

What's New



APP MIAMI PICKLEBALL OPEN

Bermuda has been well-represented by a contingent of islanders competing at the APP Miami Pickleball Open! This is Premier Event with the Gold finishers going straight to Nationals! Over 1200 participants from around the world!

Sue Chiappa (and Massi Furlan (Italy)) is bringing home the GOLD in the 3.5: 55+.

Gavin Manders & Ben Jones (USA) won the SILVER in the 4.5+ division for 19+.

Mark Cordeiro and Eddie Anderson just missed a podium finish (men's doubles 5.0, 55+) and Mak Cordeiro and Marina Anderson (USA) are playing in the semi-finals at publication.

<https://www.royalgazette.com/general/sport/article/20240329/bermuda-among-the-medals-at-miami-pickleball-open/>

Programme Updates



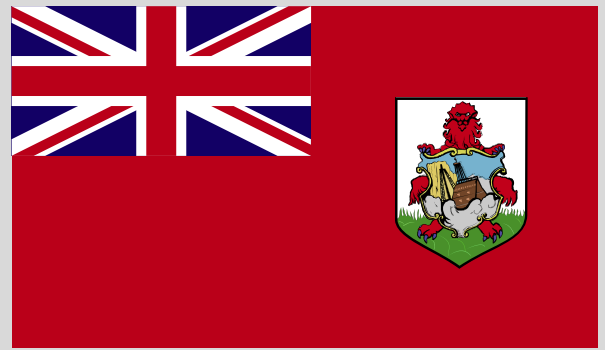
THE WER JOELL STADIUM NOW HAS LIGHTING AND FOUR NEW COURTS!

These court enhancements enable night play and the capacity to meet the growing demand for accessible and available for use.

Thank you to the 60+ players who joined us to celebrate the new lights and new courts!

JUNIOR PICKLEBALL

We have hosted a successful Junior Open House event, drawing approximately 40 children from across the island. This initiative, targeting ages 8-14, has significantly contributed to fostering youth interest in pickleball and laying the groundwork for future talent development.



BERMUDA NATIONAL TEAM

Open Trials were held March 17, 2024. Over 35 players were evaluated to be considered in various divisions. (6-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+). Game knowledge and the ability to compete regionally were considerations.

This initiative marks a significant step toward representing Bermuda in regional and international competitions, with structured competitions and open play sessions facilitating comprehensive player assessment. We may be the first in the region to develop criteria for national representation in Pickleball. Stay tuned for updates.

LET'S GO!

PB Community News & Events

NEW CLINICS AND LESSONS!



Dinking into the Spring 2024

Beginners Classes Monthly **\$200**

Including:

- 30 sessions
- Mondays | 8pm to 7pm
- Wednesdays | 8pm to 7pm
- Saturdays | Open Mixer
- Punch Card available

Cousin's League 6 weeks **\$400**

Including:

- Thursdays | 8pm to 7:30pm
- Saturdays | 3pm to 4:30pm
- Family Gold Cup
- Prize Giving Celebration

Open Mixer Monthly **\$40** **Drop Ins \$15**

Let the Dinks Begin

441-505-0832 Cross Court Tennis Academy HSBC | 011-312741-011 crosscourt.tennis19@gmail.com



Pickle Ball Clinic

L.I.T. 🔥

Level: Beginner and Intermediate players
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
12:15pm - 1:15pm
Location: W.E.R Joell Tennis Stadium
Cost: \$25
Contact: David Lambert: 505-2618



Pickleball Developmental Pathway Program 

Location: WER Joell Tennis Stadium **Cost:** \$35 per session
WER Joell Tennis Stadium: 90 minutes each **Maximum Participants:** 8 per session

Directed by **Gavin Manders**, this pathway program is meticulously designed for competitive doubles players seeking both to refine their game to the **3.5 level** and to ambitiously target the **4.0 to 4.5+ levels**. With a focus on the latest methodologies in pickleball, the program aims not only to foster potential representatives for Bermuda but also to elevate the overall standard of play within the local community.

