



Brisbane Bayside Pickleball Club Monthly Newsletter

February 2026

Welcome

Well, well, well... look who made it through January! If you survived the summer heat on court without melting into a puddle, give yourself a well-deserved pat on the back (carefully — we know some of you have shoulder niggles) and welcome to the February 2026 edition of our club Newsletter!

February has been another cracking month, and if you thought things were busy before, buckle up — because March is arriving with the energy of a perfectly drilled forehand drive!

So what's happening? The Australian Masters Cup 2026 (AMC) kicks off on Tuesday, 3rd March. With 37 players currently registered we are all looking forward to testing our skills and pretending those extra biscuits at morning tea were purely for "energy loading." Good luck to all who have entered!

On the skills development front, our Skills and Drills sessions (thanks Andy Tomkins) are proving to be very popular and are continuing to grow.

We are on the hunt for a talented graphic designer/social media content creator to help us shine across all our social media platforms. If you — or someone you know — has the creative chops to make our club look as good as we think we all play, we would love to hear from you!

Until next time, keep it fun, keep it friendly, and keep those volleys low, and as always, see you out on the courts...

Brian Krisanski (Club Secretary)

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President's Report

Over the next 10 weeks (starting 03 March 2026), we are running (along with more than 57 other clubs throughout Australia), the club rounds of the Australian Masters Cup 2026. Our club competition is being run at the Victoria Point State High School on Tuesday evenings. At the time of this newsletter we have 37 of our club "masters" players (over 50 years young) who have signed on to make the commitment over the next 10. Our first session will see 32 of the registered players battle it out in the first round.

Redland council has just called for expressions of interest (EOI) in a Licence to Occupy (LTO) the EGW netball courts at Wellington Point. The primary licence holder will remain the Allstars Netball Club and an opportunity exists for a Pickleball Club to be the secondary licence holder. Twelve pickleball courts are on offer. The hours offered under the Licence to Occupy will be:

1 February to 30 September
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday:
7.00am – 2.30pm and
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 7.00am – 9pm

1 October to 31 January
Monday to Sunday: 7.00am to 9.00pm

(Cooperation will be required to work with the main licensee for 'special days').

Stay tuned for updates...

Our club committee has submitted an expression of interest to take part in the 2026 Redlands Coast AdventureFest Fun Day on Saturday 16 May 2026, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Andy has organised a gazebo which will display the club's colours and logo at the site. We have banners with our name on, and we will hand out brochures to explain who we are and where we play pickleball in the Redlands. Session gift vouchers will also be raffled off. We ask all members to get involved to support this great opportunity to promote our club's presence. All ideas are welcome.

The committee is working hard to look at ways to improve session times, Skills and drills, internal and inter-club competitions as identified in the recent survey. Andy will contact Meadowbrook (South side) along with Redbank for possible dates for a return competition. Our club championships are tentatively scheduled for June-July, with talk of making it a more social event "Christmas in July" more detail in due course.

Finally, a timely reminder, pickleball safety matters for players of all ages and abilities. Recent injury reports show that falls, muscle strains, overuse such as "pickleball elbow" and eye injuries remain the most common issues. While many of these injuries are preventable, they often occur when players push beyond their physical limits.

Catch you out on court, stay safe, hydrated and enjoy.

Chris Warner (Club President)



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Australian Masters Cup 2026

Our first club session of the Australian Masters Cup ran on Tuesday 03 March 2026.

We have 37 "Masters" players (over 50 years young) registered to play.

32 players took part for the first session at the Victoria Point State High School.

A fantastic evening was had by all.

A couple small teething issues, as with all things, occurred throughout the night but these are being addressed and we look forward to some great competitive games over the coming weeks.

BBPC Club Shirts

Most of our club Club shirts have now been distributed. If you made an order and have yet received your shirts, please contact Brian to arrange how to collect it.

We also have a number of "blank" club shirts available for purchase. These shirts (Polos, Tees, Singlets, Jackets) are club branded but contain no customisation (name or number) on them.

Please see/message Brian if you are interested in purchasing one of them. There are a limited supply, so first in best dressed.



