

Brisbane Bayside Pickleball Club Monthly Newsletter

January 2026



Welcome

Happy New Year, Brisbane Bayside pickleballers and welcome to the January 2026 edition of our club Newsletter!

Well, it seems everyone's New Year's resolution was exactly the same this year: play MORE pickleball! Our weekly evening sessions have been absolutely packed since we kicked off, with courts fuller than a stadium on grand final day. In fact, we've got waiting lists longer than the queue for coffee on a Monday morning – a problem we're absolutely thrilled to have!

The energy and enthusiasm brought to our sessions to kick off 2026 has been absolutely fantastic. Whether you are a seasoned player working on stacking and third shot drops or a newbie still figuring out which end of the paddle to hold, it has been fantastic to see our pickleball community thriving.

As always, our club committee are working hard behind the scenes to accommodate everyone's passion for the game, so stay tuned for new and exciting updates on more opportunities to get you all out on the courts.

There's plenty more exciting news in this month's edition, so please keep reading!

And as always, see you out on the courts...

Brian Krisanski (Club Secretary)

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President's Report

The 2025/26 Christmas holidays have come and gone. The first term of school has begun and February is already upon us.

This year promises to be one of rapid growth for our awesome club. Since the beginning of the year, many of our sessions have reached capacity with many on waiting lists, eager to play.

The numbers at Iona have more than doubled with around fifty members now regularly attending on a Wednesday night. This has presented a logistical nightmare for the hosts. Temporary pickleball courts now need to be chalked up on three tennis courts all of which takes time. More hosts are required to introduce newbies to the game and spend time on skills and drills. Another is required to oversee the format being used to cater for the masses with the card system to divide up the beginners to intermediate and those intermediate to advanced. We ask for those that can arrive early to help setup and all to pack up and store the equipment.

Victoria point has also reached its indoor capacity on a Tuesday night and we are expanding onto the tennis courts outside under lights. This will help reduce waiting times between games and allow hosts to concentrate on introducing newbies to the game outside with the Slinger being used to promote skills and drills. Again, we need more help to setup and pack up.

Many schools and sporting facilities have successfully adopted dual-use courts, demonstrating that tennis, netball and pickleball can coexist seamlessly without compromising the integrity of either sport.

To the Redland Council's credit, it has acknowledged the need and has now permanently marked up pickleball lines on court two at Wellington Point. A practical and meaningful way the council continues to support the community and the game of pickleball. In addition, the council has permanently marked up pickleball courts on the "All Stars" netball courts at the Wellington Point Sports Centre with an Expression of Interest (EOI) to follow over the next couple of months, for clubs to share in a Licence to Occupy (LTO) which can be offered to multiple clubs for the same sports venue and is typically a time-based allocation.

The challengers we face this year are healthy growing pains with the ever-increasing demand for venues and how to implement various session formats.

Enjoy the upcoming year as we explore developing new prospects for this popular and all-inclusive game of pickleball that we all love and enjoy.

Chris Warner (Club President)

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New Permanent Lines at Wellington Point

A huge thank you to the Redlands City Council for acknowledging the ever growing popularity of pickleball and marked permanent pickleball courts lines on the second court at the Wellington Point Community facility.

The lines look fantastic and will save a lot of set up time with not having to chalk mark courts before each playing session.



The re-surfacing of the ECG Wood courts (All Stars Netball courts) is also nearing finalisation. The courts are not yet in use, but are looking great.





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BBPC Club Shirts

Our Club shirt order has now been delivered and they are ready for collection.

If you ordered a club shirt, Brian Krisanski has sent you an email with details of what you ordered and any amounts owing.

Please see Brian at one of our pickleball sessions to collect your shirt or alternatively, Brian will pass along a number of items to our session hosts to hand out at the various sessions they host.



Australian Masters Cup

The Australian Masters cup is running again in 2026. Our Club shirt order has now been delivered and they are ready for collection.

Across a 10–12-week season, players of all skill levels will battle for ladder positions within their own clubs, building momentum and community as they go. Standout performers in the 50+, 60+, and 70+ age divisions earn the opportunity to advance through to regional, state, and ultimately national events, creating a clear and inspiring pathway for Australia's Masters pickleball community.

More than 57 clubs are participating in this years competition. We have registered our club, so keep a look out for upcoming details on how you can be involved.