Developmental Clinics

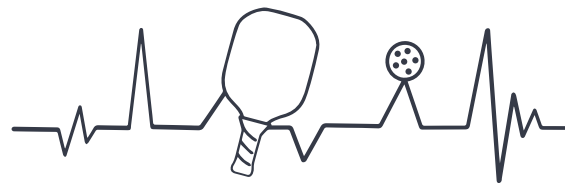
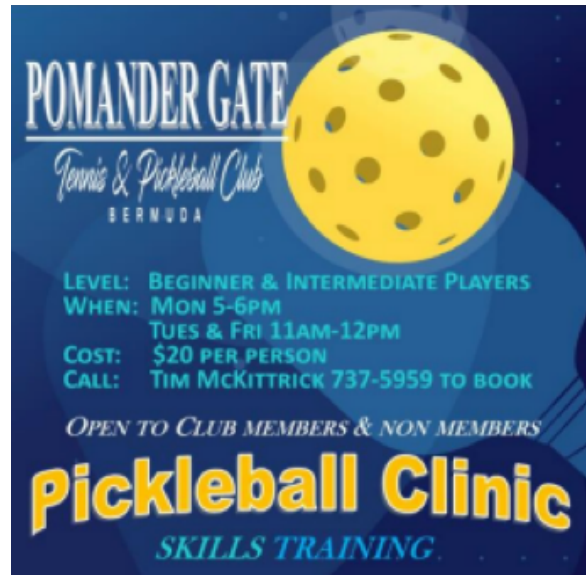
<p>Doubles Foundations</p> <p>Focus: Core strategies and positioning for effective doubles play, emphasizing serve, return, and the initial third shot strategies.</p> <p>Outcome: Players establish a strong foundation in doubles strategy, understanding essential positioning and movement.</p>	<p>Advanced Net Play</p> <p>Focus: Enhancing skills at the net, including volley and poach techniques, tailored for doubles play.</p> <p>Outcome: Improved net dominance, enabling players to control the net and effectively finish points.</p>	<p>Strategic Serving and Returning</p> <p>Focus: Developing serve and return strategies specific to doubles, leveraging these shots to set up offensive opportunities.</p> <p>Outcome: Players will use serve and returns strategically, creating advantageous positions for their team.</p>	<p>Mastering the Soft Game</p> <p>Focus: Advanced dinking strategies and third shot drops, crucial for setting up points as doubles.</p> <p>Outcome: Precision and strategic thinking in the non-volley zone, winning the kitchen battle through soft ball play.</p>
<p>Transition and Court Coverage</p> <p>Focus: Improving movement from the baseline to the net and covering the court effectively on both sides.</p> <p>Outcome: Seamless transitions and comprehensive court coverage, ensuring a strong defense and the ability to capitalize on offensive openings.</p>	<p>Pressure Play and Defense</p> <p>Focus: Handling high-pressure situations and generating defensive tactics to neutralize opponents' offensive plays.</p> <p>Outcome: Enhanced ability to remain composed under pressure and employ defensive strategies to turn the tide of the game.</p>	<p>Tournament Tactics</p> <p>Focus: Tailored strategies and mental preparation for tournament play, including match situations and scenario-based training.</p> <p>Outcome: Players will be well-prepared for competitive scenarios, with a deep understanding of tactical adjustments.</p>	<p>Peak Performance</p> <p>Focus: Integrating physical conditioning, advanced play tactics for peak tournament performance.</p> <p>Outcome: Equipping players with the tools for high-level competition, focusing on physical readiness, strategic acumen, and mental resilience.</p>

Program Objective and Structure

The objective of this program is twofold: to provide a clear developmental pathway for players aiming to improve their doubles game to the **3.5 level** and beyond, and to establish a structured learning environment where players are inspired to setting, refine strategies and methodologies, even the ultimate goal for some may be to represent **Bermuda** internationally. The program is structured to enhance the skills and strategic understanding of all participants, ensuring they reach their highest potential.

