



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KITCHEN

From the President

As we come to the end of this our second year I wanted to thank you all for being involved in the club.

To the committee, both the outgoing and the new one, I want to thank you for all that you have done this year. To all of the Convenors thanks very much for running the many sessions that we have each week, we could not do it without you. To those who have helped at our working bees, at our tournaments both at home and away and just generally around the traps thank you very much. As we all know with sporting clubs it is often a difficult thing to get people to help but I have to say that with our club I am constantly amazed at how many people are willing to be involved in all that we are doing.

So a big thank you and a very BIG Happy 2nd Birthday to our club.

Our second year has been one of continuing to build our club not only in numbers but also in the policies and procedures that help run the club. We also constantly look at ways to offer variety in the sessions we run, we look at how to assist people as their capability grows, how we are bringing new people into the club and teaching them how to play. To assist with all of this we have also had more of our members gain qualifications in coaching and refereeing this year and they are out and about offering their services. You will find information on Spond and on our website (dcspickleball.org) of the recent policies and a list of our coaches

We have continued to offer pickleball at Drysdale Primary School, Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College and at our outdoor courts at Clifton Springs Bowls Club and we thank those venues for working with us through out the year.

At the recent Pickleball Victoria AGM two of our members were voted on to the 2025 Committee. Congratulations to Lea Preece who is now the President and I have been selected as a general committee member. Any ideas or questions that you have don't hesitate to talk to us.

As the year is coming to an end I would like to say Merry Christmas to you all and to advise that we are going to be down at the outdoor courts at Cliftons Springs Bowls Club Friday the 20 December from 5.00pm onwards. There will be pickleball and bowls and following that we will have a Christmas drink and share something to eat. You will find the details on Spond. It would be great to see you down there and if you are joining us please bring a plate of something to share.

Merry Christmas to you all



GOVERNMENT GRANTS

As part of our desire to continually grow and make life easier for members we have had a go at applying for Government Grants.

This year we have been successful in gaining a Grant of \$1000 to purchase a Defibrillator for the Clifton Springs Courts and also a \$10,000 Healthy Communities Grant that we will be put towards creating and rolling out an Injury Prevention and Wellness strategy.

We also applied for a \$400,000 Infrastructure Grant to resurface the Clifton Springs Courts and while we were not successful in getting this grant we have been given \$25,000 which will enable us to complete the necessary technical documentation and obtain other services which will strengthen our application next year.

So all in all a very successful process.

I would like to thank Sue Shannon, Kaz Shirley, Linda Govan, Ian Clifton, Cheryl Elvey, Jenny Climas Dockhorn, Peter Brown and all of the others who were involved in putting the Grant applications together.

CONVENORS

Looking to get a bit more involved?

If so why not try your hand at convening some sessions. You will be given all of the information and instructions required to set up a session, run it and then pack it all up again. You get to play for free and its a great way to meet new people.

If you are keen then have a chat to Gary Baron, Leigh Dunn or one of the convenors at the sessions you attend.



PLAYING TIMES & LOCATIONS

Over the Christmas New Year period we will be offering Pickleball at the Clifton Springs Courts.

So that will mean the last sessions at the Drysdale hall will be on Sunday the 22 December 2024.

There will be sessions offered every day at Clifton Springs in the mornings and also on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Check out Spond for the times. It would be great to see you all down there making use of the outdoor courts both at the scheduled sessions but also hiring them for your own personal use. You will find all of the hire and booking details on Spond under files - DCS Club Information - Hire Procedure Clifton Springs.

Please note that it is \$5.00 each a scheduled session or if you hire a court it is \$10 per court per hour. Please bring the money with you when you play or place the money into the club bank account leaving your name as the reference. The bank details are in the Hire Procedure document on Spond.

We will start back at Drysdale on the 13 January after they have finished resurfacing the floor. However the outdoor sessions will continue on.



MEMBERSHIPS

Our numbers fluctuate, with people coming and going but currently we have 187 Primary members and 45 Secondary members.

Primary membership means that when you have registered or renewed your membership with Pickleball Victoria you have selected Drysdale Clifton Springs as your home club. It is important each year that when you receive notification from Pickleball Victoria that your subscription is due that you ensure that you select *Drysdale Clifton Springs* as your club when you renew.

As Pickleball continues to expand and more clubs are formed you may find that you want to join another club. If those other clubs affiliate with Pickleball Victoria then you have choices. You can absolutely join another club and nominate that club as your primary club (on PVs website) or you can become a secondary member at that club whilst remaining with us. If you do decide to nominate the new club as your primary club then you can become a secondary member of our club. What we ask is if you decide to transfer to another club please send us an email to let us know so that we can adjust our records.

Secondary Membership of our club it is \$25 a year and you will be invoiced in February of each year.

Junior Membership - at our recent Committee meetings we have been discussing how to introduce the Juniors Program. We have decided that there are going to be two levels of Juniors - 16 and above and under 16. The committee has decided that if we have any young people 16 and above wanting to play they can be invited to our regular Saturday Come and Tries. Then once they have learnt the game they can make a decision to join the club.

The Club's Junior Program will start early in 2025. We will use the outdoor courts at Clifton Springs. We will announce the dates for the Come and Try Days and most importantly the subsequent ongoing program.

