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First ever Invermere pickleball tourney

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The Invermere Pickleball Club is hosting their first ever inter-club pickleball tournament this Sunday, July 21st.

The local club, boasting more than 100 members strong, has invited the Calgary Pickleball Club to attend the one-day tournament, called the Invermere Pineridge Appreciation Days Tournament. Pam Reilander, one of the event coordinators, reports they hope to have up to 45 players attend the tournament, and would invite any interested players to sign up. The club would also like to invite the public to come out and watch, learn a little more about the game, and see what is getting more and more people on the pickleball courts these days.

The mixed doubles tournament is scheduled to be held at the Pine Ridge pickleball courts in Invermere. Pine Ridge developers, the Statesman Group, recently installed fencing around the courts, making it the perfect location to host a summer tournament, says Ms. Reilander.

“They must be the most beautiful location in Canada to play pickleball,” she remarks of the Pine Ridge courts, which are perched above Invermere, overlooking Lake Windermere.

If you are interested in trying pickleball, the club plays Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at Pine Ridge from May until October, and Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the Columbia Lake Recreation Centre. Club membership fees are \$20 per year and assist the club with supplies and equipment. Pine Ridge courts are free to play at. The rec centre charges a \$5 drop-in fee for 60 and up; \$7.50 for under 60. Club member John Hague invites anyone interested to come out and try the sport.

Tournament entry is \$20. Games begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 21st. The club is also hosting The Don Bruce Memorial Tournament August 18th at the Columbia Lake Recreation Centre, with all proceeds going to the Columbia Lake Recreation Society. To register for the tournaments or to learn more, visit www.invermepickleball.ca.