



END OF SEASON NEWSLETTER Summer 2025

As the 2024-25 season comes to a close for a summer break we wish all our members a nice relaxing time whatever you may be planning to do over the next couple of months.



COACHING

Recently we were delighted to inform the membership that Dan Ockenden is willing to join forces with Jane Morrisson and deliver a coaching programme to us all. This void has been a significant problem for PPC and the current committee have long sought to fill this, so we are delighted to have Dan on board and look forward to supporting members much more in 2025-26.

Please support their planned events as best you can and look out for a new programme being offered in the months ahead.

With regards to the current block, a variety of members have enjoyed Dan's input together with Jane's, and feedback has been positive. Members have enjoyed a ladies doubles event, improver coaching, cardio pickleball (well some of us!!!) and advanced coaching.

We also ran a "Come and Try" evening at Letham Hub and the club thereafter opened up membership to allow those participants, who are completely new to pickleball, to join PPC. Welcome to them all and we hope they integrate successfully into our club.

There is one more fun team event open to all in June at the college. Remember to book in on the FiT app.

Here are some photos from players attending the recent Wednesday night coaching.





Perth Pickleball Club official SESSIONS

With the great spell of weather in April/May club sessions have at times proven to be very difficult to fill and accordingly the committee cancelled sessions at Glenearn (after a low survey response) and reduced times at Letham. Both these venues allow for cancellation, with notice, whereas Perth College not so. Accordingly we have been locked into a contract at Perth College until the end of July, losing money when courts are not filled. Following a committee meeting in late May the college has allowed us to modify our contract and sessions at UHI have also now been reduced. Members were notified in an email sent on June 2nd about the latest provision.

There is nothing to stop members contacting any of our venues (Glenearn, Letham & Perth College) to individually book courts outside any official PPC sessions. If you are unaware of how to do so please get in touch with the committee.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Remember we have a club website www.perthpickleball.com and regularly put photographs onto our Facebook page. Please 'like' and comment if you can.

Recently we had an article published in the very informative Pickle Fix newsletter, which members were informed about in the last newsletter. (Edition 10).

For the season ahead it is very likely that the club will be directing members to the website for relevant information and updates so please familiarise yourself with our site if you have not done so already. This should allow for a reduced workload for the Club Secretary.

Work has been undertaken by all 3 venues that we use to book under the one booking system for Perth City. We will be required to submit our requests for next season by the end of June and see what comes back! Planning is currently well underway!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The committee has set this date to be on the evening of **Monday 18th August 2025**.

The reason for this earlier date is to have the subscriptions and fees for 2025-26 fit into the cycle of automatic renewal as determined by WiX.

Formal notice together with further information will be issued to all members in due course.

Please make an effort to attend - it is your club - and all of the current committee are volunteers only.

COMMITTEE

Recently the committee co-opted Lynne Murphy and Tracey Wardrope, in order to spread the experience and interests of PPC members onto your committee. We thank them for their acceptance!

Talking of Lynne - what a lovely award she received at the recent Scottish Nationals in Glasgow. Lynne was recognised for her dedicated volunteering in our sport and picked up a very large trophy as a result!

Here are a couple of nice photographs showing Lynne with her trophy and some words too from Lynne.





This is what Lynne had to say after receiving her award —

“Pam Carter was an avid pickleball player and one of Scotland's leading landscape artists. Unfortunately she died in 2022 after her struggle with cancer. The Pam Carter Memorial Award for Voluntary services to Pickleball in Scotland is a pickleball paddle painted with her signature landscapes images that Pam presented to Pickleball Scotland. I was very surprised when I received an email from Pickleball Scotland which informed myself that I had been nominated for the award I have no idea who nominated me but feel that it is such an honour in receiving the fantastic award and it will take pride of place in my sitting room I started pickleball in 2023 i think I never thought i would become a avid player . I have undertake many courses in pickleball anabassor , inclusive and wellbeing practice I became a volunteer at Letham Hub a year ago now I assistant at the community pickleball and am going to be starting the re-engage pickleball sessions once a month at Letham Hub for their over 70's. I get a lot of pleasure in getting people moving and enjoying pickleball. I feel it's a sport that any age and ability can play. It's a game which can easily be adapted for all abilities.”

SOCIAL EVENTS

Club members had two recent meals out at Cafe Kisa and Brown & Blacks and by all accounts were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Louise & David for organising them. Next time Billy might turn up! We will endeavour to offer more social events next season - any help and ideas are welcome.

Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM and raring to go in the Autumn for a resumption of the sport that is giving lots of people a lot of fun!

Committee Information

Chairman	Gordon Butt
Secretary	Gilly Rattray
Treasurer	David Joiner
Coaches	Jane Morrison & Dan Ockenden
Others	Howard Finch, Ian Hunter, Lynne Murphy & Tracey Wardope

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