

# Concept Proposal for the RC Community

By the Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association

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## Introducing the Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association (SCPA)

- In 2009, enthusiasts introduced Pickleball to the Coast.
- It was immediately popular as an activity that enhanced social interactions and physical and mental wellness.
- SCPA was incorporated under the Society Act on May 29, 2014.
- Besides fostering an inclusive, positive experience for its members, the SCPA's vision is to secure an indoor facility to meet the sport's needs.
- Pickleball on the Coast lacks a year round facility. This presentation builds the case for such a facility and asks for the support from the Roberts Creek community.



## Pickleball - It's the fastest growing sport here and across Canada.

- ✓ Improves cardiovascular health
- ✓ Enhances balance and coordination
- ✓ Increases muscle strength
- ✓ Cognitive stimulation
- ✓ Multi-generational
- ✓ Family recreation
- ✓ Community and social connections

But most importantly:

**It's Fun & Easy to Play but Challenging to Master!**



## Pickleball Demographics on the Coast

- SCPA estimates there are about 500 Pickleball players on the Coast currently (about 70% are SCPA members)

Location	%
Sechelt	39
Gibsons	25
Halfmoon Bay	13
Roberts Creek	10
Pender Harbour	5
Off Coast Visitors	8

- Average age is about 63, 5 years ago the average age was 72
- Typically, 45% male, 55% female
- **74% live within ~15 minutes of the intersection of Roberts Creek Road & Hwy 101**

## SCPA Roberts Creek Programs

Every Saturday during the school year we host at Roberts Creek Elementary two pickleball sessions:

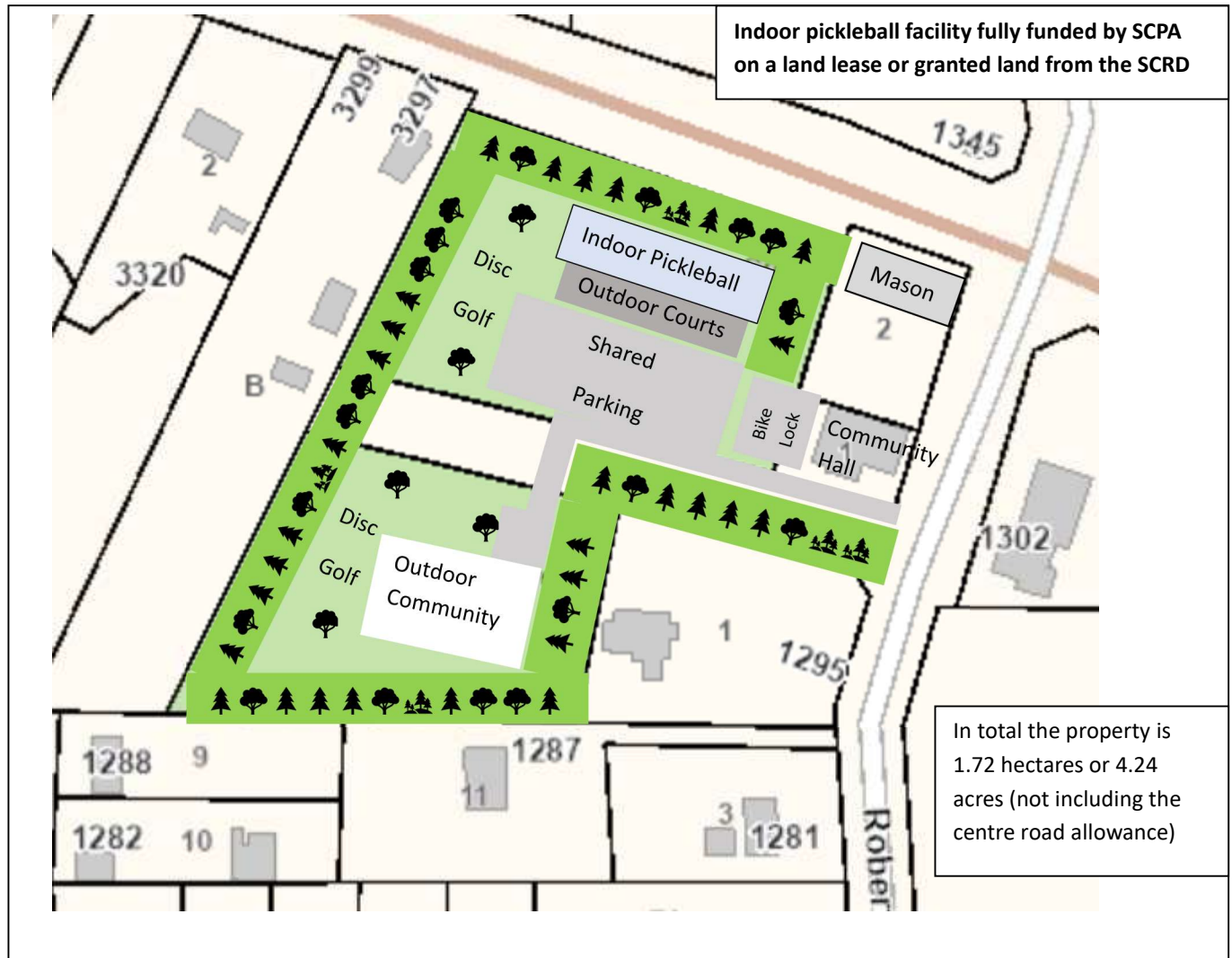
- A two hour session offering social play that routinely oversubscribes the 3 available courts.
- A one hour session offering newcomers free orientation & instruction. Most of these newcomers have now become avid pickleballers!
- A new pickleball program for RC Elementary in Spring 2026



