

# **COURT REPORT**

**Golf Lakes Pickleball Club Official Newsletter**

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**The purpose of the Court Report is to keep our club members informed of news, events, developments, and contact information. Hopefully you will find it beneficial towards answering any questions you may have.**

**The info provided is a result of GLPC board member meetings and reflects decisions that have received a majority vote and not just the views of the editor of this document.**

**Please have a 2018 and 2019 calendars and pen handy to take notes**

## **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE.**

**Hi Folks,**

**Well here we are embarking on our 5<sup>th</sup> year of pickleball in GL and our club has come a long way in a short time. That's not to say we are sitting back on our laurels, your pickleball board is moving forward lobbying the GL Board to consider implementing court improvements this season.**

**On points of safety when players on the adjoining court shout, "BALL" please stop playing especially if you cannot see the ball because it's probably behind you. Secondly please do not walk behind players to retrieve a ball on the adjoining court. We should have enough balls available without interfering with the play on the adjoining court. Thirdly if you take a tumble it was suggested by one of the members that you sit out at least one game to allow for some recovery and observations by other members. All the above points are good safety procedures let's try to get through a season at least without any avoidable accidents.**

**Okay preaching over, although I will be watching, let's have another fun and safe season.**

**Phil Snape, Chairman.**

## **GLPC BOARD MEMBERS**

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**If anyone has a suggestion, concern or query, please contact the appropriate board member for assistance. They will be happy to help you.**

### **REGISTRATION.**

Registration will remain the same as previous years. \$20 PER PERSON for any part of the season, payment by cash only. \*\*Registration forms are available on clubhouse bulletin board (in provided pocket) and need to be completed for the 2018 /19 season.

Registration dues need to be paid before participating in league ladders or tournaments. Please pay dues to our treasurer Bonnie Frye, or, in her absence, Phil Snape.

Once all memberships have been taken, every member will get a full membership list of names and phone numbers. This may take some time due to members still arriving in January. Please advise Bonnie or Phil of any changes to your contact information. Without correct information we can't keep you updated of what is happening.

### **PAST EVENTS.**

#### **NOVEMBER SOCIAL EVENING.**

On Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. 25 members gathered at the home of Debbie & Beryl Atkinson for our clubs first social of the season a BBQ /Pot Luck Style Dinner. Deb & Beryl were perfect hosts, they opened up their home and welcomed everyone to share great companionship and delicious food.

On behalf of the GLPC, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU! to Debbie & Beryl and all members who assisted them with the setting up and clearing away afterwards.

A great team effort! Many hands always make light work....

To the members who brought along a pot luck dish to share.....you really outdid yourselves, WOW! it was a menu fit for a king, so many choices....A fun night for all to remember.

If any other member wishes to host a social get-together please contact our social directors.

### **EVENTS TO COME.**

#### **LADDER LEAGUE.**

A mini ladder league will be commencing on Tuesday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. (No play on Thurs. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving ). Mini Ladder will end on Thursday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Phil Snape for more details and to be included. Members can play on both mornings or choose just one, Tuesday or Thursday. Substitutes are always needed and welcomed, if you wish to play on a more casual basis, substituting might be for you.

Play will begin at 7.45am SHARP! always allow at least 10 minutes for warm-up.

Please remember it is a commitment and although subs can be arranged it always creates more stress and work for Phil when members call requesting a substitute at the last minute, please be considerate and try to give as much notice as possible, at least 24 hours.

In order to commence playing in the league you must be a fully paid up member.

There will be no awards given for the conclusion of this league, just the usual rotation of your foursome with participants having the highest score moving up and lowest score moving down a level.

For a trial period during this mini league, all games will be played to 15 points.

Another completely new Ladder League will commence in January and scores from the mini ladder will not be carried over

### **TOURNAMENTS.**

There are 3 tournaments planned for 2019. All on Saturdays from 1pm to approx. 5pm. Tournament dates are as follows... Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and March 23<sup>th</sup>. 2019.

Mark these dates on your new 2019 calendar!!

Mike Henderson is our tournament director and he will have the sign-up sheet for the January 26<sup>th</sup> tournament at the courts very soon after Christmas.

