

Newsletter August 2020

REDLANDS PICKLEBALL CLUB INC.



Hello Pickleballers

August already, I can't believe how fast the year is going. Our club is going from strength to strength with many players from our open 'Come and Try day' now becoming members or regular players.

On that note: **Important Message** Can I please remind all players that it is \$5 per player per session, if you are a member. If you have not renewed your membership or joined as a member it is \$10 per player per session. We do rely on honesty from all players at this stage everyone is doing the right thing and I would like to thank you all for that. If you are not a financial member you may find it difficult getting a game on our regular Wednesday and Sunday sessions, as members will receive priority at nominating for a session.

If you are finding it difficult to get a game please let me know and I will work with you to that end. Better still why don't you join the club it's only \$50 ... Let me know if you want a membership form, with your membership you also get early notice to nominate for a game.

We have tried a new mid-week daytime venue on a Monday morning to cater for the overflow from our other sessions. This will only go ahead when we are completely booked at other sessions and also only in good weather conditions and very little wind. The venue is the Netball courts on Ivy Street, Thorneside.

With our club now well-formed we have started to introduce some friendly and very competitive sessions with great success. To make this more enjoyable Chris, our Secretary, and myself have started grading players, in order to have sessions where you can play against players with similar skill sets. We won't be putting these ratings on display but if you are interested in your ranking why you're ranked there you may want to know how you can improve if you do please talk to me on game day. Having these rankings is a big help as a club, with player development and also helps all players have a fun time when coming along on match day.

If you have a comment or idea please let us know, either talk to me or anyone on the committee otherwise send me an email or a text .. ronjackson162@gmail.com



Advice from the Coaches Corner:-

Three good reasons to step away from the kitchen line.

Reason 1 - You are playing defence and need time to react. This often happens when you or your partner hits an attackable shot to your opponent. Before your partner can yell "Save Yourself" you need to know it's time to back up which gives you more time and space to defend yourself.

Reason 2 - You misjudged the ball and thought you could take it out of the air. Instead of over-reaching and trying to hit a ball with no balance, just take a step back and hit a better shot.

Reason 3 - Your opponent is faster and better at attacking than you are at defending. We have all played against players that are hitting the ball at a pace where we have difficulty returning it. Instead of staying at the kitchen line getting beat, take a step or two back and allow yourself more reaction time.



The Queensland Pickleball President, Jen Ramamurthy, held a 'Train the Trainer' session recently, so that the attendees could help new and inexperienced players understand and enjoy the game going forward. Both, myself, (3rd right) and your Secretary, Chris, (5th right) were fortunate enough to attend this training session. Consequently, we will now be in a better position to help, support and advise new players on the game of Pickleball. Please don't hesitate in approaching either Chris or myself should you desire some one on one advice.

Each month we will nominate a player that has improved the most during that month.

***August - Most Improved Player Award goes to 'Dixie Dynamite Bennett'
Congratulations Dixie***

Get well soon to couple of original club Members:

Derek Wymer

Louise Jackson

Joan Green, and

Barry 'Barracuda' Begley who had an recent accident, sadly Barry slipped over in the wet weather and broke his left ankle. Barry will be sadly out of our Pickleball sessions for possibly the next 3 months.



Get well guys we all hope to see you back on the courts soon.

From the Secretary's desk: -

A grant application has been submitted with the Mayor and Councillor's Community Benefit Fund which provides grants up to the value of \$3000. Though, still in the approval stage, it's looking promising with local Councillors, Cr Boglary kicking in \$1000 and Cr Bishop adding another \$500. The discretionary funds provided to Mayor and Councillors has had their budgets slashed due Covid 19. Each Councillor only has \$9000 at their disposal to share with the sporting community. So we will have done well, if the \$1500 is approved. This would provide just over half of what we need to purchase the lights for the outside area at the Ormiston School. To try and raise funds for the installation another application is being submitted to the Gaming Community Benefit Fund "Round 106" which is now open and closes on the 31 August.

Still in development, is Redlands Pickleball Club T-Shirts and Logos. A number of ideas have been submitted and costings gathered. In the coming weeks a final selection will be made, after having been presented to club members for consideration. The price range is likely to be between \$25 and \$40. Provided we have a consensus and the minimum numbers required for an order, we may be able to place an order in September.

Upcoming Events:- The Brisbane Doubles Open for 2020 is being held on the 26th and 27th of September at The Arena – Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler. This doubles open will be a multiple format for all players and has been organised by the Brisbane Pickleball club. Should you be interested in competing, or even going along to support the game, more information can be obtained via the Brisbane Pickleball Club website BDO@brisbanepickleballclub.com

A big welcome to new players over the last month

Glennis Pease ; Melyndda Wallis ; Mark Nugent ; Mark Daunt ; Neil Stromberg; Jenny Byrne ; Kay Aldous ; Keith Eigeland and John Lee



Due to the current Covid 19 situation we, as a club, ***must***

- maintain our social distancing of 1.5 meters or 6 feet in the old scale
- ensure we wash or sanitise our hands after each game
- place the pickleball itself in the antiseptic container provided
- select a freshly sanitised ball for each game; and
- ensure any borrowed pickleball paddle is sanitised upon return.

These actions will ensure we continue to be able to play the game we all love so much.

IN CONCLUSION

As President of your club I would like to thank our Secretary, Chris Warner, for the tireless amount of work that he does from behind the scenes. Also to our Committee members and helpers on game day Derek Wymer, Geoff Arnerll, Jan Doran, Joan Green (Newsletter Editor) and Louise Jackson, without their help our club would not exist and thrive as it does.

Future plans are in the works for a Sunday Pickleball luncheon day, possibly in early September, 'SPRING INTO PICKLEBALL'.

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