

FOCUS PICKLEBALL REDCLIFFE *Summer Newsletter*

Hello, this is Director of Pickleball Dylan Kimlin with a Seasonal Newsletter. Going forward I will be doing quarterly newsletters to keep our members in the loop with all of the exciting things happening at Focus!

First things first we want to thank everyone for a fantastic 2023! We capped off the year with tremendous play across our Monday and Wednesday night Leagues. We were also fortunate enough to have social media superstars, the Kitchen, join us for a session during the school holidays.

Thank you to Six Zero for assisting us with this event. Professional players Somer Dalla-Bona from the Northern Crocs and George Wall from the Fast 4's came down and played with our members in a fun session!



PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES

Focus Pickleball Redcliffe has multiple tournaments and leagues this year! National Pickleball League (NPL) had a Draft Combine on Saturday 20th! It was great to see all of the players trying their hearts out to impress the captains for a chance to be drafted! Plenty of information will be provided for our future NPL Sessions this season

NPL Schedule:

Round 1: SAT MARCH 2nd
Round 2: SAT MARCH 18th
ROUND 3: SAT APRIL 6th
ROUND 4: SAT APRIL 27th
ROUND 5: SAT MAY 11th
FINALS: SAT/SUN JUNE 1st/2nd

Pacific Pickleball (PPL) recently had their Major League Pickleball Australia draft. Focus Pickleball Redcliffe are excited to announce that we will be having a combined PPL and Major League Pickleball tournament with both domestic and international teams battling it out for \$130000 in prize money!

PPL Schedule:

Sydney: 23-25 Feb
Auckland: 29-31 Mar
Redcliffe: 17-19 May
Goldcoast: 22-25 Aug
South East Asia: 17-20 Oct
Melbourne: 7-10 Nov

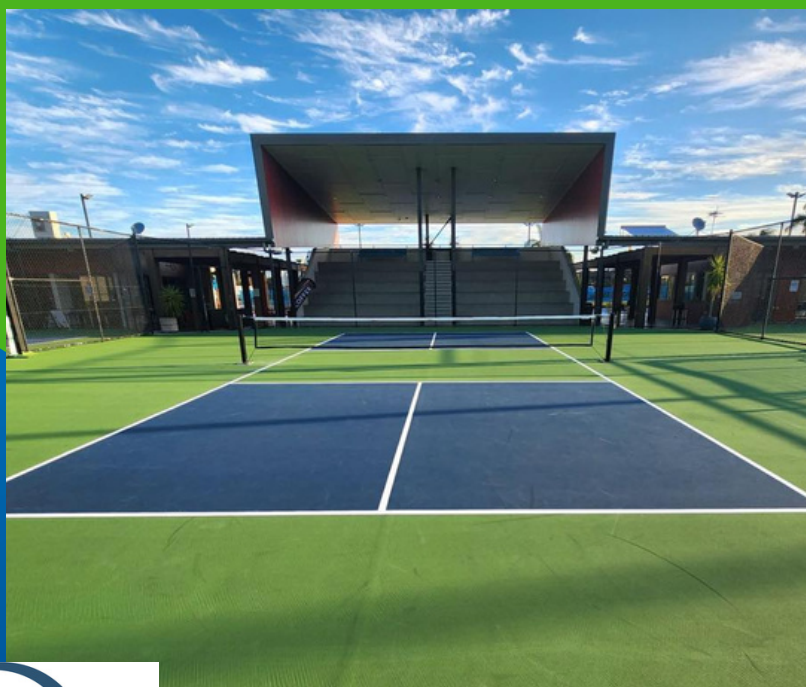


OPEN SPORTS AND PRICING

During the later months of 2023 we decided to move our bookings system across to open sports! The reason we have done this, as it is the primary pickleball app for most clubs in the Greater Brisbane Region. You can not only see what events we have on but also other clubs in our region! We highly recommend that all players download the app to see which sessions we have on during the day.

On top of this Focus Pickleball Redcliffe has adjusted our prices. We were always going to have a slight price increase once the courts were fully completed and this has been acted upon at the start of 2024. Day sessions are now \$14 and night sessions are \$16 per person. Once again you can find all of our session prices on the Open Sports App.

Memberships are available on Open Sports, every regular social player is required to be a club member for insurance purposes.



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

All Sanctioned tournaments can be found on the Pickleball Association Australia Website:

<https://www.pickleballaus.org/tournaments>

I have printed A3 copies of the tournament Calendar around the centre.

January

Redcliffe Twilight
19th-20th January 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

**"The Spirit" - Combined Age
Doubles event**
20th-21st January 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

**The Wyndham Eagles first
Pride Cup 2024 - Werribee
Victoria**
26th - 29th January 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

February

**Western Australia Pickleball
Championships (AR)**
2nd-4th February 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

**Pickleball Australia Seniors
- Sunshine Coast**
13th-14th February 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

PPL Sydney (AR)
23rd - 25th February 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

**Warrnambool Pickleball
Open**
24th-25th February 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

March

**Tasmanian Pickleball
Championships (AR)**
1st - 3rd March 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

**2024 Victorian Open
Pickleball Championships
(AR)**
8th - 11th March 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

QPT - Brisbane
22nd - 24th March 2024

[Entries opening soon!](#)

PPL Auckland
29th - 31st March 2024

[Entries opening soon!](#)

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April

May

June

Brisbane Teams Challenge

6th - 7th April 2024

Entries opening soon!