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Content Creator

We WANT you!!

Are you obsessed with social media and are also good with computers.

We are looking to revamp our Social Media platforms and are looking for an energetic club member who would love to be involved and help develop and create social media content for our various platforms we are on (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube...).

If you are good with content creation and have a passion for pickleball (and who doesn't have that last one), then let us know as we would love to hear from you.

Come talk with Brian Krisanski (or send him a message) to discuss this great opportunity further.



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Skills and Drills

A huge shout out must go to Andy Tompkins for kicking off and running a number of Skills & Drills sessions at our venues/sessions.

Looking to improve your game. Rec play is fun, but you won't significantly improve your game if you don't practice. Keep an eye out in OpenSports for any sessions at a venue near you.

Be quick to register as spots are limited and they tend to fill up very fast.

Filled Brisbane Bayside Pickleball Club

Sunday 3:00-5:00PM

SKILLS & DRILLS - BBPC MEMBERS ONLY

Wellington Point Tennis Courts

All Skill Levels

SUN 08-03-26 (3 - 5pm) Skills & Drills - Wellington Point Tennis Courts

Mar 8 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Wellington Point Community Tennis Centre

10 going, all spots filled



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Coaches Corner

Anticipation: The Skill That Will Separate Players in 2026

Pickleball is changing fast. More pace, quicker hands, and less time to react. The players who are going to be winning in 2026 aren't necessarily the ones hitting the ball the hardest — they're the ones who can read what their opponents are about to do before they do it. That skill is anticipation, and it may well be the single greatest differentiator in the modern game.

With paddle technology advancing year on year, balls are being hit 5, 10, even 15 km's per hour harder than they were just a few years ago. More athletic players are entering the sport, and as pickleball has matured, players have discovered they can speed up the ball from virtually any position on the court and still win the point.

Reaction time alone is no longer enough to keep up. But if you can anticipate what your opponent is going to do before they do it, you're always one step ahead.



Here are four key anticipation skills you can start using right away.

1. Read Your Opponent's Body

The most important thing you can do is shift your focus away from yourself and onto the other side of the court. Many players are so consumed with not making mistakes that they never actually watch their opponents. Start looking for the telltale signs that a speed-up or a soft shot is coming from your opponent.

The shoulder is your biggest clue. If your opponent turns their shoulder toward you, they are coiling up to release power — expect a speed-up. If they are standing flat and square to the net, they are likely going to hit the ball soft. Combine that with the paddle face and you have a very reliable system. An open paddle face paired with a flat body position means a dink or reset is coming roughly 99% of the time. A closed paddle face with a turned shoulder means they are attacking.

The closer players get to the net, the less they turn their shoulders to speed up, so the paddle face becomes even more important to watch at close range. It is subtle, but the difference between an open and closed paddle face is one of the most reliable reads in the game.



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2. Know When You've Set It Up

This one sounds simple, but it is easy to overlook in the heat of a rally. If you or your partner pop the ball up or hit a weak shot, your opponents are almost certainly going to attack it. Don't wait to see what happens — anticipate it the moment the mistake leaves your paddle, take a few steps back, away from the net, and be ready to defend.

3. Recognise the Patterns

Pickleball is full of repeatable patterns and plays, and understanding them gives you a massive advantage. A great example is the triangle effect. If you speed up the ball across your opponent's body — say, from your right to their left — the counter-attack will most often come back in the opposite direction. Knowing this, you can position your paddle in anticipation of that return rather than scrambling to react to it.

The more you study patterns and plays, the more predictable your opponents become, and the easier it is to be in the right place at the right time.

4. Move Your Feet the Right Way

Anticipation without the right footwork won't get you far. When you sense a speed-up coming, step back and split step — a small two-footed hop that lands you on the balls of your feet, leaning slightly forward. This gives you more time and space to react, improves your stability, and sends signals to your brain that actually help with shot accuracy. Think of it like a sprinter on the starting blocks — leaning forward puts you in a position to explode in any direction.

