



## In the Kitchen

*Pickleball Association of Bermuda Newsletter  
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### What's New

#### ***The PAB welcomes Gavin Manders to the Board***

Gavin Manders has been appointed to the PAB's voluntary board. With Gavin's broad knowledge and experience, he will undoubtedly make immediate contributions to the growing Pickleball community in Bermuda. He will be able to greatly assist in training and development, especially with the Island's youth. Manders says, *"I am honored to join the Pickleball Association of Bermuda's volunteer Board of Directors. As a PPA-certified coach, extensive knowledge in racquet sports locally and internationally, and a passion to use my experiences to help mold the next generation. I believe joining forces with the PAB will not only enhance the development of sport for the youth, but also help develop this sport across Bermuda, and create another positive outlet to make contributions to the sport and the community."*

#### ***Newly Certified Coaches***

The PAB extends congratulations to **Myra Virgil**, who has been awarded the Coaching Association of Canada's National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) **Instructor 1 designation!** For information on coach certification opportunities and other information, click [here](#). For local training resources, click [here](#).

#### ***Coach Certification and Training Opportunities***

The PAB continues to pursue Sarah Ansboury, a 5.5-rated player to deliver a coaching certification course and clinics for all levels of players in late October/November. Sarah A. delivers the USA PPR coach certification, which is one of several internationally recognised programmes. She would come to the island for 3-5 days. Details are being worked out now, including timing and permit processes. Tennis coaches, club managers and professionals will be invited to certify as pickleball coaches.

Registration of interest can be logged at <https://www.pabermuda.com/training/ppr-coach-certificate>.

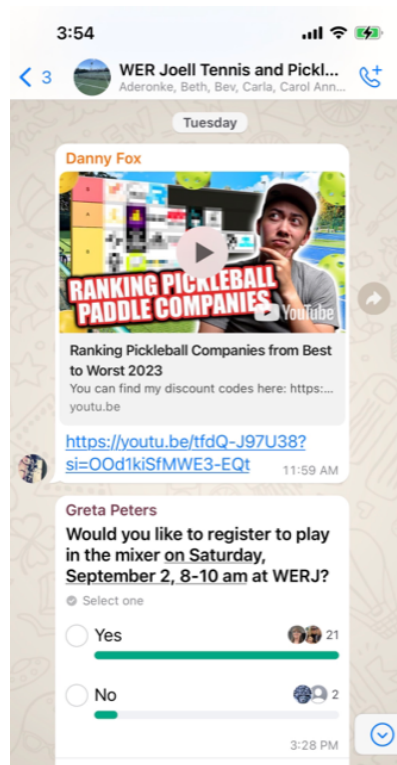
## Programme Updates

### **WER Joell Facility**

With the increased court usage, facility enhancements have been proposed. Dr. Stephen West recommended that a defibrillator be installed on site. The Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation has committed to getting one!

### **WER Joell PB Community – Mixers and Open Play**

Saturday and Sunday mixers continue to be over-subscribed. Court Reserve urgently needs to be updated to accommodate group sign-ups to make the process of organizing group play easier. There are 120 members on the WhatsApp group where community play must currently be organised!



### **Tournaments**



### **Waterfalls**

Waterfalls are a series of pilot games amongst players with rankings of 3.5+ to test the DUPR tournament organising functionality. The 2<sup>nd</sup> DUPR waterfall was held August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Horizons.

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**RESULTS:**  
**BdaBlue Pickleball Open – September 2023**



- Bermuda's star tennis player Gavin Manders, with his Davis Cup partner James Finnigan won the men's doubles 4.0 and above final.
- Chase McCrimmon and Jaden Jones won the 3.5-3.99 men's title.
- John Stephens and Steven Bridges won the men's doubles 3.0-3.49 division.
- In the women's doubles 3.0-3.49 final,
- Sheila Fisher and Janice Bucci winning the women's doubles 3.5 and above.
- Laura Bardgett and Ailish Byrne won the women's doubles 3.5 and above.
- John Stephens and Tracy Shott won the mixed doubles 3.0-3.49 final, and Nancy Kempe and Mike Burns won the mixed doubles 3.5-3.99.
- Sarah Fox and Courtland Boyle won the mixed doubles 4.0 and above final.

**UP NEXT:**

**Pomander Gate Members Tournament November 18-20, 2023, sponsored by:**



**Kitchen Table Talk**

**2023 Membership levels**

As of July 28, the PAB had 170 members (June 23: 168; May 31:151 members).

**In The News – Commercial League and Bermuda Blue Open Results**

<https://bernews.com/2023/09/photosresults-bda-blue-pickleball-tournament/>

<https://www.royalgazette.com/general/sport/article/20230913/huge-turnout-expected-for-bermuda-pickleball-open/>

<https://www.royalgazette.com/general/sport/article/20230920/youngsters-steal-the-show-at-bermuda-pickleball-open/>

<https://bernews.com/2023/08/pickleball-commercial-league-pilot-winners-celebrated/>

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<https://www.royalgazette.com/general/sport/article/20230817/pickleball-commercial-league-pilot-programme-hailed-a-major-success/>

## On the World Stage - GPN Hits 85,000 Members

The Global Pickleball Network has announced that its network has surpassed a significant milestone – we are now part of a community that boasts over 85,000 members worldwide! This incredible growth is a testament to the passion and dedication of the pickleball community.



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