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Player Feedback Survey

2025 Player Feedback Survey Analysis

The analysis of the 2025 Player Feedback Survey has finally been undertaken – apologies for the delay in getting this done.

We received some fantastic feedback on what we are doing well and where we can improve. This is exactly what the survey is for. This is YOUR club and the club committee needs to know what YOU want in your club.

Over the coming months, the club committee will go through all the information and see where comments, suggestions, constructive feedback can be implemented at the venues and sessions we run.

Thank you again for all those who contributed.

A summary of the analysis will be uploaded to our website and made available to you all.



Key Findings

- Overall satisfaction of players within the club has remained very strong with results averaging around 9 out of 10 for each year surveyed
- Social and community aspects remain the club's strongest asset, consistently ranked #1 by players
- Membership retention is strong at 74.5% full members, with growing Second Club membership (14.9% in 2025)
- Communication satisfaction also remains a key indicator with the average overall satisfaction being just under 9 out of 10 (8.91 in 2025)

Areas Requiring Action

1. Scheduling and Session Times – Top improvement request in 2025 (14 mentions), up from 4 in 2023. Basically more sessions are wanted!
2. Skill Level Management (Skills & Drills) – Persistent concern across all years (12 mentions in 2023, 10 in 2025).
3. Venue Improvements – Wellington Point requires shade (27 mentions) and wind mitigation (13 mentions)
4. Internal / Inter-club Fun Competitions
5. 2027 Strategic Planning



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Coaches Corner

Mastering the First Four Shots of Pickleball

As a coach I often say that rallies are won long before the point gets exciting. The first four shots of pickleball — the serve, return, third shot, and fourth shot — typically decide who controls and ultimately who wins the rally.

Improve these shots, and everything else in your game will start to feel easier.

Let's break them down.

1. Serve Strategy: Depth Is Your Superpower

Yes, getting the serve in is non-negotiable — but once consistency is there, depth becomes king.

A deep serve:

- Pushes your opponent further back
- Gives them less time to move forward
- Buys you time to get ready for the next shot

While aiming for corners and weaker sides can be effective, don't lose sight of the priority: serve deep. A deep serve forces the returner to contact the ball further behind the baseline, delaying their approach to the kitchen. That delay gives the serving team a chance to apply early pressure.

If you're comfortable adding topspin, even better — a hard, deep topspin serve can earn you easy points or set up a strong third shot.

Coaching tip: Don't chase "aces." Chase depth and consistency.

2. Return of Serve: Buy Time, Take Position

The return of serve has one main objective:

Get yourself established at the non-volley zone line.

To do that well:

- Use good footwork to create space and hit the ball out in front
- Focus on depth — a deep return keeps opponents back and buys you time
- Remember: returns don't need to be rockets

If you're finding yourself late getting to the kitchen, don't be afraid to hit a slightly higher, more lofted return. A slower return that lands deep is far more valuable than a fast return that pulls you out of position.

Coaching tip: A great return isn't about pace — it's about positioning.

3. The Third Shot: Read Before You React

After serving, the ball must bounce — and what you do next depends entirely on where your opponents are.

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Before choosing your shot, take a quick look:

If opponents are still moving in or stuck in the transition zone → **drive the ball**

If both opponents are set at the **kitchen** → **consider a drop**

If unsure → **drive with purpose, then look to drop the next ball**

Driving at a player who is still moving forward applies pressure and often forces a weak reply. If the opponents are already established at the net, a well-executed drop gives you and your partner a chance to work your way in.

Coaching tip: Third shots aren't automatic — they're situational.

4. The Fourth Shot: Apply Pressure Early

By the fourth shot, the returning team should be established at the kitchen line — and that's a powerful position.

From here:

- Look to take the ball out of the air when possible
- If not, create space and take it cleanly off the bounce
- Aim for your opponent's feet to limit their options

- When opponents are staggered (one up, one back), your decision matters:
 - Attack the closer player if you have a ball above the net
 - Push the ball deep to the player who's back if the ball is below net height
- Above all, be ready for the counter. Many third shots come back as drives — and a prepared fourth-shot counter can instantly swing the rally in your favour.

Coaching tip: Expect the drive, prepare the block or counter.

