



## In the Kitchen

Pickleball Association of Bermuda Newsletter  
May/June 2023

### Events



#### **Grand Opening of WER Joell Tennis Stadium**

The WER Joell Tennis Stadium hosted a Pickleball Extravaganza to celebrate the official opening of the brand-new courts at the site on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The Extravaganza included a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Owen Darrell, the sports minister, as well as demonstration of pickleball techniques by elite players, open-play events, and those in attendance being given an opportunity to try their hand at the sport. To help meet the demand of the rapid growth of the sport in recent years on island, the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, in collaboration with the Pickleball Association of Bermuda, oversaw the conversion of existing tennis courts, designed to provide a state-of-the-art facility for players of all skill levels and ages to enjoy.

#### **Deloitte Open 2023 Pickleball Tournament**

The Deloitte Open Tennis and Pickleball Tournament will take place at Pomander Gate Tennis Club from June 18 to July 2. Pickleball events include: Men/Women Singles, Men/Women Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Junior Fun Event. 118 entries have been received.

### Programmes

#### **Schools**

Government House, Bermuda ...  
June 9 at 9:35 AM · 🌐

Gardening and Pickleball were a perfect match at the Government House "Year End School BBQ." Her Excellency the Governor and Mr Jacob Hawkins welcomed students from Victor Scott Primary, Prospect Primary, Northlands Primary and Dellwood Middle Schools to celebrate their success in gardening and pickleball during the 2022-2023 school year.

Over the course of the school year, students from Victor Scott Primary and Dellwood Middle learned the primary tenets of gardening and agricultural sustainability. Both schools won numerous awards and recognitions at the 2023 Agricultural Exhibition. In addition to gardening, students and PE teachers from all four schools participated in pickleball sessions on the Government House courts learning all aspects of the game.

Thanks to the Bermuda Garden Club and the Pickleball Association of Bermuda for the mentorship, instruction, and support this year.



### **Commercial league**

In its 6<sup>th</sup> week, the CPL is going strong. There are 6 Division 1 and 8 Division 2 teams. They play on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively and will run until July. We have received requests from 5 additional teams to join in the next round.

### **PAB Mixers at WER Joell Tennis Stadium**

All are welcome. Participants are grouped by play level from beginner/intermediate and above. The cost is \$5 to cover court fees. A WhatsApp group has been formed by participants, who are now running their own play. Formal, PAB-run mixers are run once per month. Anyone interested in participating should email [pabermuda@gmail.com](mailto:pabermuda@gmail.com).

**Training & Certification:** Updates to follow

## **Table Talk**

### **Membership levels**

As at June 21, 2023, the PAB had 168 members (May 31, 2023 151 members).

### **WER Joell Tennis Stadium**

As an indicator of uptake a resource needs, if possible, we will be reporting on court usage rates.

## **In the news**

Media Mya. [Have you ever heard of Pickleball?](#)

The Royal Gazette, June 3, 2023. [An extravaganza of Pickleball to celebrate opening of new courts](#)

The Royal Gazette, June 3, 2023. [Pickleball expansion continues with opening of new courts](#)

Government of Bermuda, June 2, 2023. [Ministry to Support Pickleball Courts Opening](#)

Bernews, June 4, 2023. [Photos, Video & 360: Pickleball Extravaganza](#)

The Royal Gazette, March 2, 2023. [Hotel submits application for pickleball courts](#)

## **The World Stage**

**International Pickleball Federation, Inc. 78 Member Countries, 86 Organisations including Bermuda**

Read the most recent Op Eds. [“No Country Left Behind”](#), May 2023 and commentary on the state of the governing body, [“Clean Up on Aisle Pickleball”](#), June 2023.

### **Changing the Rules of the Game**

There were some rule changes for the game earlier this year! Here is a summary of some changes:

- The serve shall be made with only one hand releasing the ball. While some natural rotation of the ball is expected during any release of the ball from the hand, the server shall not impart manipulation or spin on the ball with any part of the body immediately prior to the serve.
- Players shall avoid wearing clothing that closely matches the ball colour
- If the wrong score is called, the referee or any player may stop play before the return of serve to correct the score.
- In officiated matches, the referee may call for a replay if the referee is not certain that one or more of the requirements of the serve

For a look at all Rule changes and reasoning behind click [here](#).

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# Our Impact!

Bermuda Pickleball Extravaganza

June 3, 2023

Impact Reporting

## This is us!

6 hours of active play | 4 permanent courts, 1 practice court and a practice wall  
120-150 players rotating on courts throughout the day | Over 50 people serving  
in 60 supporting roles: planning, on-site volunteerism, vendors, sponsors, and  
promotion | 96 registered participants\* | Over 120 attendees\*\* | The majority of  
attendees, almost 70%, were women (33% were men)

<b>Player Age Summary</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Attendees aged 9 to 19 years old	14	15%
Attendees aged 19-54 years old	39	41%
Attendees aged 55 years old and up	27	28%
Attendees aged 70 years old and up	6	6%
Majority of attendees were in their 30s, 40s and mid-50s		
Almost 40% of attendees had never played before		
Almost 50% of attendees had only played a few times		

<b>Attendees by Gender</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Women	64	67%
Men	32	33%

<b>Attendees by Age</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
9+	6	6%
13+	4	4%
16+	4	4%
19+	3	3%
30+	14	15%
40+	13	14%
50+	9	9%
55+	11	11%
60+	7	7%
65+	3	3%
70+	2	2%
75+	2	2%
80+	2	2%
Not reported	16	17%

<b>Attendees by Level of Pickleball Experience</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
A few times	44	46%
Never	36	38%
Not reported	10	10%
Regularly	6	6%

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# Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who helped make the  
Bermuda Pickleball Extravaganza a huge success!

## **Extravaganza Planning Committee**

Christine Rodrigues  
Liana Carrick  
Val Stevenson  
Myra Virgil

## **Committee Support & Point People**

Danny Fox  
Sarah Fox

## **Committee Support & Liaison**

George Thomas

## **Committee & PAB Social Media**

Mary Ewles

## **Registration and Point People**

Christine Brenchley  
Sue Chiappa  
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Nancy Kempe  
Karen McNamara  
Kim Young

## **Set-up, check-in and/or other event support**

Nancy Kempe  
Greta Peters  
Betsy Smith

## **Practice Wall Court Facilitators**

Helen Card  
Kimberly Williamson  
Mark Cordeiro

## **Sponsors**

Bermuda Blueprinting Ltd.  
Butterfield & Vallis

## **Court Facilitators**

Bill Bucci  
Matt Dragonetti  
Doug Frith  
Danny Fox  
Sarah Fox  
Cathi McClure  
Ryon Outerbridge  
Liz Schaefer  
John Singleton  
Preston Smith

## **Exhibition Match Players**

Mark Cordeiro  
Matt Dragonetti  
Ryon Outerbridge  
Stuart Smith

## **Exhibition Match Junior Players**

Cole Heffernan  
Evan Heffernan  
Kai Fitzgerald  
Greg Fitzgerald (parent)

## **Vendors**

AC Brewer / Franklin Distributors  
Fluffy Stuff  
Ital drinks  
Revolin Sports  
MxP Chefs (Mayho/Pedro)  
Undercover Tent Rentals Ltd.

## **DJ and Event MC**

Nadanja Bailey

## **Media, Public Relations Promotions**

Ian Rawlins, Inside Sport  
Maya Palacio, Media Maya

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## **In collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Culture and Sport - Department of Youth Sport and Recreation**

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