



BERKSHIRE MOUNTAIN PICKLEBALL

MAY 2022

Berkshire Mountain Pickleball Mission Statement

The mission of the Berkshire Mountain Pickleball Club is to promote the growth and development of pickleball in Berkshire County as an inclusive sport for all ages and backgrounds, as a tool to encourage health, enjoyment, and social engagement by providing information, instruction and organized open play for all skill levels.

This is the first in a series of quarterly newsletters to help keep our members up to date on events and updates to our organization



Open Play

Berkshire Community College

As you know we have added Berkshire Community College to our list of sites! Did you know that *your dues went toward paying for the courts for 10 weeks?*

The cost for 3 days per week was **\$2700**.

It was exciting to see so many players take advantage of the four courts we have contracted. April 11 through June 18 - Monday, Weds and Friday 9 to 12.

Herberg and Reid

Summer Sessions: late June through late August every day from 9AM to 12PM and are free.

Fall Sessions: Sept through Nov 3PM to Dusk during the week, 9AM to 12PM on weekends

Spring Sessions: March through June 3PM to Dusk during the week, 9AM to 12PM on weekends

Boys and Girls Club

September through May

Mon-Fri 9AM to 12PM Cost is \$5.00/per 3-hour session

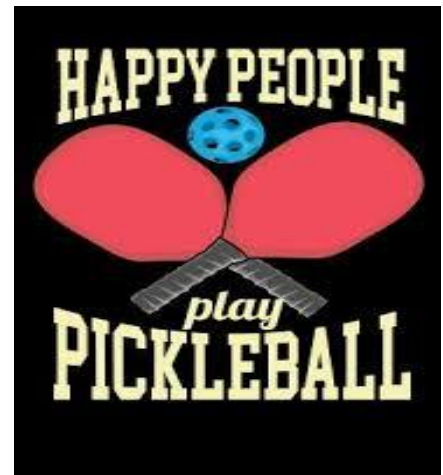
Upcoming BMP

Events:

Catherine Parentau BMP CLINIC
at Bousquet. May 25th

Summer Tournaments

Stay tuned for future fun social
events!!!



Membership

To date we have 247 members. We are excited to be teaching an average of 4 new members each week.

A big thank you to all who have paid up dues (\$20 per year).

It was a significant effort to get each of you to sign a waiver for insurance purposes. A shout out to our Attorney Steve Narey from Donovan and O'Connor for the thorough review of the waiver and to Jan Uliasz for her diligence in making sure everyone signed one! We are 80% complete!

Summer Visitors are always welcome. If they are here for a short stay they do not need to pay the membership fee. However, if they would like to donate of course we will accept it!



Classes

As you know Berkshire Mountain Pickleball offers free instruction for players. To be safe and get a complete understanding of the game these classes are invaluable. See SIGN UP GENIUS for dates and times.

INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL

Our offerings start at the INTRO level for novices. We recommend a minimum of 3 sessions for those who are just starting out. If you've never held a paddle before, or only have a tennis background, this is for you!

SKILLS and DRILLS Level 1

Every player should take this after completing the INTRO classes.

SKILLS and DRILLS Level 2

All of us, even though we may think we are Intermediate or even Advanced, can benefit from this level. It's about development of fundamentals, introduction to advanced techniques and more.

Sign Up Genius

The schedule for all locations can be found on Sign Up Genius. If you are a member, download the app to your computer or phone. Once you have done that take the following steps:

- Create an account
- Find DOUBLES PLAY, it will ask you for the email bmp01201@gmail.com
- You should be able to sign up, delete and comment
- If you need help, see Mike or Carol

Safety

We cannot emphasize this enough. PLEASE:

- Wear COURT shoes
- Wear EYE PROTECTION
- Hydrate
- And DON'T BACK PEDAL! (Watch Simone Jardine tell us how to Return Lobs Safely! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6fusU4tyr4>)

Your Steering Committee Members

Mike Gilardi	Jan Uliasz
Tony Richards	Marie Richardson
Anne Phillips	Carol Cushenette
Mary Pat Knepper	Bill Travis

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You can also find us on Facebook!

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