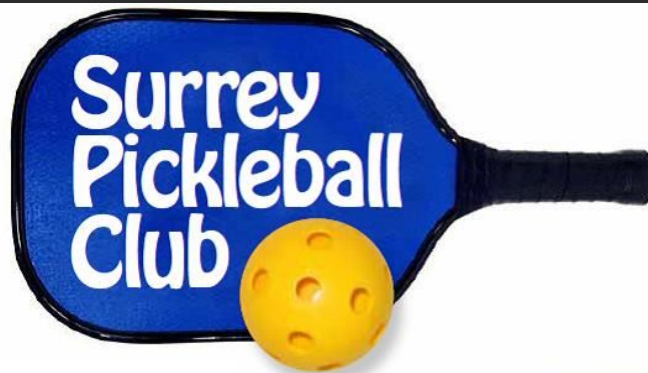


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## Here we go!

Dear Surrey Pickleball Club,

As we approach the beginning of our 2022 season, there is only one word to describe it: WOW!

There has been lots (and lots) of work going on during the off-season to get the club ready to launch into a fabulous 2022. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, you still have a few days to do so. Some of the things to take note of for this season:

### **Start of Season**

- The weekly [schedule](#) is posted on the website. Regular weekly play begins on Monday, April 11 and the season will run to September 30. Session coordinators ("Captains") are needed for both Social and League play. Please volunteer!
- Our season-opening members-only Spring Launch tournament is a go on Saturday, May 7.
- A beginners session is scheduled for Saturday, April 9. Registration for the session is available through the [Calendar](#) page and opens April 3. It will fill up quickly!
- Registration for regularly weekly Social play happens through our [Calendar](#) (as last year). League registration and play is booked

through [PickleballBrackets](#). Booking windows for all sessions, both Social and League, open 6 days before the session.

### **Leagues and New Ratings Rules**

- Gone is “Rated” play, being replaced by "Leagues": men’s, women’s and mixed doubles leagues (sorry, not singles leagues...yet)
- Signup for Leagues through [PickleballBrackets](#), not through our Calendar.
- Have a look at how Leagues and ratings will work on our [How to Register](#) page under Calendar on our website.
- Get your competitive fix through Leagues.

### **Player Development**

- We have designed a program aimed at improving skills for all levels of play
- Beginners clinics will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and every second Saturday thereafter, or as demand requires.
- We will also have periodic skills clinics for various levels, external clinics and in-schedule mentoring.
- See more information on our [Player Development](#) page on our website under Events.

### **Tournaments**

- Our members-only Spring Launch tournament is a go on May 7.
  - Registration for new and renewed members opens April 5, through [PickleballBrackets](#).
  - The format will be a scramble, so come out, meet some members and have fun.
  - Our traditional start-of-season kickoff tournament will be joined by the Surrey Offroad Cycling Enthusiasts (SORCE) bike race with lots of action and....a beer garden!
  - Join your fellow SPC members afterwards for a dinner and 50/50 draw, with proceeds going to support Ukraine. Indicate your interest when you register for the Spring Launch, send us an email, or talk to a Board member.
- Our second annual Mid-Summer Slam tournament is scheduled for July 15-17, bigger and better than last year and now sanctioned by Pickleball Canada. Register through [PickleballBrackets](#)
- Our legacy Grip’n Rip tournament is scheduled for September 2-4. Bigger and better, we will use all 24 courts on the

reservoirs. And, of course, it is PCO sanctioned. See [PickleballBrackets](#).

- Both the Mid-Summer Slam and the Grip 'n Rip will now have age categories. Yay!

### **Other New Initiatives**

- Coaching – we have 12 members newly qualified as Level 1 instructors under the PCO's National Coaching Program. Level 2 certification goes later this year.
- Refereeing – Sue Livesey, the club's newly minted Level 2 Referee will be holding several refereeing and line judge sessions this year with the objective of having several certified referees.
- Youth Programs – A component of our Player Development program, the team (including our newly minted coaches) will be (and have been, during the offseason) working with schools to introduce elementary aged students to pickleball.
- Special Events and Socials – Shaida Nanji has been a fountain of ideas for several special events that will be held throughout the season, the first of which is our member/guest dinner and Ukraine fundraising draw.
- Social Media – as well as our [Facebook](#) presence, the club now has a presence on Instagram. Checkout our Instagram at [@surreypickleballclub](#).
- Sponsorships and Donations – Tom Westendorf and his volunteer team has done a fabulous job of attracting organizations wanting to sponsor various aspects of the club and its tournaments, thereby reducing our costs and providing members with added value. See the sponsorship and partnership pages on the website.
- Ball Machine – yes, the club now has a ball machine for use in our coaching sessions and clinics, and which members will be able to rent.
- Club Apparel – watch for offerings of club and tournament gear, coming soon.

Phew! I'd go on and on, but you're probably tired of reading. Suffice it to say, there is lots going on and lots to get excited about. Want to get more involved? Send us an email or grab a Board member and offer to help.

See you on the courts.

Regards,  
*Ken Nowlan*

President, Surrey Pickleball Club

**LET'S CONNECT!**



### **Check-in**

Click below to go to your membership account on the Surrey Pickleball Club website.

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