

Greetings,

We are excited to announce S.L.O.P. (Shannon Lake Organized Play) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30. Here are some key points:

- Registration for this event is required and will be capped at 20 players.
- Registration will open on Saturdays at 7:00 pm
- You can register for these events at <https://www.wkpc.club/hold-my-court/shannon-lake-courts>
- You can register for more than one event per week
- There will be a waitlist for those who don't register in time.
- If you register but then find that you are unable to play you must withdraw yourself from the event. The instructions on how to do so can be found on the same website listed above
- Once someone withdraws from an event, the first person on the waitlist will receive an automated email invite that will be valid for 12 hours from the timestamp on the email. If you don't click on the link within the email to complete the registration process within 12 hours, your invitation will become invalid and the next person on the waitlist will be sent an email
- This is a "No Host, Self Serve" event. It literally takes less than 5 minutes to organize the playing groups once everyone has signed in. You can read more about how to run this event [HERE](#).
  - As a club we don't really want to pin the running of any of these events on one person since that person might not be able to attend on any given day. We are hopeful that many of you will step up and take a turn or two at organizing the groups.
- The goal of this event is to create competitively matched playing groups given the skill levels of those who are attending on any given day
- Players are encouraged to adjust their self rating up or down each week depending on some key factors including:
  - Previous game results (For example last week you rated yourself as a 3.0 player but you lost all of your games so this week you should rate yourself at 2.7ish or vice versa)
  - Health (normally you play at a 3.5 level but you have a sore knee so this week you might want to go down to 3.3)
  - Mood (you got a speeding ticket on the way to the event - adjust up or down depending on how you feel LOL)
- If you end up winning/losing about half of your games then your self rating would be about right. If you find that you are winning or losing a big chunk of your games you need to be honest and ruthless with yourself when it comes to your self rating and adjust accordingly.
- Don't forget that it is expected that your rating will go up and down (much like a golf handicap).

- The #1 thing that members tell us when it comes to Organized Play is that they want to play with players who are as close to their level as possible given the players attending the event.
  - Don't be that player who over rates themselves so that they can play against better players. You will NOT improve using that strategy but you will frustrate the players who are beating you up on the pickleball court!!!!!!
- We will monitor the number of players who sign up for these events and compare that to the number of courts still available. We will adjust the size of these events as needed

That's about it for now. We hope that you enjoy S.L.O.P. and encourage you to take a turn organizing the groups. A club like ours needs volunteers in order to be successful, running one of these events is a very simple way you can step up and help out.