

Court Report

The Official Newsletter of the Golf Lakes Pickleball Club

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President's Message

Am I the only one that just can't seem to stay caught up? It seems like just yesterday when our previous club president said, "It is hard to believe the season is over." Not only is last year's season over but this year's season is already well under way. Our first pickleball club tournament will be history by the time you all read this update and we will be filling the courts at different times of the day with our scheduled activities.

In previous years several of our members expressed frustrations over the limited amount of court time and having just the two courts available for our use here in Golf Lakes. Your club board agreed, that in order to justify adding court space, it was necessary to demonstrate that the courts that we currently have are being used to the fullest extent possible. It was planned that our Thursday ladder play would be moved to later in the day, thereby filling otherwise unused court time. There were other changes planned and implemented in order to demonstrate a need for additional courts, but as the season progressed, we did not get adequate numbers to schedule ladder play on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons and were forced to alter some of the scheduled activities (see the posted schedule). As it turns out the courts are being used and we are seeing additional participation by new residents, renters, and guests.



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Your Pickleball Club board of directors continue to consider improvements/adjustments to enhance your pickleball experience at Golf Lakes and would entertain any and all suggestions. There are currently several items under discussion, (practice wall, court camera, etc.). We welcome your input and suggestions. Please feel free to contact myself or any of our board members with your comments, opinions, and suggestions.

On behalf of all your Golf Lakes Pickle ball Club leadership team let me say welcome and pickle on.

Thank you for your support,
Gerry De Jong

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Men's Beginner/Intermediate



Pickleball Lessons



Pickleball Tournament January 2024



Tournament Winners:



2nd place
Glenn, Janis

1st place
Jackie, Steve

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2023 - 2024 Season Events

The Pickleball Club is hosting different events throughout the year.

League Ladder

The Ladder scheduled for Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon was cancelled.

Ladies Wednesday Night

A great way for Ladies to get together and have some exciting time playing pickleball. We have had many of the Ladies move on from lessons to this group.

Special Play

A few Fridays in each month we are holding special events for all levels of players.

Men's Beginner/Intermediate Play

Every Tuesday from 2-4, expect a quick 5-minute lesson/strategy that will improve your overall game.

Tournaments

There are three tournaments scheduled for this year. One in January which has taken place. Another on February 17th, with the last taking place on March 15th.

Open Play

This continues each morning beginning at 7:30. As of late with the weather we have been having, players are still coming out and enjoying themselves.

Outside Tournaments

Some of our members have taken part in tournaments outside our park. Recently, a tournament was held at GT Bray and those participating got some great support from their friends from Golf Lakes.

In early February there is another tournament at BCC. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself, find a partner and start playing tournaments to get to the next level.

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Significant New Rule Changes for 2024 Play

1. New serving rules in tournaments.

Faults for incorrect server, incorrect receiver and player position errors are eliminated. The referee will now correct any such player errors before calling the score. Rule 4.B.9 is the primary rule text. Several other rules have been modified or deleted to correlate with this change.

2. Catch or Carry Ball on Paddle (7.L).

Rule 7.L now makes catching or carrying a ball on the paddle a fault without having to determine that the catch or carry was deliberately done.

3. Draping Net.

Rule 2.C.6 called for a replay when a ball goes over the net and hits a net that is draped on the ground (except on a serve) but only if the referee determined that the ball was affected by the draped net. This rule, and Rule 11.L.5.b for temporary nets, now call for a replay without qualification. A determination that the ball was affected by the draped net is now not required in officiated or non-officiated play.

4. Conceding a Rally

Rule 13.E.5 calls for a replay when a player overrules to their detriment a line judge's 'out' call as 'in.' The player or team may now choose to concede the rally to their opponent if they determine they would have been unable to return the 'in' ball. Similarly, Rule 13.E.4 calls for a replay when the referee overturns a line judge's out call as in. The player or team

who benefitted from the referee's ruling may now choose to concede the rally to their opponent if they determine they would have been unable to return the 'in' ball.

5. Medical Time-Outs

A player is now allowed to use available standard time-outs after the 15-minute medical time-out has expired to allow more time before the player must retire from the match.

6. Paddle Specification.

Paddle specifications have been updated to address new and emerging paddle technology and features and to clarify the alterations that players are allowed to make to certified paddles.

7. Mini Singles.

Mini-singles is currently an approved format. The specific rules governing mini-singles are now incorporated in the Rulebook.

8. Serving.

Rules 4.A.7 and 4.A.8 cover serving for a Drop Serve and a Volley Serve. Both are very in-depth as to their rules. Consult The USA Pickleball Rulebook 2024 for the most up-to-date information regarding serving.