

## 2026 NBPC Directors Report

I would like to start my report by first acknowledging and thanking the members of the 2025 NBPC Board namely Scott Perrin, Roxanne Broadbent, Vicki Voros, Chris Thomas, and myself Ken Collingwood. They worked tirelessly on your behalf to deliver the playing opportunities that you all have.

The NBPC Board has been largely focussed on preparing for this year's play and the monumental shift in play formats brought about by Pickleball Canada's request for all clubs to use DUPR in each club's tiered or level play sessions. This shift will enable us to move away from our former "Groups" with all its pluses and many minuses to DUPR Bracket play. The use of DUPR will end the need for the club to assign each member to a group while putting the onus on the members themselves to acquire their own rating. Future Bracket sessions will include some sessions where game results are recorded and submitted to DUPR while other sessions will not be recorded for DUPR. For those members who remain interested in getting a DUPR rating so that they can play in future DUPR Brackets thank you for for joining NBPC's digital DUPR club. By joining it greatly streamlines the work required to enter the results from the DUPR sessions into the rating system.

Let me say at the outset that many pickleball players including many of our own club members are not interested in DUPR. We respect that and for this reason plan on continuing with open play sessions where any member regardless as to whether they have a DUPR rating or not can go and play "paddles up" pickleball. The balance of offerings between Open play sessions and DUPR Bracketed Sessions will be determined by what actually happens in terms of on court participation rates. If members use the court time it will remain available to them.

For 2026 in consideration of our members who still are working or have other daytime commitments, the club is continuing with afternoon/evening time slots on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Like last year your exec will monitor the use and adjust the court assignments based on actual usage over time. Members should note that small court adjustment may also be made through the Court Coordinators. For example if 48 hours prior to play a playing group or bracket that has 2 courts assigned and is full while the group assigned the other 3 courts are only able to fill one or two courts they may request a one time reallocation. If this happens repeatedly a permanent reallocation of courts would be considered.

The NBPC wants to give its members what they prefer in terms of play formats so like last season we will adjust the court usage schedule based on patterns of use. We are also receptive to your ideas as to new play formats. For example last year we introduced "Mixed Doubles" play on Wednesday and it has proven to be immensely popular. We could implement a second weekly session. Similarly we currently do not offer any Ladies' or Mens's only play, but could do so. Let us know if you have any ideas and particularly if you're willing to help run a different session than the current offerings.

Last year we implemented Reserve a Court. It had a modest uptake so this year it is going to be restricted as an offering to only significantly underutilized time slots until such a time as a higher alternative use emerges catering to a broader segment of the membership.

**Our Skills and Drills sessions continue to be very popular thanks to the dedication of our coaches Wade Dawe and Scott Perrin.**

**The NBPC is planning on organizing two fun style tournaments in 2026: one in June and the other in August. Last year's tournaments were a great success and a lot of fun was had by the members who participated.**

**Another significant change your board is dealing with is determining what program we will use to schedule and manage court play for the summer season and beyond. As you know we have been using Sign Up Genius (SUG) now for 3 years. For years now we have witnessed an extraordinary display of perseverance and commitment by Gill Redpath and Kelly Francis our SUG management team in keeping our programs going. While SUG has worked okay, it is not the smoothest or easiest program to manage a club's play and activities with. Also with the introduction of DUPR play we will require significant data to be entered into the DUPR system to support our membership's play and their ratings. NBPC has been examining alternative programs including "Pickleheads" to see if it has the functionality to replace Sign Up Genius while also simplifying the management of DUPR results. So far the results are encouraging but non-conclusive. So for the next few months we will run both SUG and Pickleheads while we test Pickleheads more thoroughly.**

**Your Board can not thank the Clubs many volunteers enough for what you all do. Without you there would be no club play. For the rest of you I ask that you step forward and involve yourself in one or more positions where help is needed. As an incentive to helping out the NBPC plans on hosting an all volunteers dinner in July. Last year's dinner had a great turn out and were hoping for an even bigger crowd this year.**

**The NBPC's website has had considerable work done to it in 2025. I would say its now "the source" for the latest and greatest information concerning pickleball in our club. Many thanks to Scott Perrin for his leadership here and the huge contribution from Wayne Overton of Nanaimo for his technical knowledge and skill in keeping it current.**

**This year you will see the NBPC's new Dominator Pro Max rolling nets in use. These represent a significant investment by the club. They play like fixed nets and are easy to set up. We hope you will enjoy the playing experience and ease of set up. As many of you are likely aware within one week of bringing these nets to the courts an incident occurred overnight when all four locks securing the nets were cut and all the 4 chain lengths taken. A police report was filed and evidence submitted to the RCMP. Out of an abundance of caution the nets which thankfully were not stolen were removed from the courts while alternative security devices were acquired. The nets are now back on the courts and your board continues to pursue additional security measures including the possibility of getting WiFi at the courts and security cameras installed. Sue and Gary Connerton and Bill Rogers are owed a debt of gratitude for their hours of work spent looking after these nets for the club.**

**In looking ahead to this season your board wants you to be aware that our continued court use is not something that can be taken for granted. We have access to these courts in part because of our community relationship and because of numerous member's active involvement in getting the courts built to begin with. However that alone does not guarantee unlimited access to them in perpetuity. We are in an envious position here while some other local clubs have no access to their**

**local public pickleball courts and have to pay for court access. Our continued access to these courts depends on offering popular recreational opportunities to the local communities. As the RDN expands its recreational services in Nanoose we have come under pressure to relinquish court time for alternative court use starting this July. The RDNs proposed July through August schedule will remove two weekly mornings from our current spring schedule and would require part of our schedule to shift to afternoon play. Your board is actively engaging with the RDN in finding constructive ways to accomodate new uses like their proposed “kids camp” program.**

**Having served as the the NBPC President for the first 3 years of the club's existence, 2025/26 will be my final year as President. I do intend to remain active in the club in a different capacity. In stepping back I want to thank everyone for their support and help these past 3 years and say how much I appreciate all NBPC members. You are a great group and cover a huge cross section of the pickleball universe. We have enthusisatic members who are absolute beginners to players who have placed at the National Pickleball Championships. We have many terrific volunteers but clearly not enough. So if you like playing please join in and help out. Together we can make NBPC an even stronger Community based Pickleball Club.**

**Ken  
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