

2021 NSPC President Report

What a year!!!

Key accomplishments include:

- Keeping members safe and still playing pickleball throughout this Covid year,
- Finally, after an almost 2-year process, doubling the number of pickleball courts at Little Cates,
- Implementing the new National Pickleball Canada Registration System lead by Allan and Estha and ended our relationship with SpAppz, the Sports Registration and Club Management system that made Allan's registrar job so much easier the last 2 years,
- Identifying that, as of April 2021, over 800 people have been NSPC members in the last 4 years;
- Completing in August 2020 a "Usage Assessment of DNV Tennis Courts" – lead by Allan Gauthier and Dave Powers,
- Creating a new free youth membership option and extending free membership to all those 80+,
- Implementing Little Cates and Murdo Frazer Google Sheets to facilitate club play as well as Playtime Scheduler for public times,
- Holding our first virtual AGM and doing it again in 2021,
- Supporting West Vancouver Parks in assessing over 21 West Vancouver courts for potential pickleball sites – Helen was the lead on this!
- Lobbying the NV Sport and Recreation Advisory Council and all the North Shore Parks Department and Councils on matters relevant to pickleball play in CNV and DNV
- Continuing to support our Schools Introduction to Pickleball Sessions
- Welcoming 4 permanent courts at Mahon Park to our North Shore inventory of places to play.

As president, I would not have lasted until term-end without the support from so many people. My deepest and sincere thanks goes to NSPC Board Members of Estha Parg Murenbeeld, Dale Harvey, Karen Wilson, Helen Martin, Betty Eisenhauer, Shashi Shrivastava, and Oleh Ilnyckyj. We are very fortunate to have Estha putting herself forward to take on the leadership role of president for NSPC. Estha was our rock, creating and overseeing the communication messages out to members and handling so many other things including the Next Up white board.

From the Areas

The Area Leader structure that the Board put in place meant that local issues had a voice at each Board meeting and provided resources when the Board needed help. They worked hard! This year these Leaders were Karen Wilson for East of Seymour, Betty Eisenhower for CNV, Helen Martin for West Vancouver and for Delbrook and West of Seymour, Shashi /Estha/Dale. It was very helpful to have members in place that knew their pickleball community.

Many thanks go out to all the members that support each Area Leader and location including:

- From Delbrook and West of Seymour – everyone who hosted sessions during club-permitted play last summer plus our winter court-keepers of Dave Visage, Kit Chan, and Randy Reimann,
- From East of Seymour – Kurt Connell, Ernie Cumayas, Tim Leclair, Sue Anderson, Kerry Strongman
- From the City – Ann and Peter Westwood, Bruce Foskett
- From West Vancouver – Anne Watson, Loretta Foskett, Lorinda Rawlings, JoAnn Harrington

More Volunteers and Helpers

Allan Gauthier continued to offer so much time graciously shepherding individuals through the registration process and managing all our data. Many thanks also go to the volunteer coaches for the School Program including Maggie Murch, Estha and others.

It was lovely to connect with Lynda Phinney and the Lynn Valley pickleball players at Evelyn Park and to know that Tempe has a strong group of pickleball players using the courts.

I wish to extend a big thank you to Walter and Pickleball BC for their support and suggestions regarding the tennis and pickleball discussions. This was helpful and very important for consistency and streamlined methodology. At this time, PBC is in discussions with tennis representatives on a Memorandum of Understanding.

This year, it seemed that we, as a Board, spent much of our time drafting policy, history documents, job descriptions, Covid management details and doing long term planning. Hopefully this work will be the foundation to help NSPC continue to move forward.

I am very excited to turn over the leadership role to the incoming elected Board. It has been a huge honor to make a small difference in moving NSPC goals and priorities forward.

We Still Need You

To all members, please know that it takes many hours of volunteer work to manage our club. We do not have paid staff!!!! Without each member taking on some small role, little will get done. I plan to continue to support NSPC in a long-term planning way. I encourage everyone of you to think about what you can do to contribute to our amazing organization and to move forward our NSPC mission to **Promote Pickleball for all Ages and Abilities.**

In closing, I and the other Board members wish continued success to the North Shore pickleball community,

Heather Fleming,

President

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