Barrington Doubles

4th - 5th May 2024

Entries opening soon!

Gold Coast Grand Slam

7th - 9th June 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

Noosa Doubles Classic

13th - 14th April 2024

Entries opening soon!

PPL Brisbane (AR)

17th - 19th May 2024

Entries opening soon!

River City Classic - Brisbane (AR)

22nd - 23rd June 2024

Entries opening soon!

2024 NSW Pickleball Championships (AR)

19th - 21st April 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

QPT - Townsville

18th - 19th May 2024

Entries opening soon!

Queensland Pickleball Championships (AR)

28th - 30th June 2024

[Click here for more details](#)

Pickleball Australia Seniors - Currumbin

27th-28th April 2024

[Click here to enter!](#)

South Australian Pickleball Championships (AR)

24th - 26th May 2024

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July

Pickleball Australia Seniors - Yeppoon

20th - 21st July 2024

Entries opening soon!

Yeppoon Teams Challenge

23rd - 25th July 2024

Entries opening soon!

QPT - Yeppoon

26th - 28th July 2024

Entries opening soon!

August

Northern Rivers Doubles 2024

3rd - 4th August 2024

Entries opening soon!

Kendall Pickleball Championships

17th - 18th August 2024

[Click here for more details](#)

QPT - Hervey Bay

17th - 18th August 2024

[Click here for more details](#)

PPL Gold Coast (AR)

22nd - 25th August 2024

Entries opening soon!

September

Toowoomba Carnival Bash 2024

13th - 15th September 2024

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October

2024 Australian Pickleball Championships (AR)

2nd - 7th October 2024

Entries opening soon!

PPL SE Asia

17th - 20th October 2024

Entries opening soon!

Sunshine Coast Open 2024 (AR)

26th and 27th October 2024

Entries opening soon!

November

Pan Pacs Masters Games 2024

7th - 10th November 2024

Click here for more details

PPL Melbourne (AR)

7th - 10th November 2024

Entries opening soon!

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REDCLIFFE RUMBLE

Our first tournament of 2024. The Redcliffe rumble was a hit! Thank you to all of our referees, tournament staff, volunteers and players for a brilliant 2 days of play. We have received so much positive feedback from our players that the twilight format was great. We took a bunch of photos during the event, you can find them on our Focus Pickleball Redcliffe Facebook page!



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



Each newsletter I will try and get a player interview! I love sitting down and speaking with you all, getting some additional insights into our regulars is something I want to promote going forward!

Our interview this newsletter is with: Leanne Flanagan

Where are you from? Do they play pickleball there?

Born in Brisbane and yes they play Pickleball there. I grew up in Wavell Heights and lived out on a cattle station at Claremont for 20 years.

How long have you played Pickleball?
Maybe 18 months on and off, I learnt to play at Deception Bay PCYC. I have played just about everywhere including Albion, Morayfield, Deception Bay and here.

Which sessions do you normally play?
Monday night league, Wednesday Morning, Belvedere Blast and Friday morning and Saturday morning. (Editors note: It is fair to say Leanne is addicted.)

Favourite shot in Pickleball?
Backhand volley, look out!

Will we see you at Tournaments in 2024?
Yes for sure!

MEET THE STAFF

Our Staff interview this week is with:
Caroline

Where are you from? Do they play pickleball there?

My family has just moved up from Melbourne where pickleball is mainly played indoors. I am thrilled to be joining the Focus family as this has to be the best pickleball venue in the country.

I am originally from South Africa.

How long have you played Pickleball?
My in-laws introduced me to the sport in 2022, I was instantly addicted. I completed a coaching course, served on the Pickleball Victoria committee and volunteered to set up many venues.

Favourite shot in Pickleball?
I love a hands battle at the net.

Will we see you at Tournaments in 2024?
I am currently participating in the Monday Night League and will be competing at the Victorian Open. I am hoping to play in my first Qld tournament soon.

Happy pickling everyone!



PICKLESOX

You might notice some new apparel in our store. Picklesox is a local brand from Pickleball addict Brad Kluss! Brad plays out at KT Academy in Sunny Coast but enjoys playing on our courts. Focus Pickleball Redcliffe love to support local Businesses! Take a look at their wacky coloured socks next time you are in!



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NEW UNIFORMS

We have revamped our Pickleball Clothing!

Hats and tournament shirts are now available for purchase! We have also updated our staff shirts to look as snazzy as our courts. Shirts: \$45 and hats \$30



OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND CONTACT DETAILS

I have recently created a Focus Pickleball Redcliffe Instagram and Facebook page. They have a bunch of information on it so make sure you chuck them a follow!



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