However for the program to succeed there needs to be a larger club involvement in the convening of the ongoing program. Potential convener numbers are not enough at this stage for the program's ongoing success. If you are interested in helping put your name forward as a convener via email to juniors@dcspickleball.org

SPONSORS

We are very happy to welcome Community Bank Bellarine back as a sponsor and to welcome for the first time Scotchmans Hill.

We would also like to acknowledge Quattrofy for once again supplying all of our merchandise for the year at greatly reduced prices. It is great to have businesses in our community getting involved in Pickleball.

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TOURNAMENTS



Ballarat Vs Drysdale



In the last few months we as a club have travelled to both Ballarat and Warnambool to compete against their pickleball clubs. For each event we had no trouble filling a team and the standard of play was very good. Unfortunately we were not able to triumph over Ballarat but we did against Warnambool. Well done to those who competed.

We have also had large number of members travelling around Australia playing in tournaments, we have done very well as far as medals go and generally speaking our club is becoming very well known. Congratulations to all who have competed.

Local tournaments coming up that you might find fun to compete in or to just go along and watch.

- Country v Metro at Frankston Centenary Tennis Club on the 11 & 12 Jan 2025 (if interested you will find details on Facebook)
- Bellarine Big Bash at our Clifton Springs Courts on 2nd Feb - *Currently Full*
- Peninsula Cup at Portsea on 23 Feb (watch out for more info on Spond closer to the date)
- Victorian Open at Frankston (March long weekend. Registrations are open so look on the Pickleball Victoria website)

Don't forget that you can look on our website to see a schedule of tournaments around Australia and the world. dcspickleball.org

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COACHING SESSIONS

We have also recently introduced a Coaching Sub Committee. You will have all received the email that gave us information on what would be occurring including the appointment of Roy Preece as the coaching co-ordinator. We have just held the first club coaching sessions at the beginner and intermediate level and it was very successful.

We had a number of our coaches assisting Roy to take those who attended through drills where they were able to learn new skills so that they can introduce them into their game play.

Thanks very much to all those involved and we look forward to 2025 where we will continue to build on this so that we can assist all players who are interested in understanding where they fit in the PB rating system and what they can do to build on their skills to move up the rating scale.

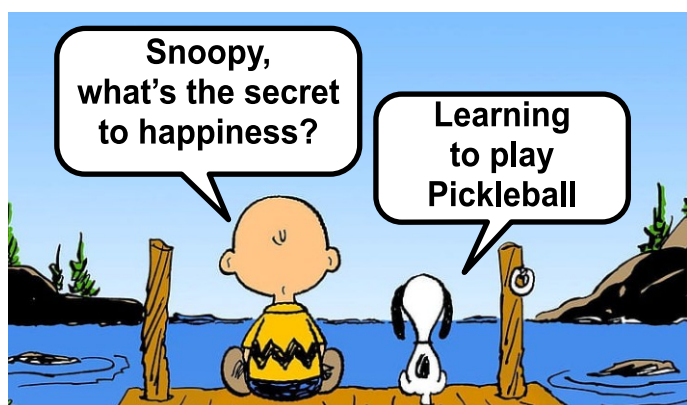


A new policy for Advanced \Intermediate players has also been created to assist members to understand the process that will take place for those wishing to be considered for the coaching/playing sessions at this level. You will find this on Spond or the website dcspickleball.org

GRADING PANEL

Another recent initiative is the creation of a Grading Panel. As we grow and develop as a club and individually, we are playing in more tournaments around the state, interstate and even internationally. We need to be aware of what our level is and how we might stack up against people from other clubs. To support this the Grading Panel is working on a framework for grading those members who want to understand the level they are currently playing at. This should assist members to identify the skills they need to work on, to choose appropriate levels of competition at tournaments and the most suitable coaching sessions offered by the club.

Please note that grading opportunities will be provided only for those who want to participate and, at this stage, will involve data gathered by recording scores in some of the round robin sessions played during the week and/or weekends. Please note that members will be advised whether or not any particular session will involve recording of scores. Scores will be kept confidential (not published anywhere) and are for internal records only (not DUPR or Brackets). Those who do not want their scores recorded can let the session convenors know. We hope these measures will help our members to continue enjoying pickleball while expanding their experience of the game.



FUND RAISING

Recycling cans and bottles

Just a reminder that our club is registered with the Western Zone TOMRA recycling program. We have the ability to receive a 10 cent deposit on a variety of cans, bottles and drink containers by taking them to the recycling stations around the Bellarine.

So if you would like to, you can nominate the Drysdale Clifton Springs Pickleball Club to receive the funds when you drop off your cans and bottles.

This is purely voluntary but if you are interested this is how you do it:

Open the CDS Vic West app and create your personal profile (see link- onelink.to/cdsvic)

Look us up under the "Charities" Menu on the homepage of the app.

A promotional poster for the Pickleball Victoria VIC OPEN 2025 tournament. The poster features a large green pickleball graphic on the left. The text includes: Pickleball VICTORIA, VIC OPEN 2025, FRANKSTON CENTENARY TENNIS CLUB & SOMERVILLE RECREATION CENTRE, LABOUR DAY WEEKEND 7/8/9TH MARCH 2025, SAVE THE DATE, and logos for Stockland, Halcyon Communities, tpc, the physio co, REDARCO FACILITY GROUP, and HUSTL.