Each clinic within the program is designed with progression in mind, focusing initially on foundational aspects for those aiming to solidify their **3.5 level** skills, before moving into more advanced tactics and mental strategies intended for players targeting the **4.0 to 4.5+ levels**. This ensures a comprehensive development journey for all participants, supported by **Gavin Manders'** expertise and recent advancements in coaching and play.

By participating in this program, players will not only aim for personal improvement and potentially representing Bermuda but also contribute to raising the standard of pickleball within the local community. Through shared learning and competitive play, Bermuda's pickleball landscape is set to thrive, fostering a strong, skilled, and strategically savvy player base.

POMANDER GATE
Tennis & Pickleball Club
 BERMUDA

LEVEL: BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS
WHEN: MON 5-6PM
TUES & FRI 11AM-12PM
COST: \$20 PER PERSON
CALL: TIM MCKITTRICK 737-5959 TO BOOK

OPEN TO CLUB MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS

Pickleball Clinic
SKILLS TRAINING

PAB Board Committees

Thank you to the volunteers who have agreed to serve.

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

Sarah Fox, Sue Chiappa, Liz Wright, Val Stevenson, Greta Peters

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/Student coaching
- Community programs
- National program player/team development

Gavin Manders, Kim Simmons, Bill Bucci, Danny Fox

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

Danny Fox, Sarah Fox, George Thomas, Myra Virgil, Gavin Manders (Advisor)

Competition, Rules & Governance (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.

Sarah Fox, Stewart Gurr, Lily Hallett, Val Stevenson, Liana Carrick

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.

Mark Cordeiro, Tanya Franks, Greta Peters, Danny Fox

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

David Dodwell, Danny Fox, Stewart Gurr, Gavin Manders (Advisor).

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.

Myra Virgil, Val Stevenson, Mary Ewles

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

Matt Dragonetti, Stewart Gurr, Sue Chiappa, Val Stevenson, Samantha Sangster, Gavin Manders (Advisor)

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.

Members TBD

By the Numbers



PAB Members:

322 including 25 Lifetime Members

Our membership year ends on March 31st.

It's renewal time!

**Emails have been sent to those who need to renew*



Why Join?

- Be a part of the growth of pickleball in Bermuda
- Belong to a fun, social community
- Receive early notification of clinics and tournaments to be held in Bermuda
- Participate in PAB-sanctioned tournaments
- Get involved as a volunteer, referee or coach
- Become connected to international pickleball organizations
- Your fees/donations will help PAB develop more pickleball facilities to encourage participation amongst all ages. To provide options for open rec play through to clinics and competitive events.
- Help Bermuda keep healthy, have fun and compete at an international level.
- Be a part of the pickleball phenomenon!

Sign up here!

www.pabermuda.com



Where can you get a paddle in Bermuda?

PICKLEBALL PADDLES in Bermuda

FRANKLIN

Local Rep: Jan Brewer
Cell #: 441-531-7555

Price range: \$60 - \$175
5 models to choose from

Franklinsports.com



JOOLA

Pronounced [yō-la]

Local Rep: Adam Barboza
Cell #: 441-300-9660

Price range: \$70 - \$275
5 models to choose from

Joola.com

REVOLIN

Local Rep: Stuart Brown
Cell #: 441-531-9490
Email: Info@apogee.bm

Price range: \$200 - \$225
4 models to choose from

Revolinsports.com



SIX ZERO

Local Rep: Danny Fox
Cell #: 441-707-2226

Price range: \$100 - \$230
4 models to choose from

sixzeropickleball.com

Local stores: Sports R Us, Price Rite & The Pro Shop

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ASSOCIATION BERMUDA
www.pabermuda.com



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