

# In the Kitchen

Pickleball Association of Bermuda Newsletter July 2023

## What's New

# **Training & Certification**

The PAB extends congratulations to **Ryan Outerbridge**, who has achieved his Pickleball Coaching International Level 1 coaching certification, with honours!



# **Coach Certification and Training Opportunities**

The PAB is working with Sarah Ansboury, 5.5 tennis player, USPTA teacher and NCAA, to locally certify coaches and offer clinics in late September. Sarah delivers the PPR coach certification, which is one of several internationally recognised programmes. She would come to the island for 3-5 days, run the certification programme and run several community clinics to level-up local play. 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.

- PPR and the USPTA Pickleball are US-based certifications.
- International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association, which is international.
- NCCP/Pickleball Association of Canada, which is Canada's national equivalent.

# **Programme Updates**

### Commercial league

The inaugural event of the Commercial Pickleball League play has come to an end with the winners to be announced at the presentation on Saturday, July 29. The 2023 league ran from May – July with 14 teams from the corporate world. 123 players were registered to play in this very successful event. The next commercial league play will commence in May of 2024. Email <a href="mailto:pabermuda@gmail.com">pabermuda@gmail.com</a> for more information on next year's league.

#### PAB Mixers at WER Joell Tennis Stadium

Members of the public continue to engage in the mixers play. The mixers are over-subscribed (Saturday sessions are completely full. Court Reserve is in the process of being updated to accommodate group sign-ups to make the process of organizing group play easier.

There is discussion with the community group players about introducing some tournament play and encouraging the community players to register on DUPR to begin to establish their ratings. For an example of the pickleball skill levels and rating system, go to: <a href="https://thepicklesports.com/pickleball-skill-levels-and-the-rating-system/">https://thepicklesports.com/pickleball-skill-levels-and-the-rating-system/</a>. Email <a href="mailto:pabermuda@gmail.com">pabermuda@gmail.com</a> for more info.

# **Kitchen Table Talk**

## 2023 Membership levels

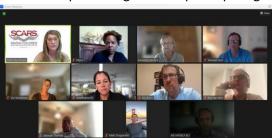
As at July 28, the PAB had 170 members (June 23: 168; May 31:151 members).

## **WER Joell Tennis Stadium**

Court usage rates are as high as an indicator of uptake. Booking details to be reported when received.

## SCARS Training – Respectful Sport

10 PAB members and players earned their SCARS certification, which increases the enables the PAB to meet standards of excellence in terms of protecting children participating in sport.



# On the World Stage