We also held a CPR/DFIB workshop at Roberts Creek Elementary

On the next page SCPA enthusiastically presents a Concept Proposal for a recreational and social hub for the OCP designated, and SCRD owned, park property at the intersection of Roberts Creek Rd and HWY 101. This proposal will complement, and add to, the recreational and social components as currently identified by the [Roberts Creek Community Association](#).

## Concept Proposal for Roberts Creek Lot 2 DL 2631



### Benefits of the Concept Proposal

- **A SCPA funded and managed year-round pickleball facility for all pickleball players**
- **A new expanded shared parking lot for pickleball players & local community**
- Secure bike lock-up behind Community Hall - developed by SCRCD & Roberts Creek community
- Removable nets giving large open area for other sports (e.g. badminton, basketball) and events
- School play and leagues – in 2026 SCPA is introducing a pickleball program in SD46 schools
- Marshaling point for mountain bikers
- Emergency muster point
- Roberts Creek events – Creek Daze, Art Crawl venue, Expanded Market, Christmas Craft Fair



## Features of the Concept Proposal

- Access off of Roberts Creek Rd as present to preserve trees on the designated road allowance
- Trees preserved throughout the site as much as possible to retain forest environment and trails
- Disc Golf trail meanders through the trees as developed by the Disc Golf group
- Very convenient transportation access - bus, bike & car for local and off Coast visitors
- Possible Park & Ride and transportation hub
- Outdoor courts – as demand dictates - jointly developed and funded by SCPA and tennis
- Outdoor Community Area - TBD and developed by Roberts Creek Community and SCR D

### SCPA seeks from the RC Community

**\* Your support for our Concept Proposal**

**\* Your advice on the best way to keep this conversation going**



## Thank You

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## Appendix: Proposed Pickleball Building

Primarily a metal structure that could be very basic, but functional, or one with interesting architectural components, all dependent on success of capital fundraising.

### Basic



### Architectural



## Possible Eight Court Indoor Pickleball Facility

**Outer Dimension:** 70' wide; 262' long; ~16' eave; peak gable ~ 28'

**Inner court area:** Clear span with support posts coming down between the courts.

**Washroom & Entrance:** 70' wide; 12' deep as diagrammed

**Insulation:** Good sound reducing insulation (as well as thermal).

**Doors:** Garage door one end and entrance doors each end. Side doors as required by code.

**Windows:** As required by code.

**Power:** Good LED lighting; fan ventilation; heating – heat pump or in-floor if concrete flooring  
Receptacles in entrance, washrooms and along the court access area as required by code.

**Water:** Washrooms (accessible), entrance and sprinklers as required by code.

**Septic:** As required by code

## One Possible Layout for Eight Court Pickleball Facility

Playing surface coated concrete or asphalt – removable nets

Eave Height: ~16' Gable Height ~28'

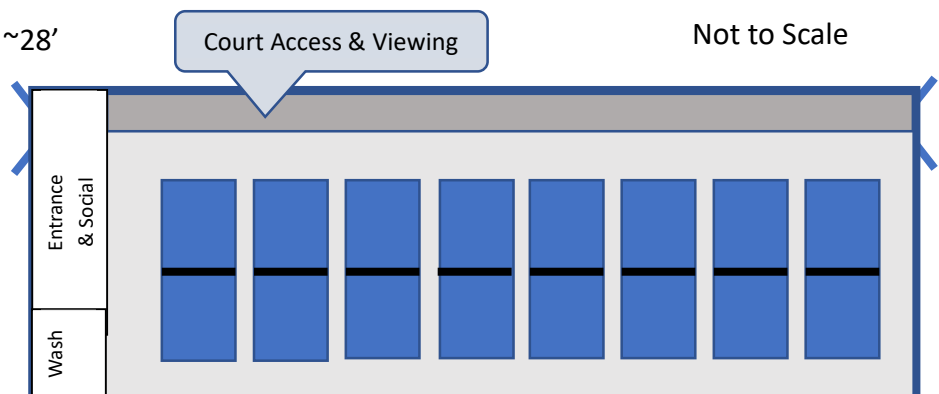
Court Dimension: 20'x44'

Spacing Between Courts: 10'

Spacing Behind Courts: 10'

Court Access Corridor: 6'x250'

Washroom Dimension: 20'x12'



Entrance & Social: 50'x12' Note: Entrance and washroom could be a smaller lean-to structure