When your opponents are attacking from the baseline or midcourt however, the approach flips. Rather than stepping back, hold your ground at the kitchen line. Extend your paddle out in front, stay relaxed, and go firm at the point of contact. You're not trying to hit a big shot — you're simply deflecting their pace right back at them and keeping the ball deep.

The Bottom Line

As pickleball continues to speed up year after year, the players who thrive won't just be the hardest hitters — they'll be the smartest readers of the game. Develop your anticipation, learn the patterns, move your feet correctly, and you'll have a genuine blueprint for beating any hard hitter you come up against.

See you on the courts!

Brian Krisanski (Club Coach)



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Supporting our Members

Club Members Business Page

As we have mentioned many times before, our fantastic club is a Club for its members.

We want to help support you as a thank you for being apart of our great club and supporting the sessions and events we host.

We are pulling together a business page to highlight the many varied businesses our members are involved with.

If you would like to have your business listed with us, please send an email to Andy Tompkins (andy@fifteenpeaks.com.au) with your Business Name, Contact Details and a short description of what you do.

We will have this information up on our club webpage and available to view at our pickleball sessions.

Help support our members and contact one of them today!!

Owner	Business Name	Email	Mobile	Category	Overview
Andy Tompkins	Fifteen Peaks	andy@fifteenpeaks.com.au	0425 030 633	Finance consulting	Bookkeeping, Fractional CFO and CFO advisory services for small to medium businesses
Wes Ferreria	WebForce Media	wesley@webforcemedia.com	0432 008 793	Advertising & Marketing	WebForce Media is an AI-powered advertising agency helping businesses generate more leads and increase sales. Our AI Ads Manager automates your ad campaigns across Google and Facebook. Empowering you to take control of your advertising and drive real business growth.
Sam Graham	Sam's Smart Repairs	ssrmobile@outlook.com.au	0421 324 852	Vehicle Repairs	Everything automotive paint & panel
Brian Krisanski	ExcelSuperSite	brian@excelsupersite.com	0431 701 066	Spreadsheets	All things spreadsheets for small to medium sized businesses. Creation, development, automation...
Brian Krisanski	Pickleball Coaching with Brian	coachbrianpickleball@gmail.com	0431 701 066	Pickleball Coaching	Master your pickleball game and take it to the next level with 1-on-1, or small group coaching sessions
Brian Krisanski	KSix Woodworking	brian.krisanski@gmail.com	0431 701 066	Woodworking/Garden Furniture	Locally built outdoor garden furniture and structures - everything from Dragon Fruit trellises, ornamental Rose trellises, planter boxes etc

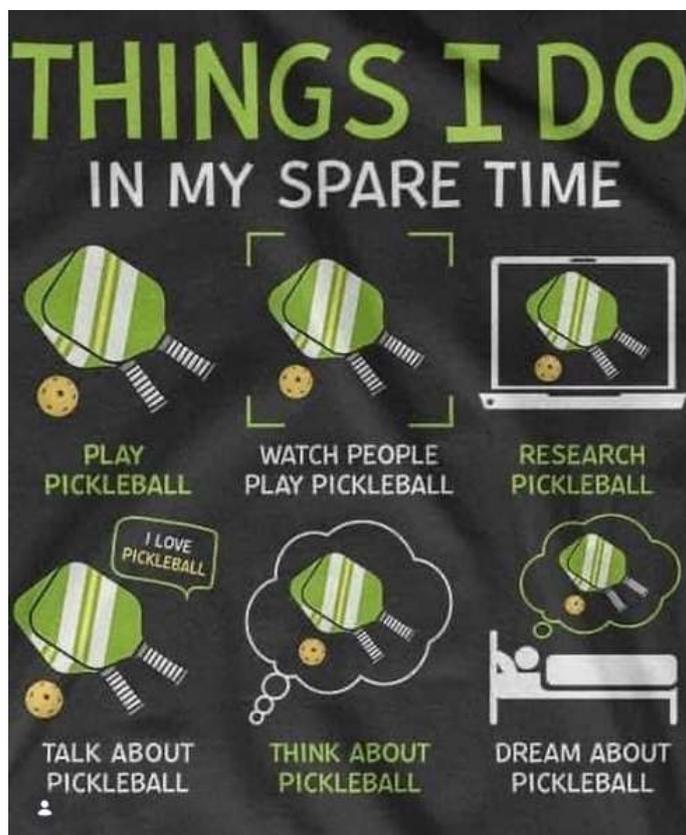
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Pickleball Funnies!!





