

What's New

LOCALS ACHIEVE PPR CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to the **16** successful participants of the PPR Coaching Course! The island now has **18** certified coaches. An updated listing of certified local instructors can soon be found at <https://www.pabermuda.com/training>

And once again, thank you to Marina Anderson for delivering the certification programme and running clinics, to Chris Powers for running clinics and to Bill Bucci for coordination – and to the host of Board members, committee volunteers and vendors who made this event possible.

Read more about the event in this news article:

<https://bernews.com/2023/12/pickleball-coaching-certification-training-clinics/>

<https://www.royalgazette.com/general/sport/article/20231214/pickleball-enthusiasts-take-chance-to-coach/>



INTRO TO PICKLEBALL WITH THE PAB



The PAB, with the support of volunteer coaches, is now offering intro clinics to all on Saturdays at 11am!

Find out how to register at: www.pabermuda.com/training





NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PICKLEBALL APPOINTED

The PAB is delighted to announce the appointment of Gavin Manders as National Director of Pickleball.

As one of Bermuda's most celebrated international tennis players and the island's only certified clinician in both tennis and pickleball, Gavin brings an extensive background in racquet sports to this new role. His appointment as National Director is a testament to his commitment to working collaboratively with the PAB team to promote and develop racquet sports in Bermuda. In his role, Manders will play a crucial part in helping build a robust pickleball community, guiding the formation of national teams across various age divisions, and preparing them for regional and international competitions. His strategic vision includes nurturing talent from the grassroots to elite levels, ensuring a flourishing future for pickleball in Bermuda.



NEW PAB BOARD DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

The Pickleball Association of Bermuda welcomes David Dodwell as a Director. David brings a wealth of business and leadership experience to the Board. He is President and Owner of the Reefs Resort and Club, which happens to boast four pickleball courts 😊, that are run by Cayla Cross.

WER JOELL TENNIS STADIUM IS SET TO BE LIT!

The Department of Youth & Sport has announced that lights will be installed at the public courts by March 2024. The courts will also be re-surfaced.

Plans are also in place for four more courts through a mixed-use conversion of the practice courts.

Pickleball is on fire!!!



PAB Programme Updates

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The PAB will be delivering a professional development event for 30 PE teachers at W.E.R. Joell Tennis Stadium - February 12-13, 2024!

Certified Pros and Volunteers may offer assistance by emailing pabermuda@gmail.com.

PICKLEBALL CAMP FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Coming February 2024!

Details to follow soon



TEAM BUILDING

Volunteer coaches, led by newly appointed National Coach Gavin Manders, facilitated a team-building event with the Government of Bermuda's Department of Youth & Sport. Fun was said to have been had by all! *Thank you to all volunteers and participants!*



WER JOELL COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL / COMMUNITY MIXERS AND OPEN PLAY CONTINUES!

To register for updates on public and self-organised open play opportunities, go to www.pabermuda.com/events to join the WER Joell WhatsApp group.

Weekend Mixers and Intro to PB events are posted on TeamReach.



Install TeamReach on iPhone:
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/teamreach-team-management/id1101253705>

Install TeamReach on Android:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.teamreach.app>

Enter code: PickleballBermuda

Funny how a little yellow wiffle ball can completely take over your life.



PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION BERMUDA

COMMERCIAL PICKLEBALL

Winter LEAGUE

MEN'S, WOMEN'S & MIXED DOUBLES

TUESDAYS & THURSDAY
JANUARY - MARCH 2024

AT THE NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS AT
NEWSTEAD
27 HARBOUR ROAD, PAZET, BERMUDA

COMPANIES CAN ENTER
1 OR 2 TEAMS
1 TEAM FOR DIV 1
AND/OR
1 TEAM FOR DIV 2

8 TEAMS PER NIGHT
~ MLP FORMAT ~
RALLY SCORING!

EMAIL US IF INTERESTED - SPACE IS LIMITED!
PABERMUDACOMMERCIAL@GMAIL.COM

THE COMMERCIAL LEAGUE IS BACK!

Commercial League By the Numbers
Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Newstead, under the lights, January 9 – March 21, 2024.

- Rally Scoring
- 10 teams
- 4 Division 1 teams (3.5+)
- 6 Division 2 teams (2.0 - 3.49)
- 100 registered players
- MLP Format (ie: rally scoring)
- 2 ladies and 2 men on each team

FORMAT

- Women's doubles
- Men's doubles
- 2 x mixed doubles
- Dreambreaker (singles tiebreaker)

Call for Committee Members

Pickleball is gaining incredible support and popularity in Bermuda.
The PAB is seeking volunteers to serve on various committees.

If you have expertise and interest, please send an email describing your expertise or experience to: pabermuda@gmail.com and write 'Committee' in the subject line.

Membership Committee: responsible for maintaining membership records, recruiting new members, and creating membership benefits and programs.

Training and Development Committee: responsible for developing and implementing educational programs, clinics, and workshops for players of all skill levels.

