



# PicklePress

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

### Social Update

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Social Chair

Greetings BPC!

Summer is flashing by us faster than a drive down midcourt! Thankfully, fun has been had!

### Don't miss this weeks event

#### NEXT SOCIAL EVENT

**This THURSDAY, 7/27 @4:30pm**

Carla & Anthony's Home  
24 Barkeater Trail  
Diamond Point

COME BE HAPPY WITH US AS WE SHARE SOME DRINKS AND EATS!

Please BYOB and an app or sweet as our treats.  
Come join the fun! Also please bring a lounge chair.

### Upcoming events:

Four Sundays 6 to 8 beginning August 5 at the Huddle Restaurant. Bring your dancing shoes.

Social Committee is working on events for August. Several members have already offered their homes and we will continue to patronize our local businesses!  
Be sure to stay tuned!

Our Social Gatherings have included Sunday Fundays at the Huddle! We danced and sang to every song with Radio Junkies then dueled our way onto the dance floor with the Dueling Pianos! I think it is safe to say.... we know how to have fun off the courts too! Thank you Dawn and Bobby O'Keefe for hosting our Sunday Fundays!

Adirondack Oak Distillery hosted our first 'Dinks and Drinks!' The stormy weather did not stop some of us from meeting up for a few games and then sharing a few drinks! Thank you Dave Smith for having us! We'll be back!

Our LOGO Contest winner was revealed at our last gathering. Thank you to everyone for your very creative ideas and your participation! Voting was much more challenging than anticipated as all the logos were inspiring!

The winning Logo was initially designed by our very own British friend, Ian Morton. CONGRATS IAN! Who thought Ian's design could get any better? Well, it did! Our beautiful Lake George setting is so inspiring, members suggested adding a piece of Barb Lange's logo to Ian's design. It proved to be the perfect addition! See the finalized logos below on sample apparell! Great big thanks to Ian for working with Palazzo Graphics to fine tune our forever logo!





## **Player Development**

### **Committee Chairs Ed Pieper and Julie Whitney**

Lessons are going well with full capacity each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11:30. Spread the word about lessons for new learners. Our goal is to have 100 players registered on the Bolton Pickleball Club web site at [boltonpickleballclub.com](http://boltonpickleballclub.com). The more players registered the more credibility we have with “Build More Courts”

## **Court usage**

### **Committee Chair Paula Higgins**

#### **Court Usage Update**

The Bolton Pickleball Club has implemented a “WIN”/“LOST” two box Paddle Up format for use on the Rogers park courts. When only two players are waiting to play, we’re having “winners stay and split”, with the two waiting players join for the next game.

When there are four or players waiting, we’re using “Four Up/Four Down” format. Now all four players come off the court and place their paddles in the appropriate WIN/LOST boxes. The “UP NEXT” sign gets moved to the adjacent box. This format should ensure that players have minimum waiting times between games. It also helps mix up players. With the influx of visiting players mixing with Bolton Pickleball Club players, this

simplified format seems to be working fairly well.

## **Communication with the Town of Bolton**

### **Committee chair Hal Heusner**

The relationship between our club and the town continues to grow. Several of the board members had a meeting with the Supervisor and the Town Planner to discuss the current status of pickleball in the town and the various possibilities for the future.

The re-surfacing and re-striping of the courts in Rogers Park is behind schedule with the estimated start currently targeted at mid-August. When this happens, the courts will be potentially out of service for several weeks. A plan has been discussed, with the implementation being planned, for the basketball courts in Veterans Park to be set-up (striping, side-bumpers, etc.) to make fully playable courts. The completion timing is targeted to be done before the Rogers courts are out of service.

The town is applying for two grants, one to support new courts in Veterans Park and one to support new courts at the Town Recreation Park. Both of these grants will be submitted by the town to the state in the next several weeks. Our club was asked to provide documents in support of each of these grants, and of course we did. We were told that this type of support from local organizations (that are supported by a broad membership) carries a good degree of weight in the state's evaluation process.

As mentioned, the courts that are part of the total revamp at Veterans Park currently are not funded. The town is hoping to get the grant mentioned above approved, complete the balance of the funding plan, and start implementation to support a Summer of '25 completion. This target is contingent on many milestones being met in a timely fashion, many of which, the town has limited control over.

Our discussion also touched on a pickleball facility being constructed at the Town Recreation Park. The Town Recreation Park is located off the first road on the right past the town highway garage. Many thoughts were expressed, all of which are blue sky and unfunded at this point but quite exciting. The town is in the process of having a consultant develop a scoping study to build an appropriate facility to house pickleball courts that can be used 12 months of the year. Many ideas were discussed but while these discussions are fun, the realism is that a project of this magnitude is 4 to 5 years away, with many hurdles to be cleared.

Our relationship with the town is a positive one, on both sides. As we move forward with our pickleball community, continuing and enhancing this relationship is very beneficial.