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Take your Game to the NEXT Level!!

(Brian Krisanski - BBPC Coach/Instructor)

Want to improve your pickleball skills and take your game to the next level?

Get in contact with Brian Krisanski, our club coach/instructor and discuss how he can help you improve.

Brian is officially recognised and accredited with Pickleball Australia and Pickleball Coaching International and regularly runs 1 to 2 hour coaching sessions for one-on-one or small groups.

Contact Brian at: coachbrianpickleball@gmail.com

Brisbane Bayside Pickleball Club Merchandise

Love our club and want to show it off??

Why not get some Club merchandise?

Check out our online store at

<https://bbpc.redbubble.com>



PICKLEBALL COACHING
with **BRIAN**
Pickleball Australia Certified Coach
Pickleball Coaching International Certified Coach
(Australian and Queensland Championships medalist)
email: coachbrianpickleball@gmail.com

MASTER your Pickleball game and take it to the next level!!

Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced players all welcome!

COACHING OPTIONS
Private one-on-one (\$60 per hour)
2 players (\$40 per hour per person)
Group of 3 or 4 (\$30 per hour per person)
Bulk purchase discounts available



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Weekly Pickleball Sessions

Each week we run the following pickleball sessions. Reserve your spot via OpenSports –

<https://opensports.net/bbpc/tab/events>

For more information and instructions how to reserve your playing spot, see our webpage:

<https://www.baysidepickleballclub.com/book-session>

Wellington Point Tennis Courts (Outdoor Courts)

- **Monday 7:00pm-9:00pm**
Social/Come 'n' Try
- **Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Intermediate+
- **Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social & Intermediate/Advanced sessions
- **Sunday 3:00pm-5:00pm**
Self run session – no host (BYO gear)

Iona Tennis Centre (Outdoor Courts)

- **Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social
- **Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social/Come 'n' Try

Victoria Point State High School (Indoor Courts)

- **Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social
- **Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm**
Social
- **Saturday 8:30am-10:30am**
Social/Come 'n' Try

Cleveland State School (Indoor Courts)

- **Sunday 9:00am-11:00am**
Social/Come 'n' Try

Weekly Pickleball Sessions

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wellington Point Tennis Courts	7-9 PM Social Come 'n' try		6:30-8:30PM Intermediate+	6:30-8:30PM Social 6:30-8:30PM Intermediate-Advanced			3-5PM BBPC Members ONLY
Iona Tennis Centre	6:30-8:30PM Social Come 'n' try		6:30-8:30PM Social Come 'n' try				
Victoria Point State High School		6:30-8:30PM Social Come 'n' try		6:30-8:30PM Social		6:30-8:30AM Social Come 'n' try	
Cleveland State School							9-11 AM Social Come 'n' try

OpenSports - <https://opensports.net/bbpc>
<https://www.baysidepickleballclub.com>
play@baysidepickleballclub.com



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Brisbane Bayside Pickleball Club Committee

President – Chris Warner

email: president@baysidepickleballclub.com

Secretary – Brian Krisanski

email: secretary@baysidepickleballclub.com

Treasurer – Jean Warren

email: treasurer@baysidepickleballclub.com

General Committee

email: play@baysidepickleballclub.com

- Cynthia Krisanski
- Andy Tompkins
- Wendy Tompkins
- Paul Harper
- Corinne Harper
- Greg Ryan
- Kerrie Ryan
- Heather Tyrrell

Our Club Financial Member Stats

Youngest	12.0	Male	150	48.4%			
Oldest	79.1	Female	160	51.6%			
Average Age	53.2	Other	0	0.0%			
		Total	310	100.0%			
		#	%	Male	%	Female	%
Under 20	9	3.4%	5	3.8%	4	3.0%	
20-30	12	4.5%	5	3.8%	7	5.3%	
30-40	18	6.8%	13	9.8%	5	3.8%	
40-50	51	19.2%	27	20.3%	24	18.0%	
50-60	92	34.6%	41	30.8%	51	38.3%	
60-70	57	21.4%	27	20.3%	30	22.6%	
70+	27	10.2%	15	11.3%	12	9.0%	
Total	266	100.0%	133	100.0%	133	100.0%	

(** some age data not available)

Sponsors

A huge thank you to our club's sponsors.



