

Congratulations to our own

# Elvyna Kerrey

NS Community Sports Volunteer  
Winner 2025



Vyna has been an outstanding and much-loved volunteer and face of this new sport of pickleball on the North Shore for the last 5+ years.

Pickleball is so loved because it creates inclusive, friendly community as well as being a vehicle for fitness and games, and the local pickleball community has become an important social net for many people from Deep Cove to Gleneagles. Vyna's monumental volunteerism this year has had a significant impact on supporting and expanding this community.

### **Hosting: She's Here, She's There, She's Everywhere!**

Vyna's extensive hosting has made her the face of pickleball on the North Shore to hundreds of players. Her welcoming work of volunteerism over thousands of hours has promoted the inclusive, friendly culture of the sport and grown the pickleball community significantly as she hosted at several venues, both indoor and outdoor, all year long.

She knows everyone's name and their stories. She matches people up for games and has done much to grow players' confidence and the sport's culture of inclusivity and friendliness.

### **Behind the Scenes**

Vyna has been a NSPC Board member since 2020. Vyna helped plan, run and organize all the hosting of as many as 240 sessions at the Murdo Frazer outdoor courts and was part of the team that negotiated and set up club play at the new Fairgrounds Public Rackets Club, beginning January 2026. Last year there was the added challenge of organizing sound testing at the Murdo and Little Cates courts for a District of North Vancouver contractor. In addition, Vyna participated in the multiple meetings with local Parks staff that resulted this year in getting Little Cates upgraded from four to six pickleball courts.

Vyna's considerable computer skills allowed her to make full use of the Pickleball Canada communication system functions on behalf of NSPC, for everything from setting up the hundreds of registration links this year to selling T-shirts last year. She sends out weekly confirmation lists to participants and then answers email inquiries.

The North Shore Pickleball Club ran a very successful tournament for 300 people over 3 days in September at Little Cates Park which attracted top players from across the region and beginners too. Vyna managed all the registrations and worked tirelessly on the draw. After the tournament she entered all the results into the DUPR system too.

Whew. I might have missed something!

Submitted by Estha Parg Murenbeeld, president

On behalf of the North Shore Pickleball Club

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On March 5th 2026, NSPC's Vyna Kerrey was named NS Community Sport Volunteer of the Year.

