



BERKSHIRE MOUNTAIN PICKLEBALL

September 2022

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.

Please contact me if you have any items you would like to see addressed in our Newsletter. Or if you know of any upcoming events! Thanks!

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We Are Growing and Learning!

We now have 356 members. Big thank you to Jan Uliasz, Mike Gllardi and Tony Richards for their continued patience and guidance with Intro to Pickleball and Skills & Drills sessions.

It's great that our efforts are resulting in players playing all over Berkshire County.

Speaking of New!

Since we are experiencing an influx of new players, we thought we would give you all a few reminders.

Basic Stuff!

- Please help set up nets upon arrival at the courts.
- Please place the First Aid Kit on the fence or in the court area
- Remember that we use the "Paddles Up Rotation" at all of our courts.
- Always ask about taking down a net before you leave. When you see the crowd start to thin out, be courteous, ask who is staying and help take down a net.
- Please do not sign up for Skills and Drills 2 weeks in a row unless there are openings on the Monday of that week. We try to fit in as many members as we can for these important lessons.

Balderdash Bash!

Lots of fun was had by all!! Thank you for pulling this together! We are looking forward to planning a Spring Fling in 2023! We did take in some extra money (\$300) that we donated to the Boys and Girls Club for their annual fund drive.



Fall Open Play

BCC – Through October 14th

Come play every Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9 to 12. Your dues paid for these courts.

Herberg and Reid – Until the snow flies!

Herberg Only - Play is from 3PM to 7PM Monday through Friday

Herberg and Reid - Play is from 8 to 12 on Saturday and Sunday at both sites

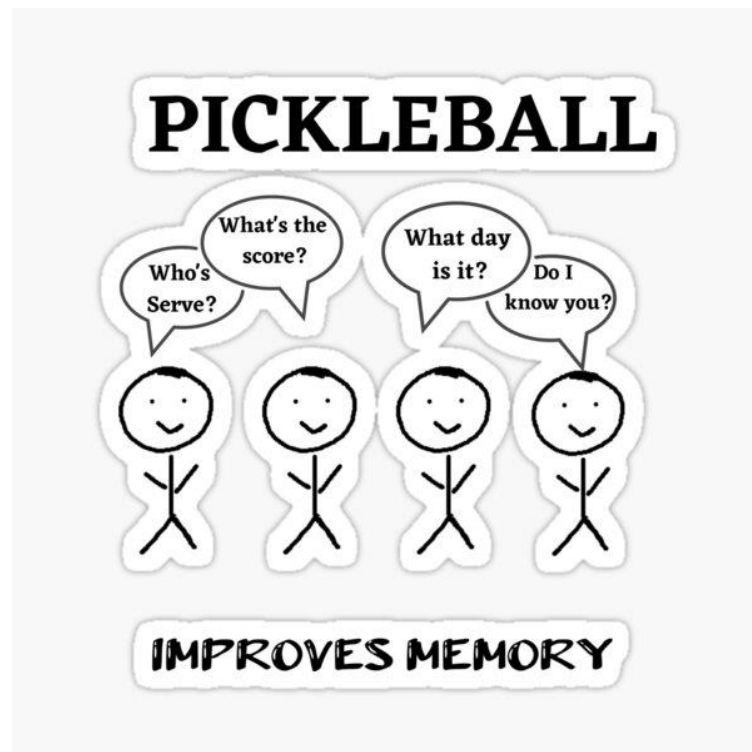
Boys and Girls Club

Starting September 22th

Play will be Tuesdays and Thursdays for the month of September 9AM to 12 noon. All play will be OPEN PLAY.

Starting October it will be every M/T/W/Th/F(with the School Calendar in mind) from 9 to 12 noon.

Each session cost will be \$5 per person. Please sign in and pay when you enter the courts.



Other Newsworthy Items!

Marketing BMP

Our website is almost ready. We are little behind schedule but it's going to be a huge help for us to be able to get the word out and help sign up new members.

You can also find us on places2play.com. If you have friends visiting, it's a great site to let them know where we are until our website is ready. Also, if you are travelling and want to know where you can find a game it's helpful and easy to navigate!

Pickleball Private Lessons

For private lessons, BMP recommends contacting a certified trainer from the International Pickleball Training Professional Association (IPTPA) listings. There are currently 6 IPTPA certified members in the Pittsfield area. (Mary Pat Knepper, Mike Latini, Tony Richards, Pat Mele, Keith Eksuzian and Gail Kapiloff). Simply click on the link below, select "search by state", type in Massachusetts, then scroll down to Pittsfield and select a trainer you wish to contact.

<https://iptpa.com/certified-members/>

Berkshire Mountain Pickleball Gear!

If you want hats, t shirts, hoodies, sweats, etc. with our logo on it, you can order from Peace Train Tees at 2 South Street, Pittsfield. They have our logo and will print you anything! Holidays are coming, it's a great gift idea!
<https://peacetrantees.com/ptt/shop/home>

Steering Committee Opening

We will have an opening on the Steering Committee sometime before the end of 2022. If you would like to consider being part of the team that helps keep things organized, please send us an email or chat with one of us. We will be accepting nominations over the next several weeks.

Your Steering Committee Members

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