Final Thought

If you focus on improving just these first four shots — serve, return, third, and fourth — you'll notice a big jump in your consistency, confidence, and court control. These fundamentals are what turn good rallies into winning ones.

Keep working on them at club sessions, drills, and social play — and as always, ask one of our more experienced players (or see coach Brian) if you want help refining any part of your game.

See you on the courts!

Brian Krisanski (Club Coach)

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How 4.0 Players Win Without Hitting Hard

Power is optional. Control is not.

What 4.0 Players Do Differently

1. Win the Kitchen, Not the Baseline

- Move up early
- Hold the non-volley zone
- Force opponents to hit up

2. Smart Shot Selection

- High-percentage dinks
- Safe cross-court rallies
- Attack only on true opportunities

3. Reset Instead of Forcing Power

- Soft blocks under pressure
- Neutralize hard shots with touch
- Turn defense into offense

4. Create Errors, Not Winners

- Consistent depth
- Low net clearance
- Make opponents hit "one more ball"

5. Target Feet & Weak Spots

- Aim at the body, not sidelines
- Exploit backhands
- Jam opponents at the kitchen line



4.0 Mindset

"Win the rally before trying to win the point."



Placement + Patience + Precision
beats **Power** at the **4.0** level.

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Take your Game to the NEXT Level!!

(Brian Krisanski - BBPC Coach/Instructor)

Want to improve your pickleball skills and take your game to the next level?

Get in contact with Brian Krisanski, our club coach/instructor and discuss how he can help you improve.

Brian is officially recognised and accredited with Pickleball Australia and Pickleball Coaching International and regularly runs 1 to 2 hour coaching sessions for one-on-one or small groups.

Contact Brian at: coachbrianpickleball@gmail.com

A flyer for 'PICKLEBALL COACHING with BRIAN'. It features a photo of a player in a blue shirt and green shorts. Text includes: 'PICKLEBALL COACHING with BRIAN', 'Private Coaching for all levels (Beginner to Advanced)', 'Email: coachbrianpickleball@gmail.com', 'MASTER your Pickleball game and take it to the next level!!', 'Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced players all welcome!', and 'COACHING OPTIONS: Private one-on-one (\$60 per hour), 2 players (\$40 per hour per person), Group of 3 or 4 (\$30 per hour per person), Bulk purchase discounts available'. A yellow pickleball is in the bottom left corner.

Brisbane Bayside Pickleball Club Merchandise

Love our club and want to show it off??

Why not get some Club merchandise?

Check out our online store at

<https://bbpc.redbubble.com>





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Weekly Pickleball Sessions

Each week we run the following pickleball sessions. Reserve your spot via OpenSports – <https://opensports.net/bbpc/tab/events>

For more information and instructions how to reserve your playing spot, see our webpage: <https://www.baysidepickleballclub.com/book-session>

Wellington Point Tennis Courts (Outdoor Courts)

- **Monday 7:00pm-9:00pm**
Social/Come 'n' Try
- **Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Intermediate+
- **Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social & Intermediate/Advanced sessions
- **Sunday 3:00pm-5:00pm**
Self run session – no host (BYO gear)

Iona Tennis Centre (Outdoor Courts)

- **Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social
- **Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social/Come 'n' Try

Victoria Point State High School (Indoor Courts)

- **Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social
- **Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social
- **Saturday 8:30am-10:30am**
Social/Come 'n' Try

Cleveland State School (Indoor Courts)

- **Sunday 9:00am-11:00am**
Social/Come 'n' Try

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wellington Point Tennis Courts	7:00-9:00PM Social Come 'n' try		6:30-8:30PM Intermediate+	6:30-8:30PM Social 6:30-8:30PM Intermediate/Advanced			3-5PM Social Members ONLY
Iona Tennis Centre	6:30-8:30PM Social Come 'n' try		6:30-8:30PM Social Come 'n' try				
Victoria Point State High School		6:30-8:30PM Social Come 'n' try		6:30-8:30PM Social		8:30-10:30AM Social Come 'n' try	
Cleveland State School							9-11AM Social Come 'n' try

OpenSports - <https://opensports.net/bbpc>
<https://www.baysidepickleballclub.com>
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Brisbane Bayside Pickleball Club Committee

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General Committee

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- Cynthia Krisanski
- Andy Tompkins
- Wendy Tompkins
- Paul Harper
- Corinne Harper
- Greg Ryan
- Kerrie Ryan
- Heather Tyrrell

