

SUMMERLAND PICKLEBALL CLUB (SPC)

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SIGN UP CLARIFICATION

Please review the new court times and levels on Sign Up Genius. The purpose of the levelled events (3.0, 3+, 3.5, 4.0) is to allow participants to compete with others of similar abilities. It requires players to self-assess their skill level and register for the event which best matches their ability.

You may sign up in advance a total of 3x per week in your level and/or All Social and King's Court. Players can only sign up in one level or division (ie you cannot play in 3.0 as well as 3.5). Also, the 24 hour rule is in affect if there is an opening in the level/division you play in.

You must list the names of any players you are signing up so it can be verified how many times they are playing in a week.

When players register for more than one level or assess themselves at a level higher than what their skill is, this takes a spot away from someone who legitimately plays in that higher level. It also changes the caliber of play and brings it down. This seems to be happening in all the levels in Summerland right now. 3.0's are now signing up for 3.5 and 3.5's for 4.0. Please assess yourself realistically.

We do not want to discourage members who believe they are ready to move up and wish to challenge themselves by playing at a higher level. **However, to move up, you would be someone who dominates the game at the level you have been playing in, consistently winning your games.** If this is the case then by all means try out the higher level. If you then find you are losing most of your games then re-assess and move back down and work on improving and try again.

Thought for the day:

Pickleball is not just tennis on a smaller court. What makes it pickleball, is dinking.



WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU AT???

Here's a brief overview:

3.0 – You are fairly new at the game or not new at it but just having fun getting out and enjoying the game. You are learning the rules, keeping score, serving, and hitting the ball. You avoid using your weak shot (ie backhand). You are not thinking about what shot to hit, you are just concentrating on getting the ball over the net, serving and having fun.

3.0 STRONG – You can hit a medium paced ball but lack depth, control and consistency. You are working on getting serves in and returning them deep. You know the basic rules. You are able to do some dinking but not keep it going. You are working on improving your backhand, consistency, depth and direction. You are learning court positioning.

3.5 – You previously played 3.0 and dominated in it. You know the rules. You are fairly consistent in getting your serve in and working on returning the ball deep. You are thinking about what shot to use (dink, third shot, hard, lob, overhead, etc) although are not always consistent. You are able to give and receive a variety of shots. You are working on unforced errors, 3rd shot drop, your backhand, court positioning and dinking. You can sustain short to medium length rallies.

4.0 and up – You are a competitive player with full knowledge of the rules. You have played 3.5 and dominated it or finished in the top end of a 3.5 tournament. You consistently serve well, you are playing strategically, placing and receiving a variety of soft and hard shots including dinking, lobs, 3rd shots, spins, and drives. You are comfortable using your backhand, forehand and dinking. You are agile and have the ability to keep rallies going from hard to soft and back again. Unforced errors are moderate. You know court positioning and continually work on improving a variety of shots and variety of serves.

Please evaluate yourself fairly and sign up for the appropriate level. The goal is to make Pickleball fun for everyone involved!