



# Mountains & Meadows Pickleball Club

## TIMES THEY ARE A'CHANGIN'

**N**ote changes to the Fall schedule (see Page 3). Changes have also been noted on the website calendar.

Wednesday, September 9th will be the final evening session at MeadowCreek Golf Resort. Farewell members Tootie & Bob Neeves before their sojourn out East.

### **McCall Area Pickleball Players Shine at Idaho Senior Games**

In a record-breaking field of 86 Pickleball players spanning Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Texas, Nevada, Washington and California, 7 McCall-area Pickleball players made quite a showing at this year's Idaho Senior Games, taking home 9 tournament medals as follows:



- Doug Dvorak - men's doubles gold medal & men's singles silver medal
- Robert Sweetgall - men's singles silver medal & mixed doubles bronze medal
- Linde Hilton - women's doubles gold medal
- Marsha Smith - women's doubles gold medal
- Judy Caldwell - women's doubles gold medal
- Dennis Edwards - men's singles silver medal
- Scott Christie - men's doubles bronze medal

Considering the average playing experience of our McCall Pickleball players is less than 3 years, the above accomplishments are truly outstanding.

Also outstanding is the fact that our *Mountains & Meadows Pickleball Club* is approaching 50 members whose volunteer efforts, donations and play fees have helped transform unused area tennis courts into 11 outdoor Pickleball courts at *Lutheran Church, The Club at Aspen Village* and the *Meadow Creek Golf Resort* – not to mention raising \$4,000 in player

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR SEPTEMBER

### Weekly Events



#### Mondays

**5.30/8.00pm** - The Club at Aspen Village

#### Tuesdays

**5.30/8.00pm** - The Club at Aspen Village

#### Wednesdays

**9.00am/12.00noon** - The Club at Aspen Village

#### Thursdays

**5.30/8.00pm** - Lutheran Church McCall

#### Questions

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donations for the *Meadows Valley School Athletic* program and the *Donnelly Bible Church Youth Recreation* program over the past 2 playing seasons.

Interestingly, Pickleball has become one of the fastest growing sports in America with this year's Idaho Senior Games registrations almost doubling

those of 2014. Strong credit is deserved by one of our local players, Jack Bonawitz, who served as Idaho Pickleball Senior Games director and past president of the *Boise Area Pickleball Association*.



## Sunset Park - Lewiston

**M**ark you calendar, **Friday, September 25th** - the grand opening event at Sunset Park. The main event will run from 10:00am to noon, with pickleball all day long. Local media sources, if agreed, will have a pickleball challenge. Live broadcasting is in the works. Local radio, TV & other media are being invited. It is hoped that many out-of-town players can make it for a day of pickleball fun. Players at higher skill levels can put on an exhibition and help others. Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting is planned with music etc. during the event. The City will be providing cake and beverages. The Terminetters have been asked to bring side dishes, snacks and finger food etc.

Laurie Janssen will organise a carpool for those interested in attending. Contact Laurie:

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**PICKLEBALL COURT  
GRAND OPENING**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
10AM-12PM  
SUNSET PARK, LEWISTON  
REFRESHMENTS • RIBBON CUTTING • BLIND DATE PLAY

Lewiston Community Center • 1424 Main Street, Lewiston  
Ph.208.746.2313 • [www.cityoflewiston.org/parksandrec](http://www.cityoflewiston.org/parksandrec) 

## Pickleball taking the country by storm

*(The following article was submitted to Terry Donohue, President of BAPA, by Dick & Lawana Johnson.)*

**I**t seems the recent TV coverage about pickleball has generated a lot of interest, especially in people who happened to see the news program. Others have heard about it and asked about it too, however, many missed out on

viewing the program, including most pickleball players. That's sad, especially because it was well done, covered the beginnings of the game in Washington and the Treasure Valley, its explosive growth, and then announced the recently-approved creation of the big Hobbie Creek project with its 12 courts dedicated to pickleball. To view the program click on: <http://www.scrippsmedia.com/kivity/news/Pickleball-is-taking-the-country-by-storm-321329081.html>

## Huckleberry Tournament

Congratulations to our members Mitko Smith who took home a gold medal in men's doubles, and to Doug Dvorak and Scott Clinger who captured a silver medal in the men's doubles.



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# Fall Schedule



## Regional Pickleball Group Play Schedule

- The time blocks listed below are reserved for GROUP PICKLEBALL PLAY.
- Feel free to schedule play with friends and fellow players in smaller groups as your schedule permits.

