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## Chairman's Message

Sorry to say our season is over. I wish to thank the committee as well as all of you who participated in our leagues during the season. We had a successful tournament, unfortunately we had to cancel two due to weather. We tried a new mix double play which we will continue next season.

Our Wednesday skill clinics were very successful thanks to Janis and Kevin. Based on the feedback we will adjust the clinics next season.

We hosted the sports mixer and Saturday morning coffee hour. Thanks to all who helped.

We had our year end Pickleball social on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Carrabbas. Thanks to Janis and Deb Atkinson for making the arrangements. We had over 40 people attend. Awards were given out for ladders and tournament play as well as door prizes. A good time was had by all.

It was a pleasure playing with all of you during the season. Our goal is to have fun and enjoy the game. Thank you for your support. Have a great summer. Look forward to seeing you in the fall. Stay safe and healthy.

Bill Blake, Chairman



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## St. Patrick's Day Coffee Serving



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## COFFEE HOUR – MARCH 19



No Title Needed – Richard & Bill



Pickleball Coffee Serving Help

### Other Pickleball News

#### Pickleball develops pros, prize money, biz ecosystem as it's designated Washington's state sport

By Tom Banse (Northwest News Network)  
March 21, 2022 6:13 p.m.

Next week, Gov. Jay Inslee is expected to sign a law designating pickleball as the official state sport of Washington. The mash-up of badminton, tennis and ping pong has come a long way since its invention on Bainbridge Island, Washington, in 1965. Skilled local pickleball players have turned pro and brand new businesses are opening to cater to the pandemic boom in recreational play.

Washington will become the 16th state with an official sport when Inslee signs the pickleball bill. Some of the other states that have gone before have obvious pairings such as Hawaii and surfing, Minnesota and ice hockey, Alaska and dog mushing. There are also some less obvious designations such as Colorado where the state sport is pack burro racing, or Maryland where it's jousting. Oregon and Idaho don't have an official state sport.

At the Washington Legislature, prime sponsor Sen. John Lovick (D-Mill Creek) explained why he served up pickleball to be the state sport.

"Washington will someday be known as the birthplace of Boeing, Microsoft, Starbucks and pickleball," Lovick said, quoting a constituent. "Tourists will travel to Bainbridge Island to see the first pickleball court and visit the Bainbridge Island historical museum's pickleball exhibit. Let's boast about this history and make pickleball the official sport."

The measure to designate pickleball attracted a little bit of grumbling inside and outside the capital as trivial, "worthless" or a waste of time during a short legislative session packed with high stakes, big-ticket issues.

"Sometimes we need to do things that are just fun when we deal with what we deal with," Lovick told fellow lawmakers back in January, anticipating the grumbling that would come.

Eastern Washington University in Cheney is preparing to host hundreds of amateur players for this July's Pacific Northwest regional championships in pickleball. A few weeks later, a big tournament in Bend will offer 25-thousand dollars in prize money.

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## Seven More Tips for Better Play

### 1. Have an advanced player watch you.

If you're a beginner or intermediate player, nothing is more educating than having someone much better than you critique your play. An advanced player has more time on the courts than you do and can see things that you can't see quite yet. There's nothing wrong with that, but having them watch you can be great for your game.

**2. Stay out of no man's land.** This is another super common beginner mistake and one that even advanced players make every now and then. No man's land is the area of the court that's in between the baseline and the kitchen. You don't want to be idly standing there because it encourages the opponent to hit to your feet. Shots to your feet almost always end in disaster.

**3. Stand your ground.** When I'm teaching beginners how to play, I will often stand on the sideline and watch them from the kitchen. A common behavior pattern I notice is that when a smash is coming their way, they begin to shuffle backward. This won't help you much unless you can get so far back that you'll be able to return the bounce of the smash. You're better off standing still and focusing on the ball.

**4. Cross-court dink for setups.** Hitting cross-court dinks can be a great way to set up some fun for your partner. If your opponent isn't expecting it, they can pop it up into the air for your partner to

smash. But be careful, if you're playing against advanced players, a cross-court dink that has too much angle on it can lead to your opponent hitting an "around the post" shot.

**5. Dink in a triangle.** My mind was slightly blown when I learned this strategy. When you're in a dinking battle with someone in front of you, try imagining that they're standing in a triangle and aim for those points. Example: hit a dink to their left side, then their right side, then their center.

**6. Stay calm and collected.** It may not seem like it, but there is a huge mental and mindset game in pickleball. Half of what makes a good pickleball player is mindset. If you're jittery and anxious, you may make poor decisions during the most critical times. The calmer and more centered you are, the better you'll play.

**7. Don't lob behind mobility-limited people.** This is just my opinion, but lobbing behind immobile or mobility-limited people in recreational play is very disrespectful. It's a "cheap shot" you could say. There's nothing that the player can do to get the ball and is an easy point for you. And that's just not fun for anyone.

By: BARRETT KINCHELOE  
**A Part of his 101 Pickleball Tips**  
(And that only takes us to his 59th)



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## MONDAY NIGHT PARTNER PLAY



**GROUP 1**



**GROUP 2**

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## 2022 – AWARDS Luncheon at Carrabba’s



## 2022 - Ladder & Monday Winners

### Monday Night Partner Play

Group 1

**High Avg Score**

**1st** Dave Harris

**2nd** Gerry DeJong

Group 2

**High Avg Score**

**1st** Joe McKeever

**2nd** Mike Bonham

### Tuesday Ladder League

**High Avg Score**

**1st** Steve Augsburger

**2nd** Jackie Barto

**3rd** Dave Harris

**4th** Sonny Shufelt

### Thursday Ladder League

**High Avg Score**

**1st** Dave Harris

**2nd** Jackie Barto

**3rd** Janis Hogan

**4th** Mike Bonham



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## Action Photos from



## The Monday, March 22



## Tournament



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## More Photos



## of the Tournament



## There were four teams in the March Monday Maple Tournament

### 1 – Paddle Battlers

Dave  
Larry  
Jackie  
Bonnie

### 2 – Dink till you Drop

Bill  
Gerry  
Gayle  
Debbie

### 3 – Smash em Silly

Janis  
Nola  
Glenn  
Kurt

### 4 – Spin them Crazy

Mike  
Steve  
Terri  
Roseanne

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**Award of Maple Syrup**



**Tournament Winners - Dink till you Drop  
Bill Gayle Debbie Gerry**



**Best Cheerleader of the night  
Jackie**

**This will be the last Court Report for this season. We hope everyone has a great summer. We have had a great season with the hopes to see you all next season.**