Includes:

- Long-Term Athlete Development
- School PE coaching programs
- Student coaching programs
- Community programs
- National program player/team development

Marketing & Communications Committee: responsible for promoting the organization and the sport of pickleball to the public through various media channels, including social media, websites, press releases, and community events.

Competition, Rules & Governance Committee: responsible for organizing and running tournaments, including format, scheduling, rules, logistics and ratings.

League Sub-Committee: responsible for implementing league play at public facilities. Includes corporate, rec leagues, age, or gender-specific leagues, or round-robin type leagues as examples.

Finance & Fundraising Committee: responsible for raising funds for the organization through various means, such as sponsorships, donations, and events.

Inventory & Equipment Committee: responsible for selecting and maintaining equipment, such as paddles, balls, and nets, and ensuring that they meet safety standards. Working with Rules/Governance committee to create standards across the Island for public and private facilities alike.

Court Development Committee: responsible for identifying locations for new courts, working with local governments and organizations to secure funding and permits, and overseeing the construction and maintenance of the courts.

Community Events & Tourism Committee: responsible for promoting Destination Tourism by bringing professional clinics, other pickleball clubs, and international tournaments to Bermuda.



PB Community News & Events



PICKLEBALL PRO SASHA FISHER TO CONDUCT A MEMBER'S CLINIC AT POMANDER GATE TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CLUB

Sasha is a PPR-certified pickleball coach, USPTA-certified tennis instructor, and racquet sport enthusiast.

Sasha is a 5.0+ / pro tournament player with multiple gold medals in 5.0 / 19+ mixed doubles from the APP Tour. She is the 2022 year-end and current DUPR #1-ranked female doubles player in New England (Atlantic Region). She played Division I tennis at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, and was a three-time member of the Bermuda Federation Cup tennis team (2001-2003).

Passionate about helping pickleball players reach their goals, Sasha resides in Somerville, MA, and is originally from **SOUTHAMPTON, BERMUDA!**

POMPANO BEACH HOSTS WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

It was wonderful to see Pompano Beach Club hosting a Pickleball Bermuda Bash featuring United States professional pickleball players Chuck Taylor and Eric White.

Check out this news article on the event: royalgazette.com/general/sport/article/20240104/us-professionals-predict-big-growth-of-pickleball/

CORAL BEACH CLUB TO HOST DUPR MATCH PLAY

DUPR

CBC is now a DUPR Club

What is DUPR ?
Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating is the most accurate and only global rating system in Pickleball. All players, regardless of their age, gender, location, or skill, are rated on the same scale between 2.0-8.0 based on their match results.

DUPR is free and anyone can have a rating. One match result is all it takes to have a DUPR rating, and with 10-20 match results you will have an even more accurate rating

DUPR MATCH PLAY
Come out and join us this Saturday to Star or improve your DUPR rating

Date: Jan 27th
Time: 12pm-2pm
Price: \$10
sign up via tennis@coralbeach.bm

ATLANTIC CONSTRUCTION MEMBERS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



FINAL MATCH (SESSION II) RESULTS

Men's Doubles 3.0 – 3.49 - Paul Mosquera / Kenneth Mulongo def Ryan Hayward / Simon Boden

Men's Doubles 3.5 – 3.99 - Peter Illston / Mason Illston def Dominic Powell / Danny Fox

Ladies Doubles 3.0 – 3.49 - Claire Gemmell / Courtney Fisher def Bharati Ravi / Myra Virgil

Ladies Doubles 3.5 – 3.99 - Sarah Fox / Maggie Todd def Sheila Fisher / Janice Bucci

For all results (tournament played in two parts due to rain), go to: pgtc.bm/tournamentresults/

By the Numbers

(as at January 17, 2024)

250 PAB members!



200 WER Joell WhatsApp Participants!

Global Updates

The USA Pickleball 2024 Official Rulebook and Basic Rules Summary have been released.

You can find the link here:

<https://www.pabermuda.com/what-is-pickleball>

Newsletter Submissions:

With the explosion of this sport, there is so much happening. If you would like your pickleball news considered for the PAB newsletter, please submit to pabermuda@gmail.com for consideration. Note that this publication is for and about PAB members. External advertisers and businesses may be asked to make a moderate advertising contribution (TBD), in the future.

Stowe N Stowe January Pickleball Tournament

Tournament Dates	Start Times
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 14th - 3.49 & below Jan 21st - 3.99 & below Jan 28th - 4.0 & above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singles - 10am Mixed - 11:30am Men's & Ladies Doubles - 1pm
Pricing	
1 Event \$35 2 Events \$55 3 Events \$75	
Sign Up Deadlines	Please Note
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 12th - 3.49 & below Jan 19th - 3.99 & below Jan 26th - 4.0 & above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format determined by amount of entries You only PLAY if you PAY You can play up, but cannot play down Please make sure you have a DUPR so scores & rankings can be updated

STOWE N STOWE (NEWSTEAD) PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT JANUARY 2024

<https://www.bdastowetennis.com/events>

Results to follow in the next *In The Kitchen!*