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Important Links

Website: <https://www.baysidepickleballclub.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095199866558>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/brisbanebaysidepickleballclub/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgxBnHjA3MWNmRCwf1eXyIQ>





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Buy / Sell / Swap / Trade

Have any pickleball gear, paddles etc that you are wanting to sell, swap, or trade, then let us know and we can add it here in our newsletter to let our members know what you have to offer or what you are chasing.

Need to purchase a pickleball paddle and not sure where to buy them from or if the one you are thinking about even suits your game?

Brian Krisanski now has a range of demo paddles that you can “Try before you Buy!!”

He will have them available at each session (he attends). Come speak to him to determine which paddle best suits your game.

See Brian/Cynthia Krisanski or Paul/Corinne Harper for more details

NIUPIPO
AUSTRALIA

<https://niupipo.com.au/>



Need a portable pickleball net, pickleball balls, non-residue court tape, or even a Ksix Chalk Line Marker – make sure you visit the Third Shot Warehouse website.

<https://thirdshotwarehouse.com/>



PowerCore Explorer Pro -
Elongated
\$140



PowerCore Explorer Pro -
Widebody
\$140



PowerCore - Jack Foster
14mm
\$210



PowerCore Round Top
Green - Elongated Handle
\$210



PowerCore Square Top
Blue - Elongated Handle
\$210



PowerCore China -
Elongated Handle
\$210



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OBELISK

<https://www.obeliskpickleball.com/paddles>

Use **BRIAN10** for a 10% discount on your order



Horizon III Gen3S
\$249



Invictus III Gen3
\$249



Triple Crown Gen3
\$249



Red Horizon
\$189

CRBN

<https://crbnpickleball.com/>

Use **BRIANCRBN** for a 10% discount on your



CRBN⁴ TruFoam Genesis (Hybrid, Aerocurve)
\$436.00



CRBN³ TruFoam Genesis (Elongated)
\$436.00



CRBN² TruFoam Genesis (Square)
\$436.00



CRBN¹ TruFoam Genesis (Elongated, Long Handle)
\$436.00



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Upcoming Pickleball Tournaments

Check out the following URL for the latest
Tournament listing:

<https://www.baysidepickleballclub.com/tournaments>

2026 Australian Pickleball Tournament Calendar

January

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
The SPIRIT	T1	Sutherland, NSW	9-11 Jan
Dink Fest	T1	Port Macquarie, NSW	17-18 Jan
Paddles on the Murray	T1	Albury, NSW	23-26 Jan
Central Highlands Ballarat Tournament	T1	Ballarat, VIC	24-26 Jan
Hobart Grand Slam	T2	Hobart, TAS	31 Jan - 1 Feb

February

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Tasmania Pickleball Championships	T3	Hobart, TAS	6-8 Feb
QPT Gold Coast	T1	Gold Coast, QLD	13-15 Feb
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, NSW	19-22 Feb
QPT Gladstone	T1	Gladstone, QLD	20-22 Feb
Western Australia State Championships	T3	Perth, WA	27 Feb - 2 Mar
Sydney Grand Slam	T1	Sydney, NSW	28 Feb - 1 Mar



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March

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Victorian Pickleball Championships	T3	Melbourne, VIC	6-9 Mar
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, NSW	14-16 Mar
Girls just wanna have fun!	T1	Brisbane, QLD	14 Mar
PCYC Bateau Bay Tournament	T1	Bateau Bay, NSW	20-22 Mar
The Big Chill	T2	Canberra, ACT	21-23 Mar
Australia Masters - Brisbane	T1	Brisbane, QLD	21-22 Mar
Adelaide Mini Tournament	T2	Adelaide, SA	21-22 Mar
Australian Rainbow Pickleball Championships	-	Tempe, NSW	27-29 Mar
WA Junior Classic	-	Nollamara, WA	28 Mar