Our Club Financial Member Stats

Youngest	12.0	Male	150	48.4%		
Oldest	79.1	Female	160	51.6%		
Average Age	53.2	Other	0	0.0%		
		Total	310	100.0%		
	#	%	Male	%	Female	%
Under 20	9	3.4%	5	3.8%	4	3.0%
20-30	12	4.5%	5	3.8%	7	5.3%
30-40	18	6.8%	13	9.8%	5	3.8%
40-50	51	19.2%	27	20.3%	24	18.0%
50-60	92	34.6%	41	30.8%	51	38.3%
60-70	57	21.4%	27	20.3%	30	22.6%
70+	27	10.2%	15	11.3%	12	9.0%
Total	266	100.0%	133	100.0%	133	100.0%

(** some age data not available)

Sponsors

A huge thank you to our club's sponsors.



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Important Links

Website: <https://www.baysidepickleballclub.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095199866558>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/brisbanebaysidepickleballclub/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgxBnHjA3MWNmRCwf1eXyIQ>



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Buy / Sell / Swap / Trade

Have any pickleball gear, paddles etc that you are wanting to sell, swap, or trade, then let us know and we can add it here in our newsletter to let our members know what you have to offer or what you are chasing.

Need to purchase a pickleball paddle and not sure where to buy them from or if the one you are thinking about even suits your game?

Brian Krisanski now has a range of demo paddles that you can "Try before you Buy!!"

He will have them available at each session (he attends). Come speak to him to determine which paddle best suits your game.

See Brian/Cynthia Krisanski or Paul/Corinne Harper for more details

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<https://niupipo.com.au/>



Need a portable pickleball net, pickleball balls, non-residue court tape, or even a Ksix Chalk Line Marker – make sure you visit the Third Shot Warehouse website.

<https://thirdshotwarehouse.com/>



PowerCore Explorer Pro -
Elongated
\$140



PowerCore Explorer Pro -
Widebody
\$140



PowerCore - Jack Foster
14mm
\$210



PowerCore Round Top
Green - Elongated Handle
\$210



PowerCore Square Top
Blue - Elongated Handle
\$210



PowerCore China -
Elongated Handle
\$210

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<https://www.obeliskpickleball.com/paddles>

Use **BRIAN10** for a 10% discount on your order



Horizon III Gen3S
\$249



Invictus III Gen3
\$249



Triple Crown Gen3
\$249



Red Horizon
\$189

CRBN

<https://crbnpickleball.com/>

Use **BRIANCRBN** for a 10% discount on your



**CRBN⁴ TruFoam
Genesis (Hybrid,
Aerocurve)**
\$436.00



**CRBN³ TruFoam
Genesis (Elongated)**
\$436.00



**CRBN² TruFoam
Genesis (Square)**
\$436.00



**CRBN¹ TruFoam
Genesis (Elongated,
Long Handle)**
\$436.00



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Upcoming Pickleball Tournaments

Check out the following URL for the latest
Tournament listing:

<https://www.baysidepickleballclub.com/tournaments>

2026 Australian Pickleball Tournament Calendar

January

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
The SPIRIT	T1	Sutherland, NSW	9-11 Jan
Dink Fest	T1	Port Macquarie, NSW	17-18 Jan
Paddles on the Murray	T1	Albury, NSW	23-26 Jan
Central Highlands Ballarat Tournament	T1	Ballarat, VIC	24-26 Jan
Hobart Grand Slam	T2	Hobart, TAS	31 Jan - 1 Feb

February

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Tasmania Pickleball Championships	T3	Hobart, TAS	6-8 Feb
QPT Gold Coast	T1	Gold Coast, QLD	13-15 Feb
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, NSW	19-22 Feb
QPT Gladstone	T1	Gladstone, QLD	20-22 Feb
Western Australia State Championships	T3	Perth, WA	27 Feb - 2 Mar
Sydney Grand Slam	T1	Sydney, NSW	28 Feb - 1 Mar