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                                   | SATURDAY                                   | SUNDAY                                     |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| <b>The Club @ Aspen Village, McCall</b><br><b>5:30pm to 8:00pm</b><br>Contact:<br>The Club 634-5838<br>Fees : \$45 season pass for unlimited play June thru October<br>\$5 day pass<br>4 courts available | <b>The Club @ Aspen Village, McCall</b><br><b>5:30pm to 8:00pm</b><br>Contact:<br>The Club 634-5838<br>Fees : \$45 season pass for unlimited play June thru October<br>\$5 day pass<br>4 courts available | <b>The Club @ Aspen Village, McCall</b><br><b>9am to 12pm</b><br>Contact:<br>The Club 634-5838<br>Fees : \$45 season pass for unlimited play June thru October<br>\$5 day pass<br>4 courts available | <b>Lutheran Church, Dienhard /Mission, McCall</b><br><b>5:30pm to 8:00pm</b><br>Contact:<br>Laurie Janssen 315-5195<br>Fees: None<br>3 courts available | <b>No organized group play on Friday</b> | <b>No organized group play on weekends</b> | <b>No organized group play on weekends</b> |



Please refer to the following link for more pickleball information – [www.mmpickleball.club](http://www.mmpickleball.club)

Note: In addition to the above venues, there is one public dual-use pickleball/tennis court at McCall High School & one City of Donnelly dual-use pickleball court located off highway 55 South of Donnelly.

## Fall Program

Our new play times starting September 2015 are as follows ...

### **Monday & Tuesday evenings at The Club at Aspen Village 5:30/8:00 pm**

(time moved up ½ hour earlier for improved daylight / visibility)

### **Wednesday mornings at The Club 9am to noon**

### **Thursday evenings at Lutheran Church – McCall 5:30/8:00pm**

(time moved up ½ hour to for improved lighting/ visibility)

The entire Fall Schedule above covers us all the way through September and October 2015 – and November, weather permitting.

Please use judgment as to when to show up – for example, cool, crisp days are “A GO” - snow is “A NO-GO” !!!

### **Footnote:**

*A general consensus showed a preference to beginning the week with Pickleball on Monday evenings rather than trying to plan their weekends around Friday night Pickleball*

*Hence while you might miss a few NFL games on Monday night; you'll get to see more BSU college games on Friday night!*

## Winter Program

We hope to post play dates and times in the October Newsletter for Meadows Valley High School and Donnelly Bible Church indoor Pickleball.

## Injured Player List Update

**Bob Neeves** is sure looking a lot



better than last time we saw him (with eye-patch). The treatments have been working and Bob is now able to resume playing Pickleball and golf.

**Scott Clinger** is doing fine, eating, working and playing some Pickleball. Scott's infamous dog, Ethyl, is recovering well too on her healed broken leg – so much so, that Ethyl recently decided to chase/harass a local skunk on the Clinger property. The skunk took to the offense, spraying Ethyl. Unfortunately, Scott was in the line

of fire, and got sprayed too!! But don't worry if you get teamed up with Scott in Pickleball as his body will be decontaminated before his next match.

Thea, who is also recovering well on her shoulder, was not involved in the spray incident.



**Fred Sanders** is doing well following his shoulder surgery in McCall. Meanwhile, Diane Sanders is holding up the Sanders Pickleball legacy locally. Special thanks to Diane & Fred as their donated mountain bike sold on auction providing a super generous donation to Scott's fundraiser.

**Susie Christie** ... best wishes to Susie as she undergoes back surgery in August.

## Tip of the Month

It seems that many Pickleball players, not only in our club but nationally, continue to hit hard, low, driving returns of serve to their opposing serving teams. The "tip" to consider is as follows : try returning your opponents' serves with a little softer, loftier return with a bit of an arc (even if it is just a few feet higher over the net) aimed deeper towards the center of the Pickleball court. This will give you the extra time to approach the kitchen line to join your partner in a court-controlling position.

Also, by aiming the majority of your returns towards the center of the court, you will reduce many errant shots that run off the right and left sides of the court.



## 2015 FALL CLASSIC

A great success last year, this round robin tournament will be scheduled for the late fall or early winter this year as an indoor venue (MVHS) due to concerns regarding weather. (Last year we were lucky as the rains came shortly after finishing the tournament!)

This year we hope to make the event a 3-part venue with:

- **motivational pickleball clinic** taught by "imported" high-level 5.0 player(s)
- **a great potluck afternoon feast**, and
- **the round-robin mixed pairing tournament** similar to 2014.

Further information in the October newsletter.

The Club at Aspen Village  
**The Fall Classic**  
October Fun Tournament  
Saturday, October 11th - 9:00am until 12noon

**Why a Fall Classic?**

For the entire summer season, close to 80 players have enjoyed sunny, fun and healthy Pickleball play throughout the Mountains & Meadows Pickleball Club venues - The Club, Lutheran Church and the Meadow Creek Golf Resort (pickleball on the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel). We had 520 pickleball player visits at the Meadows Valley High School indoors for the winter/spring program. Now, with the days turning shorter and the air getting crisper, this is our chance to celebrate the great Pickleball season we've all had together. The Club at Aspen Village has been a fine opening fall season. On average we had groups of 12 to 20+ players on weeknights and weekends in group play.

**As part of the Fall Classic** light refreshments and water will be provided. There is an open patio area with picnic tables for socializing, a BBQ, and a cash bar. Following the Tournament there will be a potluck buffet with snacks, fruits and some board food selections. Bring your favorite dish to share with fellow players.

**ENTRY FEE**

- No Tournament Entry Fee for The Club members
- Non-Members - \$5
- Registration Form on Page 2

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