



UPPER BUCKS
PICKLEBALL CLUB
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UBPC Newsletter FEBRUARY 2017

The Upper Bucks Pickleball Club is gearing up for another great year of Pickleball in 2017. We are already working to plan events for the year and wanted to update you on what you can expect to experience. We are always looking for your feedback and ideas to make our club better, promote Pickleball, and have fun! Thank you for reading and for your continued interest in the UBPC!

Dates for 2017 Tournaments

SAVE THE DATES!!!!



After checking other organizations' websites so as not to coincide or conflict with their schedules, the following dates were chosen for UBPC sponsored tournaments:

- **May 13th: Fun UBPC Pickleball Tourney (club members only preferred).** Skip suggested a play format (has elements of "luck of the draw", but with other twists). © Skip Alexander will run the tourney, with assistance.
- **June 17th: Pre Father's Day Tourney – Mixed Doubles only** – open. If this date coincides with Onix pros' trip to the East Coast, we may be able to involve them with this tourney to give clinics and/or to play exhibition matches with various club members.
- **Sept 9th-10th: Relish the Day 3 Pickleball Tourney.** Same format as last year but *may* be divided into two days.



Kerry Schaffer will continue communicating with Onix rep on our June tourney date and hopefully UBPC

will be chosen as one of their pro stops in the Northeast Region.

Play by Skill Level

The committee talked about having organized play both at the Y and at the township courts based on skill level since there's been requests to do so. It was decided to not pursue this at the Y due to the limited number of courts. However, for outside, it was suggested to try some type of structured play according to skill level. Question is do we set certain days of the week for specific skill levels? Or just divide into groups depending on number of people playing at that time. Discussion on this item will continue as opening day approaches. PLEASE let us know your thoughts!

Opening Day Outdoors



Date TBD based on weather. We will get the courts in shape in the morning, enjoy pizzas and drinks for lunch, and play pickleball in the afternoon. Clinics and/or some type of organized play were suggested.

Outside Court Maintenance

Ken to get pricing on specific squeegees and rollers that hang on the fence.

Court crack issues were discussed. Repairs are difficult because cracks will reappear. Best solution would be resurfacing courts but this is expensive. The possibility of converting one of the two basketball courts into pickleball courts was discussed.

Some of the lights should be redirected for better coverage on each court.

Bleachers would be nice to have.

A bigger banner is needed to hang on fence at outdoor courts – 12x4 maybe and should include pickleball club name, logo website URL.

It would be nice to have a defibrillator due to two incidents last year at tourneys.

Discussed the installation of an info box somewhere along walking trail with our pickleball info on cards including schedule of play, website, etc.

Ken agreed to take charge of court maintenance issues and would welcome help. Carol Strehle to check into banner and defib unit. Everyone needs to keep a lookout for salvaged bleachers!



Y Courts

The main gym is scheduled to be refloored. It was also suggested to re-floor the auxiliary gym due to multiple dead spots. Barb Matase suggested having them line the new main gym floor so that four pickleball courts can be lined rather than just two. Beth has discussed this with Dave at the Y so he is aware of our needs.

Tennis Zone

Kerry had gotten some dates and times for pickleball play at TZ but most conflicted with play already established at the Y. Plus it would cost \$3 more than the Y. Would be nice to have a pickleball tourney there.

Would need to meet with Fernando to discuss the above. Brian Strehle and Kerry may try to meet with TZ owners.

2016 Tournament Play Results



Our tournament members played in 13 tourneys last year, and medaled as follows:
 13 team & 2 individual gold
 9 team & 1 individual silver
 10 bronze

Note: Anytime you play in tournaments, please make sure to take pictures and send to Kerry Schaffer or John Zeiger so we can share your experience on our website and Facebook!



Indoor Schedule at the Upper Bucks Y in Quakertown PA

Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:30 AM
 Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM
 Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30 PM
 Thursdays from 7:45 to 10:00 PM
 Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 AM
 Saturdays (different week to week)
 Sundays from 5:00 to 8:00 PM



Courts are also available:
 Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 AM
 Friday from 12:30 to 2:30 PM

Cost is free if you are a member of any Pennsylvania YMCA; otherwise, it's \$7/day.

Most Importantly

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Frank Prusch. Frank was a great guy on and



off the courts. He helped out wherever he could as the club was forming and was a patient teacher and coach to many players. Thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Nancy and the entire Prusch family – he will be sorely missed by all.

Please keep those prayers flowing for George Schaffer. He is currently at the Phoebe



Richland Health Care facility. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back on the courts soon!

Other Notables

UBPC is a member of the USAPA's Northeast Region.

Barb Matase has applied for USAPA Ambassadorship for Montgomery and Bucks Counties. We wish Barb all the best for attaining this prestigious status!

If you are looking to purchase pickleball equipment of any kind – paddles, balls, nets, clothing – please visit PickleballCentral.com and use the code **CRUpperBucks**. Not only does this give you a 5% discount on your purchase, but the club receives a credit of 5% of your order which we can use to purchase balls and such for club use!

As of January 2017, UBPC membership is at 192 and we keep on GROWING! **AWESOME!**

If you would like to become more involved in club activities, please contact any of the committee members below.

Two nets will be up soon at the Richland Township courts for outdoor play!!

Helpful Information About the Game!

For more information about the game of Pickleball, along with tons of rules, tournament dates and times all around the US, please hop on the USAPA website at <http://www.usapa.org/>.

If you are interested in learning the history of Pickleball, please go to the following website: <http://www.usapa.org/history-of-the-game/>. It's pretty phenomenal how and when it started, how it got its name, and how its grown! Hope you enjoy the article from the USAPA website.

There are also tons of pickleball videos on YouTube. You could spend days watching them, learning and just being entertained!

There are a lot of coaches who have their own websites and/or Facebook pages - Coach Mo and Sarah Ansbury for example.

If you are ever traveling and get the urge to play Pickleball, the USAPA website has a dedicated page of listings in every state of places to play. Please visit <http://www.usapa.org/places-to-play-pickleball/>



Thank you for your continued interest in the Upper Bucks Pickleball Club! Don't forget to visit our club Facebook page and our club website (www.UBPickleball.net) for updates, pictures, and new information! We appreciate your feedback to help us make our club even better than it already is!



Committee Members

Kerry Schaffer
 Barb Matase
 Wayne Siefert
 John Zeiger
 Skip Alexander
 Ken & Laurie Rittle
 Beth Stelts
 Brian & Carol Strehle
 Emeritus: George & Marge Schaffer