

# **COURT REPORT**

**Golf Lakes Pickleball Club (GLPC) 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 committee meetings and reflects decisions that have received a majority vote and not just the views of the editor of this document. Please have a 2019 calendar and pen handy to take notes**

## **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE.**

**Hi Folks,**

**We had a very encouraging start to our season with the acceptance and installation of our shading structure. All being well the structure should be in place very shortly, wouldn't expect them to do too much over the next couple of days unless they had hip-waders.**

**Our next objective is the floodlighting and in continuance to show evidence of overcrowding I am compiling a daily Monday to Friday log showing the maximum numbers in attendance at the courts. As most of you know I play tennis as well as pickleball so I am relying on our members to send me a short email or phone message on the numbers encountered on the days I am not there early.(No fudging please).**

**Our club has a strong and vibrant membership and long may it continue. Over the next couple of weeks we look forward to greeting old friends returning for the winter season.**

**A merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to all our members.**

**Phil Snape, Chairman.**

## **GLPC BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>Chairman/League Ladder.....</b>	<b>Phil Snape.....</b>	<b>941-896-8698</b>
<b>Treasurer .....</b>	<b>Bonnie Frye.....</b>	<b>269-290-0220</b>
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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 for new members 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. Returning members please advise Bonnie or Phil of any changes to your contact information. Without correct information we can't keep you updated on what is going on.

### **PAST EVENTS.**

#### **DECEMBER SOCIAL EVENING.**

On Dec. 12th members gathered at Scarpino's Restaurant for the GLPC Christmas Social.

The cuisine was Italian style and absolutely delicious, wonderful service, a pleasant atmosphere with live music to entertain us whilst we ate heartily and socialized.

A big THANK YOU! to our social committee ladies who organized this Christmas event.

#### **GL BOARD MEETING.**

At the GL Board of Directors meeting held on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. Our court shading project was discussed as part of their agenda.

A majority vote (7 to 2) agreed to go ahead with the shading project ASAP. Work should begin as soon as the permits have been issued. Our pickleball club will donate \$3500 from club funds towards the total cost of this project.

THANKS once more, to all our volunteer fundraisers who have worked so hard to raise the funds and make this happen, there will very soon be a shading shelter over the area where we usually sit. No more roasting under the hot sun!! YEAH....

#### **DECEMBER PANCAKE BREAKFAST.**

On Thurs. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. We hosted a pancake breakfast at the clubhouse. We served 141 hungry guests. Our total profit was \$367.56. Some supplies were left over which should reduce the expenses for the January pancake breakfast.

A huge THANK YOU! to all members who gave up their time to volunteer both on the day of the breakfast and also the day before to help with the setting up. Our social committee ladies did an excellent job getting everyone organized. WHAT A TEAM!!

### **EVENTS TO COME.**

#### **LADDER LEAGUE.**

The mini ladder league concluded on Thursday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. No awards are given for this mini ladder and results will not be carried forward, it was just a fun introduction to get members into the mind frame for the main season ladder.

The main season ladder league begins on Thursday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> (No ladder play on Tues Jan 1<sup>st</sup> as it is New Year's Day.) Ladder league ends Tues March 26<sup>th</sup> 2019.

See Phil Snape at the courts to sign up, (it's filling up quickly), or contact him 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.

All games will be played to 15 points flat. The highest scorer moves up a level and the lowest scorer within each foursome moves down a level. Eventually, everyone will be playing in a group similar to their own ability which makes for a very even game with just an edge of competitiveness, fun and excitement.

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

Participants will be notified weekly by email of their playing times and progress.

At the end of the season awards will be given in several categories.

### **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. 16<sup>th</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.

As always we will have our popular snack table, so anyone wishing to contribute can do so, your contribution is always welcome but not mandatory of course.

### **SOCIALS.**

In 2019 there will be a social held once per month. PLEASE NOTE 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 outdoors 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 and the cost factor is much less, so the first one on January 30<sup>th</sup>. will be a trial to see how and if it works.

Dates for 2019 Socials as follows....

Wed. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 4.30 pm. Clubhouse. Mon. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. @ 4.30 pm. Clubhouse.

Thurs. Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> Time and location TBA for the end of the season Award Dinner.

For the Jan. and Feb. socials we are requesting members attending to bring along a pot luck dish to share. Please contact the social ladies if you need to know what to bring. You will also need to bring along a chair and please dress to suit the weather conditions. In the event of inclement weather, both the clubhouse and kitchen are available to us so we can move inside if need be.

Of course this type of social could not happen without volunteers, there will be set-up and take down/clean-up tasks as well as other tasks to consider.

As with other events in the past, we are hoping to have an abundance of volunteers, so if you wish to help out please contact our social committee ladies, they are already taking volunteers for January

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST.**

A pancake breakfast has been organized for Thurs. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 2019. This will be the last pancake breakfast we will host in 2019.

We Begin serving at 7.30 to 9.30 am.

The format will be the same as in the past, please contact Debbie Atkinson she is already taking names if you wish to volunteer. Without volunteers this event cannot happen, we need your help to raise funds for further court improvements. We have already been given approval for the court shading, we are now looking to acquire floodlights.

### **THE WOODY WRIGHT SHOW.**

Once again Woody is returning to perform for us at GL to help raise funds. He did a wonderful show last season which was enjoyed by many GL residents

Concert Date..... SATURDAY FEB. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019, SHOWTIME is 7.00 pm.

Location..... GOLF LAKES CLUBHOUSE.

Cost..... \$10 per ticket \$12 at the door.

Advanced tickets will go on sale at the Clubhouse Saturday Coffee Hour in early February, or, call Sheila and Phil Snape 941-896-8698 to obtain them. Cash Only Please.

More details to follow in the January edition of Court Report, but for now, reserve this date on you 2019 calendar.

### **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.** The lessons started on Wednesday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. 2018 and will continue to the end of our winter season.

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.

### **NEW COURT EQUIPMENT.**

A large sponge roller has been purchased and is located behind the bulletin board. This roller can be used to dry off excess water from the courts following a rain storm. Once the shade shelter has been erected the roller will be relocated and kept inside the shelter to keep it dry. If you use the roller please return it to its storage location.

### **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 November.**

**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 you may want to inform them politely of the starting time.**

### **PLAYING SCHEDULE.**

**There are a copies of the playing schedule both on the court and clubhouse bulletin boards. NOTE the new time for lessons and Novice play which have changed from Thursday to Wednesday. 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.**

### **NEW MEMBER.**

**On behalf of the GLPC I would like to extend a very warm welcome to LEON MASONGALE our newest member. Leon, we hope you manage to find the level of play you are hoping for, enjoy your pickleball experience and also make new friendships. It's great to have you aboard.**

**This concludes the Court Report for DECEMBER 2018.**

**Hope you all celebrate a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Eve.**

**Good Health and happiness for 2019.**

**Happy pickling for 2019. It's wonderful to see you all back.**

**For those of you travelling to visit loved ones over the holidays and also the remaining members still to drive south to GL, please drive carefully and I wish you a safe journey.**

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

