



NEWSLETTER Winter/Spring 2026



A warm greeting to all our members with our 1st newsletter of 2026.



Your current committee is :-

President Gordon Butt, Secretary Gilly Rattray, Treasurer David Orr, with further support from Jane Morrison, Howard Finch and Ian Hunter. As per the recent email sent out to all members, if you are interested in joining the committee, or helping from outwith, please contact Gordon on [gordonbutt21@gmail.com](mailto:gordonbutt21@gmail.com).

## Club Sessions & membership information

Our official sessions are generally well attended - in fact a few have regular waiting lists - but there is still scope to get members along to Friday afternoon at the Letham Hub and so that session has been updated to Intermediate/Upper Intermediate.

So the current programme is as follows & the revised timetable will, hopefully, be in place for the rest of the season including the summer months. ( see recent email to all members )

Day	Time	Venue	No of courts	Level
Monday	10 - 12 noon	Letham Hub	3	Improver / Improver plus/ Intermediate
Monday	10.30 - 12.30pm	ASW	3	Intermediate / Upper Intermediate / Advanced
Wed	1 - 3pm	ASW	3	Intermediate
Wed	7.30 - 9pm	Glenearn Campus	3	Improver/Improver plus / Intermediate
Wed	7.45-9.45pm	Letham Hub	3	Advanced + Invitational
Wed	8 - 10pm	Perth Academy	2	Div 2 Team Training / Coaching
Thursday	5.45 - 7.45pm	ASW	3	Improver / Improver plus/ Intermediate
Friday	1.30 - 3pm	Letham Hub	2	Intermediate/ Upper Intermediate

Friday	6 - 8pm	Letham Hub	3	Intermediate / Upper Intermediate / Advanced
Saturday	9.30-11.30 am	NICC		Recreational/Social league
Sunday	5-7pm	Letham Hub	3	Advanced + Invitational

We have recently submitted bids for similar sessions to continue throughout the summer ( April to the end of August ) and once these have been confirmed the membership will be informed.

We have to deal independently with all our venue providers and expect to have to submit a new bid for the 2026/27 season to the central Perth team by the summer.

There will be no sessions at NICC on a Saturday, from the end of March, as uptake has been low outside any arranged events. Book it or lose it!

Members can book our venues themselves outside our club sessions. If you need support with this contact Ian. Naturally we genuinely desire that you book into our official sessions first and that any other arranged sessions do not clash with already designated PPC ones.

We have decided to open up club membership to take on any more potential advance/upper intermediate players and other categories will continue to be reviewed. We are always in demand from people wishing to join our club and will try to accommodate where we feel we can. We are also aware that we have members who do not play on a regular basis and we would put in a plea for everyone to consider playing as often as they can at official club sessions and especially on a Friday afternoon if that suits.

Currently we have over 150 members with a breakdown as follows :-

Advanced 27                      Upper intermediate 21                      Intermediate 64  
 Improver + 5                      Improver 44

Any potential new member will be required to submit the form located on our club website [www.perthpickleballclub.com](http://www.perthpickleballclub.com) .

## Club Matches

PPC entered 3 teams this season into the local Tayside and Fife leagues and the latest positions are shown below ( as at 9/2/26 )

1	Posn	Team Name	Played	Won	Loss	For	Agst	Points
2	1	Perth 1	6	4	2	34	20	14
3	2	St Andrews 1	5	4	1	31	14	13
4	3	St Andrews 2	6	3	3	26	28	12
5	4	Fife Pickle Pals 1	5	2	3	17	28	9
6	5	In A Pickle 2	3	2	1	13	14	7
7	6	Perfect Picklers 1	5	1	4	19	26	7
8	7	In A Pickle 1	2	2	0	13	5	6
9	8	Perth 2	3	0	3	5	22	3

Exciting!! For the first team!

1	Posn	Team Name	Played	Won	Loss	For	Agst	Points
2	1	St Andrews 3	8	7	1	48	24	22
3	2	In A Pickle 3	5	5	0	39	6	15
4	3	Fife Pickle Pals 2	6	4	2	37	17	14
5	4	St Madoes	6	3	3	22	32	12
6	5	Perth 3	4	2	2	18	18	8
7	6	Auchterarder	5	1	4	13	32	7
8	7	In A Pickle 4	4	1	3	15	21	6
9	8	Kinross	4	1	3	11	25	6
10	9	Perfect Picklers 2	4	0	4	10	26	4
11	10	Pickled In The Bay 2	2	0	2	3	15	2

And a great performance this far from our third team. If you are interested in match play please let Jane know.

