginner/Novice

September: Draw a Partner – Doubles Teams – Intermediate/Advanced

We can't wait!



Other Stuff

Skills and Drills

Skills and Drills will be back but maybe not till mid-summer as our leader is out for a bit. Tony is doing great and can't wait to get back at it.

Ok here's the Reminder Part

Sign Ups PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, SIGN UP, *DO NOT JUST SHOW UP*. We know some people come and go, and space is limited especially at BCC. But in fairness, we need to Sign Up. The way the system works is that every day one day drops off and a new day is added.

- If your plans change and you cannot make it, please delete yourself. Don't be a "no show".
- If you are leaving early or arriving late, please note that in the comments.

NEW PROCESS We are creating a new slot for 10:45 at BCC and at Herberg on Saturdays. People are leaving early, making space for others to join us. We will cap it at 8 at BCC and 10 at Herberg.

Friends Joining We always want to encourage new members. Please have them sign up as a guest through our website <https://www.berkshiremountainpickleball.com/>. Do not sign them up on Sign Up Genius. Please have them bring a waiver with them or sign one when they arrive. Waivers and First Aid kits are at each location.

Locks Remember the combination in all cases is 1150.

Paddles Up!

- When you arrive at the court put your paddle on the fence in the rotation. Our signs will show you where. If you don't know please ask.
- Play is to 11
- When a game ends, the team that comes in first stays on the court and splits. The team that comes in second comes off the court and places their paddle in the rotation.
- If you win two games in a row you must come off the court and get into the paddle rotation.

Capiche?

Our Equipment, Our Time The gear in the equipment boxes is to be used only during times listed on Sign Up Genius for liability purposes. You can buy nets or borrow nets (a lot of us have our own) if you want to play during "off" hours.

Safety Please, please, please wear the proper shoes. Court shoes are so important not only to prevent falling but to take good care of your body mechanics and feet as you move side to side.

Hydrate Drink water! It's so critical as the days warm up. Please bring lots and drink lots!



New Courts

We do know that there were several bidders on the project. We will let you know more as soon as we have information.

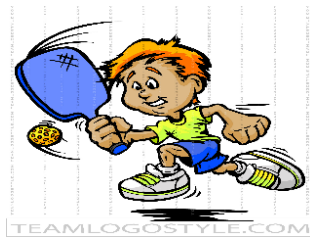
Website

We'd like to freshen up the photos on our website. So, if you all wouldn't mind snapping some fun times or getting groups together for new pics we would love to use them!

Newcomers

We try our best to welcome you all to our group. If you have any questions at all, please ask us. We take a lot of pride in being welcoming and helpful. So don't be afraid to ask us.

*(And a special welcome to our not only newest but youngest phenom **CARTER!**)*



Be Well Picklers!

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