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March

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Victorian Pickleball Championships	T3	Melbourne, VIC	6-9 Mar
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, NSW	14-16 Mar
Girls just wanna have fun!	T1	Brisbane, QLD	14 Mar
PCYC Bateau Bay Tournament	T1	Bateau Bay, NSW	20-22 Mar
The Big Chill	T2	Canberra, ACT	21-23 Mar
Australia Masters - Brisbane	T1	Brisbane, QLD	21-22 Mar
Adelaide Mini Tournament	T2	Adelaide, SA	21-22 Mar
Australian Rainbow Pickleball Championships	-	Tempe, NSW	27-29 Mar
WA Junior Classic	-	Nollamara, WA	28 Mar

April

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Brisbane Grand Slam	T1	Brisbane, QLD	3-6 Apr
The Big Dill	T1	Melbourne, VIC	3-6 Apr
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBA, VIC	10-12 Apr
NSW Pickleball Championships	T3	Blacktown, NSW	16-19 Apr
Noosa Doubles Classic	T1	Noosa Heads, QLD	18-19 Apr
QPT Redcliffe	T1	Redcliffe, QLD	24-26 Apr
Battle of the Border (NSW vs VIC)	-	Albury, NSW	25-26 Apr



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May

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, NSW	1-3 May
Australian Masters Sydney	T1	Sydney, NSW	9-10 May
QPT Townsville	T1	Townsville, QLD	15-17 May
Melbourne Grand Slam	T1	Melbourne, VIC	15-17 May
Barrington Seniors	T1	Taree, NSW	16-18 May
South Australia Pickleball Championships	T3	Adelaide, SA	22-24 May
Northern Territory Pickleball Championships	T3	Alice Springs, NT	30-31 May
Buderim Open	T1	Buderim, QLD	30-31 May
QPT Mackay	T1	Mackay, QLD	30-31 May

June

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Warrnambool Pickleball Open	T2	Warrnambool, VIC	5-8 Jun
Gold Coast Grand Slam	T1	Gold Coast, QLD	5-7 Jun
PCYC Wagga Wagga Tournament	T1	Wagga Wagga, NSW	6-8 Jun
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, NSW	12-14 Jun
QPT Sunshine Coast	T1	Sunshine Coast, QLD	19-21 Jun
River City Classic	T2	Brisbane, QLD	26-28 Jun
Pride and Paddles	T2	Melbourne, VIC	26-28 Jun



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July

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Queensland Pickleball Championships	T3	TBC, QLD	2-5 Jul
Australian Masters - Gold Coast	T1	Sydney, NSW	11-12 Jul
QPT Yeppoon	T1	Yeppoon, QLD	17-20 Jul
Hawkesbury Winter Tournament	T2	Hawkesbury, NSW	17-20 Jul
Yeppoon Pickleball Festival	T1	Yeppoon, QLD	20-21 Jul
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, VIC	24-26 Jul
Yeppoon Classic	T1	Yeppoon, QLD	24-26 Jul
Pickleball Australia Seniors - Ocean Grove Classic	T1	Ocean Grove, VIC	TBC

August

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Sydney Grand Slam	T1	Sydney, NSW	1-2 Aug
Northern Rivers Regional Rally	T1	Ballina, NSW	7-9 Aug
Gippsland Championships	T2	Traralagon, VIC	7-9 Aug
QPT Cairns	T1	Cairns, QLD	8-9 Aug
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, QLD	15-17 Aug
Australian Masters Melbourne	T1	Melbourne, VIC	22-23 Aug
QPT Hervey Bay	T1	Hervey Bay, QLD	28-30 Aug

September - December

No tournaments currently scheduled



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How do I register to play in a Tournament

Once you've found a tournament you would like to attend, head to Pickleball Tournaments (<https://pickleballtournaments.com/>) and set up a profile or register.

How do I find out my Member ID number?

To find out your member number and your membership expiry date head to the Member Finder section of the Pickleball Australia website (<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/pickleballaus/member-finder/>).

When I try to register it says that my membership expires before the tournament commences and wants me to renew early!

That is true. When you register for the tournament, the system needs to ensure that you are a valid member during the tournament. But, just because it asks you to renew early, that doesn't mean that you lose months of membership. Your expiry date does not change. So even though you have to renew in January for a tournament, your expiry date of May does not shift and you won't be asked to renew again until May 2027.

What do I do if I don't have a partner to enter a tournament with?

You can still register for a tournament and choose 'partner required' when you register. You can also see who needs a partner within that tournament and you can reach out to them using the Pickleball Tournaments website.