Well done to all participants - your willingness to play for PPC is much appreciated and illustrates your genuine commitment to support our club outside recreational play. If you are interested in competitive play please let any of the committee know.

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If you follow our Perth Pickleball Club Facebook page you will see many photos of teams lining up before or after these games! Please 'like' our posts as it indicates you are following us and supporting us along the way and this is appreciated by your club volunteers.

Our social league, ably run by Louise Hatch, has also enjoyed their season and as always thanks to everyone turning out and having social recreational fun.



Looking resplendent in our new team shirts!



## Assessment Pathway

Jane and Dan ran an assessment session and some of our members were rightfully upgraded. Should you wish to be assessed please let us know.

Recently the club sent out the player pathway documentation which illustrates how members can focus on their development with coaching to assist - bottom line is keep playing and you will improve, whether you seek competitive or social play!

## Coaching

We have offered all club members at least one coaching session and as ever we have to appreciate the availability of Dan and Jane. Apologies for any regular sessions that are cancelled as a result.

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There will be further programmes of coaching provided in the coming weeks - lookout on our website or Whatsapp posts for this information. Sundays have been taken up in February at Letham Hub as these times can be filled by Dan whilst Jane is unavailable this month. We will seek to publicise the focus of future coaching sessions in advance and subsidise costs for the membership as well.

Feedback from our coaching sessions is generally very positive and the club is delighted to offer the membership such provision.

Quote from one of our members “ Thank you for a great coaching session by Dan yesterday for improvers. It was excellent and greatly appreciated.”

Perth Pickleball club is indeed in a good position compared to other clubs who do not have coaching provision.





## Funding

The club recently applied for a grant of £500 from P&K Sports Council for the acquisition of 3 nets. We have recently been informed that we are to receive an amount - as yet unknown! Ian will represent the club in collecting our cheque at Dewars on the 5th March. The club is grateful to the P & K Sports Council.



## Club Shirts

Many team players have the latest club shirts from the Macron Sports Hub ( Scone Aerodrome ) and the club is happy to put in a new order so that other players including the social league can play in club colours. We would also hope to offer the shirts at a discounted rate. The shirt ( shown below ) will have the club logo attached. Shirts will cost £19.10 for any non-team player which represents great value especially when the prices are to increase from March 1st. Once received we will notify the membership.



## Session fees

We have decided to reduce the session booking fees from £6 to £5 for the 2 hour sessions and from £5 to £4 for the 1.5 hour session. Fees will be reviewed at this year's AGM later in the year.

## Balls & nets

There are balls at every venue we use and we will over time seek to have the same Gamma match ball at each place! ( red & yellow ) Initially all the balls at each location were of the same type but have ended up being mixed ! Some of the nets bags are looking jaded and we will seek to obtain new ones. Letham Hub nets are being used a lot and the management there have to replace some items for us to make sure the equipment is satisfactory to use. Please help us by putting away equipment tidily.

## Events

We have recently run some great events - a Ladies event in November of last year involving local clubs, a Mens Doubles at the college to welcome the New Year and a mixed event improver/intermediate

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event at the Letham Hub. In the latter two cases we invited players from outside our club and geographical area.

St Andrews, Dundee and “Unicorn” players from Central Region were in attendance and feedback has been highly positive. There will be a Ladies event on March 22nd for those who have represented local clubs in the leagues and a Mens event on May 3rd. Both will utilise the 6 courts at Perth College. A special thank you to the Letham Hub for allowing us to run the last event having had our booking canceled at the college at the last minute due to another sport taking precedence.

There were also fun pre Xmas sessions at our regular slots.

A selection of photos from these events are shown below.

Thanks to everyone taking part - more are welcome to join us in the future as everyone loves them!

As a club we are offering more of these events than ever before bringing members together for fun!

There is to be a Mens event in Dundee run by “In a Pickle “ on Saturday 14th March 2-6pm @ DISC. This will be open to both Div 1 and Div 2 team players - 4 in a team. More details later!

Many members in PPC are taking part in a multitude of tournaments around the country and are growing in confidence , playing wise, as a result of competing against new players as well as making friends along the way. Well done if you have taken part - many such events are shared on our FB page.

Good luck to our club members who are hoping to take part in the forthcoming Scottish National Championships in May @ Meadowbank in Edinburgh. We have a few going from advanced level through to intermediate level from team players to social players. We look forward to hearing about any success! Please send in pictures whilst you are there!







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Please get in touch with us with your thoughts and comments and we will do our best to assist you!



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