June 1, 2025

New Pickleball Courts Opening Celebration at West Shore Parks & Recreation

Colwood, BC — The community is invited to celebrate the grand opening of the brand-new pickleball courts at West Shore Parks & Recreation on Friday, June 13 at 10:00 AM. This exciting addition to the local recreation scene features six state-of-the-art courts designed to serve both casual players and competitive enthusiasts. Featuring lower fences for better spectator views, space to expand the social picnic area and both reserved and drop-in play.

The grand opening celebration will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, light refreshments, and exhibition matches featuring local pickleball talent. Municipal mayors, counsellors, staff, West Shore Parks & Recreation Society board members and recreation staff will be on hand to welcome guests and share more about the new facility.

"West Shore Parks and Recreation is constantly evolving to meet the needs of our growing communities and provide accessible recreation for everyone. This new pickleball courts offer a fun and inclusive sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, fostering connections and contributing to the overall health and well-being of our community.", says **Kimberley Guiry,** West Shore Parks & Recreation Society Board Chair

Court Booking Information:

- Courts 1–4 are available for online reservation at a rate of $16 per 2-hour session.
- Courts 5 & 6 are designated as drop-in only, available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Reservations can be made same day or up to one week in advance through the WSPR website at https://explore.wspr.ca/Westshore/public/booking/items/PICKLEBALLCOURTSONLINE

On July 5th, Westshore Parks & Recreation will be hosting its first annual "Paddle Royale" Pickleball Tournament. This fun focused event will look to bring together beginner to intermediate recreational pickleball enthusiasts for a day of spirited matches and community fun. Held at the WSPR's new Outdoor Pickleball Courts, this doubles tournament features men's and women's divisions for the 2.0, 3.0, & 4.0 levels. Participants enjoy an organized schedule, professional-grade courts, and a lively atmosphere that celebrates both athleticism and camaraderie. With prizes, refreshments, and enthusiastic spectators, the WSPR Paddle Royale is a highlight of the local recreational calendar in the Westshore community. Registration information will be available starting Friday at wspr.ca

Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, the new courts offer a welcoming space to enjoy one of the fastest-growing sports in the country.

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About West Shore Parks & Recreation
West Shore Parks & Recreation is dedicated to providing diverse, accessible, and high-quality recreational facilities and services to the community. The organization continually strives to enhance the well-being of residents through programs, facilities, and activities that promote healthy, active lifestyles.

Previous Press Release regarding RFP process
October 23, 2024

West Shore Parks & Recreation Moves Forward with New Pickleball Courts Amid Growing Community Demand

West Shore Parks & Recreation is excited to announce that it is taking the first steps toward the construction of six new outdoor pickleball courts on its property. With the sport continuing to grow in popularity among all ages and abilities, WSPR is committed to enhancing recreational opportunities for the community.

At the June, 2024 Board of Directors meeting, West Shore Parks & Recreation's Board directed staff to begin the RFP process for the project. The construction of the pickleball courts will not require any additional tax requisitions or impact the 2024 budget. The use of funds from the general capital works reserve ensures that the project can move forward without financial strain. This project comes in response to overwhelming community interest and a consistently strong demand for additional pickleball facilities.

"I'm really excited about these new pickleball courts opening and what it represents for communities in Westshore. This prioritizes the physical health and wellness of our residents and shows that we are prepared to meet the demand of this growing sport. Amenities like this contribute to a high quality of life for residents of all ages and allow individuals to stay active playing this popular sport," stated West Shore Parks & Recreation Society Chairperson, Damian Kowalewich.

The new pickleball courts will replace the current beach volleyball courts located next to the tennis courts on the WSPR property. This location was selected due to its distance from residential areas, which minimizes noise concerns, and the availability of ample parking and nearby washrooms, making it an ideal spot for expanded recreation opportunities.

Qualified contractors with experience in outdoor sports facility construction are encouraged to express interest in bidding on this project.