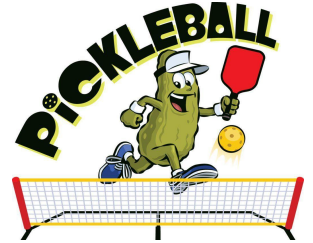




June 2023 Newsletter



Security Alert! **Keep our Equipment Safe**

Special note: BCPA has had one net system removed from the Woods (missing over 2 months). Other area clubs have experienced theft and even vandalism. PLEASE: When you open the two locks on an equipment box, as soon as the lock opens, spin all 4 dials on each lock. You can close these locks even after spinning the dials. If you lock up, spin the dials again to be sure. We frequently discover the locks set with one dial 1 number off...net systems are \$200+ each. Spinning all 4 dials immediately upon opening will help increase the security of our equipment. Please continue to be a responsible BCPA member!

Additional Play Opportunities on Thursdays for the Summer!

You asked for it so you got it! Beginning July 6 through Aug 31, you can enjoy drop-in play on Thursdays from 5 -8pm. A designated Burke Centre keyholder (Thanks Mary, Jon, and Genevieve for volunteering to pilot this effort) will reserve 2 tennis courts (4 pickleball courts) and to unlock the courts and equipment container. We will use Playtime Scheduler to publicize these sessions - **PLEASE SIGN UP** if you're planning to attend. We're looking at designating one of the four pickleball courts as a developmental court, that beginners/advanced beginners can use to work on their skills. Watch for Playtime Scheduler invitations beginning July 4 to kick off these sessions.

Playtime Scheduler and Court Access



We need **Burke Centre Keyholders** to use Playtime Scheduler and sign up to arrive at (or slightly prior to) the scheduled start time, especially since our regular openers will be on vacation at times. We're also requesting everyone to use Playtime Scheduler ([PlaytimeScheduler.com](https://www.PlaytimeScheduler.com)) on a consistent basis. If you have not yet registered for a free account you should do so and inform our Secretary, Ed Verchot (at BurkeCentrePA@gmail.com) so he can add you to the Invitee list. Instructions for signing up and using Scheduler can be downloaded from BCPA's [Join](#) page. Keyholders should add a \$

to their surname as in Weber\$ so that when players sign up for a session, they can see that a **keyholder** will be present. If we can get most people to sign up for sessions everyone will be better informed about how many players they can expect to find on the courts, as well as assuring that there is a keyholder to open the courts and the equipment locker. TIP: To limit emails in your inbox, you can edit your settings on Playtime Scheduler so that you only get alerts from our sessions.

Summer Special - for College Students Play Free! If you have a college students home for the summer, and they want to play with us, please go to burkepickleball.net and have them [signup](#) (we still need them to sign up and sign the liability waiver).

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President's Comments - Jon Weber



Court Conversion - Let me start at the top of everyone's interest – the Court Conversion. Here is where we are. We have presented our requests to the Burke Centre Conservancy Board of Trustees (BOT) for the courts. Our requests in order of importance are:

- 1) eight permanent courts configured with four courts on each side of a central waiting area,
- 2) pickleball/tennis appropriate lighting for all the courts,
- 3) fences separating the end-to-end courts and also the remaining tennis court,
- 4) a gate entering in the waiting area,
- 5) fencing between adjacent courts, and
- 6) better benches.

Several bids have been obtained by the Conservancy staff and the BOT has these as of their working session on 06 June. I believe that the BOT will be voting on what to fund at their Board meeting on 20 Jun which I will attend. I will report the outcome in an email to you all when I know more.

Fall Festival September 9-10 – We Need You to Volunteer to a Two Hour Commitment

The annual Burke Centre Fall Festival will be held the weekend after Labor Day on 9-10 September. As a Chartered organization who the BOT allows to reserve and use courts and facilities among other privileges, it is **critical** that we fulfill our obligation to provide **40 hours** of volunteer service at the festival. This year the BCPA Board is considering providing a free T-shirt to volunteers to wear at the festival and keep afterwards with BCPA's new soon-to-be launched logo on it. We

will also need additional BCPA members to staff the BCPA booth to publicize our club to the community. So, this is an advance appeal to all of our membership (both residents and nonresidents of Burke Centre) and seasonal players to “save the date” to volunteer for a time slot. Volunteers will be running attractions and games. The folks who did this last year told us how much fun they had doing so. I cannot overstate the importance of meeting BCPA’s **20 slots (40 hours)** commitment! We need this kind of representation so that the BCC Board will continue their support of pickleball. If we can’t get our volunteer hours, it will reflect poorly and create the perception that BCPA members don’t care enough. By the way, last year we were the only chartered group to completely meet our volunteer responsibility and the BOT was impressed by that.

See you at the courts.

Jon

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Get a Discount on Merchandise with Pickleball Central Club Rewards Program

BCPA’s participation in Pickleball Central's Club Rewards program gives you a 5% discount and provides a donation to our “Club Fund ” that can be used when we buy balls, nets, or loaner paddles for example. The code to get the discount and donation is **CRBURKE** in case you have lost or never received the code. We saved a ton of \$s on our replacement nets and balls due to the credits we had built up so please use the code if you order from Pickleball Central.