April

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Brisbane Grand Slam	T1	Brisbane, QLD	3-6 Apr
The Big Dill	T1	Melbourne, VIC	3-6 Apr
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBA, VIC	10-12 Apr
NSW Pickleball Championships	T3	Blacktown, NSW	16-19 Apr
Noosa Doubles Classic	T1	Noosa Heads, QLD	18-19 Apr
QPT Redcliffe	T1	Redcliffe, QLD	24-26 Apr
Battle of the Border (NSW vs VIC)	-	Albury, NSW	25-26 Apr



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May

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, NSW	1-3 May
Australian Masters Sydney	T1	Sydney, NSW	9-10 May
QPT Townsville	T1	Townsville, QLD	15-17 May
Melbourne Grand Slam	T1	Melbourne, VIC	15-17 May
Barrington Seniors	T1	Taree, NSW	16-18 May
South Australia Pickleball Championships	T3	Adelaide, SA	22-24 May
Northern Territory Pickleball Championships	T3	Alice Springs, NT	30-31 May
Buderim Open	T1	Buderim, QLD	30-31 May
QPT Mackay	T1	Mackay, QLD	30-31 May

June

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Warrnambool Pickleball Open	T2	Warrnambool, VIC	5-8 Jun
Gold Coast Grand Slam	T1	Gold Coast, QLD	5-7 Jun
PCYC Wagga Wagga Tournament	T1	Wagga Wagga, NSW	6-8 Jun
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, NSW	12-14 Jun
QPT Sunshine Coast	T1	Sunshine Coast, QLD	19-21 Jun
River City Classic	T2	Brisbane, QLD	26-28 Jun
Pride and Paddles	T2	Melbourne, VIC	26-28 Jun



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July

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Queensland Pickleball Championships	T3	TBC, QLD	2-5 Jul
Australian Masters - Gold Coast	T1	Sydney, NSW	11-12 Jul
QPT Yeppoon	T1	Yeppoon, QLD	17-20 Jul
Hawkesbury Winter Tournament	T2	Hawkesbury, NSW	17-20 Jul
Yeppoon Pickleball Festival	T1	Yeppoon, QLD	20-21 Jul
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, VIC	24-26 Jul
Yeppoon Classic	T1	Yeppoon, QLD	24-26 Jul
Pickleball Australia Seniors - Ocean Grove Classic	T1	Ocean Grove, VIC	TBC

August

Tournament Name	Tier	Location	Dates
Sydney Grand Slam	T1	Sydney, NSW	1-2 Aug
Northern Rivers Regional Rally	T1	Ballina, NSW	7-9 Aug
Gippsland Championships	T2	Traralagon, VIC	7-9 Aug
QPT Cairns	T1	Cairns, QLD	8-9 Aug
PPA Tour Australia	T5	TBC, QLD	15-17 Aug
Australian Masters Melbourne	T1	Melbourne, VIC	22-23 Aug
QPT Hervey Bay	T1	Hervey Bay, QLD	28-30 Aug

September - December

No tournaments currently scheduled



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How do I register to play in a Tournament

Once you've found a tournament you would like to attend, head to Pickleball Tournaments (<https://pickleballtournaments.com/>) and set up a profile or register.

How do I find out my Member ID number?

To find out your member number and your membership expiry date head to the Member Finder section of the Pickleball Australia website (<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/pickleballaus/member-finder/>).

When I try to register it says that my membership expires before the tournament commences and wants me to renew early!

That is true. When you register for the tournament, the system needs to ensure that you are a valid member during the tournament. But, just because it asks you to renew early, that doesn't mean that you lose months of membership. Your expiry date does not change. So even though you have to renew in January for a tournament, your expiry date of May does not shift and you won't be asked to renew again until May 2027.

What do I do if I don't have a partner to enter a tournament with?

You can still register for a tournament and choose 'partner required' when you register. You can also see who needs a partner within that tournament and you can reach out to them using the Pickleball Tournaments website.