There is a \$3 fee to enter each tournament, (payable to Bonnie, prior to the event).

This fee will go towards tournament prizes.

### **SOCIALS.**

There will be a social held once per month, these socials will NOT be held on the same day as the tournaments. At our last meeting on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> it was suggested that we try a BBQ, Cook-out/Pot Luck type of social held in the area of the GL clubhouse.

This type of social seems to be preferred instead of going to a local restaurant, members can mingle and socialize much easier, so the first one in January will be a trial to see how and if it works. More details will follow in the December Court Report once the social committee has arranged availability for the use of the clubhouse equipment etc.

Several great ideas have been suggested by our 3 social directors, so it is shaping up to being a fun season for everyone socially as well as on the courts.

### **PICKLEBALL LESSONS.**

Once again Jerry Ash has kindly volunteered to give pickleball lessons to any GL residents interested in learning the game.

Lessons will be held on Wednesday mornings at 11am, **\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY.** They begin on Wednesday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. 2018

If you know anyone interested in learning the game or just trying it out, please tell them to just show up at the courts at that time. No sign-up sheets, just show up.

Information on lessons will be posted on the court and clubhouse bulletin boards.

Immediately following the lessons, starting at noon, there is a Novice playing time for anyone wishing to practise what they learned at the lesson.

THANKS! once again Jerry for volunteering to do this service for the club.

### **PLANS FOR FUTURE COURT DEVELOPMENTS.**

Towards the end of last season, the GL board of directors approved our suggested court improvements for lighting and shading, however the commencement date for the work to begin was tabled pending a commencement date by the GL Board.

At the upcoming GL Board meeting on Thursday Nov.29<sup>th</sup>. Our court improvements are on the agenda. Once again Phil will be in attendance to present a further request to begin work ASAP. It has been suggested by several GL board members that we lobby for just one of the improvements to begin with and then approach the other improvement at a later date. This topic was discussed at our last meeting and it was voted unanimously that we ask for the shading project to be considered first.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> is more than welcome and your support for Phil and these court improvements would be appreciated.

We are now facing new estimates from the project contractors as there has been a substantial rise in the cost of aluminum, so, our club's initial funding towards the total cost may have to be increased.

We will continue to fundraise towards the cost of these two court improvements as we did last season. Sooooo that brings me to the next topic.....

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST.**

A Pancake Breakfast has been organized for December 13<sup>th</sup>. 2018.

Beginning at 7.30 am to 9.30 am. At the GL clubhouse.

Our Social Directors are organizing this event. They need volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping out, please contact one of them they have a list of volunteer tasks they need help with. This event can only happen with volunteer involvement, it takes a lot of work to organize in order to be successful. If we want the improvements made on our courts we have to be willing to donate to part of the cost, fundraising is the only way to accomplish this, so please give generously of your time and give them a call.

### **NEW COURT EQUIPMENT.**

At our last meeting it was agreed upon to purchase a large sponge roller to dry off the court puddles following a rain shower. In the next few weeks you will find it attached to the chain link fence. Please return it to the allocated spot after use

### **NEW STARTING TIME.**

**Most of you are already aware by now, but for those members still to arrive, we are now commencing play each morning at 7.30 am.**

This earlier time was requested by our chairman earlier this year and received GLBD approval in October.

We are asking all members to honour this new ruling by NOT playing before 7.30 am. on any given day. The GLBD generously gave us this extra half hour, let's not take advantage by starting to play even earlier. If any member observes other residents and their guests playing earlier Wednesday mornings you may want to inform them politely of the starting time.

### **PLAYING SCHEDULE.**

Please find attached a copy of the current playing schedule for 2018/19 season.

NOTE the new time for lessons and Novice play which have changed from Thursday to. This change was made in order to facilitate the ever growing demand for the Thursday morning ladder league play.

Last season the Thurs ladder league sometimes encroached upon the lessons time so Jerry very kindly agreed to switch the lessons to Wednesday mornings.

This concludes the Court Report for November 2018.

Hope you all celebrate a wonderful Thanksgiving.

See you all back on the courts on Friday to work off all that turkey and pumpkin pie!!!

**Regards to you all. Sheila Snape (Communications)**