

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.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi Folks,

I am pleased to report that our fundraising campaign is going very well with the most successful Woody Wright Concert just completed and with 2 pancake breakfasts in our immediate future. We can only accomplish our goals with the help of many and I am very proud of our membership and additional volunteers for stepping-up to meet the demands of these events. I strongly feel there is a cohesiveness and comradery within our group that is seldom found in clubs such as ours.

As you know our league ladder has got off to a stuttering start but with the prospect of better weather in the future I'm hoping it will be business as usual.

Just like the ladder the first tournament (January 27th) has inspired an unprecedented response and your committee is trying to devise a format that will allow everyone that wishes to play to take part.

Phil Snape, Chairman.

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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

For the benefit of a few latecomers in January, registration will remain the same as previous years. \$20 PER PERSON for any part of the season, payment by cash, or cheque made payable to Golf Lakes. **Registration forms are available on clubhouse bulletin board (in provided pocket) and need to be completed for the 2018 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 late 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

“THE WOODY WRIGHT CONCERT”

On Jan. 13th, we did our first clubhouse concert fundraiser. It went off without a single hitch, (sigh of relief). We more or less got the attendance we were expecting, our gate total was \$2230, plus an extra \$20 in donations. After paying taxes, concert expenses and paying Woody 50 percent, our total profit was \$936.89. There will still be a small profit of approx. \$30 we made on concessions to be added to this total.

We had some strong competition because it fell on the night of the football semi-final (there were quite a few “football widows” attending), otherwise we may have had a few more in attendance, and however, despite this opposition we did very well and have managed to boost our funds considerably towards the shading and lighting projects we are aiming for. Woody and Vonnie put on a great show, they both have beautiful voices and the show definitely took on a religious theme which was very popular with the Christian residents within our community.

A HUGE THANK YOU! to all our club volunteers who gave their time, it could not have happened without you, great job! Special THANKS to Gary Mechtenburg our GL sound techie, the sound was crystal clear; Bob Dube for the lighting, not a single glitch, such a professional job. Ted Gasteier for supervising our parking lot attendants, it was a cold night and they all froze their b.... off out there, you guys were amazing!

Many THANKS also to Jim Dean our fellow pickleballer, for all his hard work on this event, the fact that Jim is a personal friend of Woody's is the whole reason we were able to get Woody to perform for us in our small venue at such a reasonable cost. We feel very fortunate. Appropriate THANK YOU cards have already been sent out.

All in all, it was a fun experience and a very enjoyable evening for our residents.

COURT REPAIRS

On Jan. 11th one of the nets broke and the west side gate wasn't opening properly.

Members of the committee managed to do both repairs which saved the extra expense of hiring a professional. It's handy to have a “Mr. Fix it” in our midst. Yeah!

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Because of the increased playing time demand for the Ladder League, (we now have 9 groups and it's continually growing) crazy! Changes needed to be made to the playing schedule and the following changes were agreed on at our last executive meeting.

We now play later on both Tuesday and Thursday.

We have also discontinued the Thursday Novice Play, we need it for the ladder league. Please check the copy of the new playing schedule attached to this newsletter.

There are also copies of this schedule on the court and clubhouse noticeboards.

On Monday and Friday mornings, Organized Play, remember to play to 9 points when there **are** people waiting to play.

We have no control over Wednesday mornings which seems to be a popular choice and very busy as it is an Open Play morning for all GL residents. We can only suggest playing to 9 points when a large group is waiting, hopefully players will see the need for this and comply, but we can only suggest it.

PICKLEBALL APPARELL.

Tom Van Tuinen has now finished taking apparel orders for this season, those members who placed an order will receive your apparel in due course.

THANK YOU, Tom for doing that for us.

THINGS TO COME

WE ACTUALLY HAVE SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR 3 DAYS IN A ROW, MAKING A VERY BUSY END TO JANUARY....

PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

Once again we are hosting another Pancake Breakfast on Thursday Jan. 25th.

7.30 am to 9.30 am at the clubhouse.

Our social directors are organizing this event. All volunteer positions have now been filled and the social directors Debbie, and Sharon wish to thank everyone for their promptness in volunteering. On Jan. 22nd an email will be sent out to let all volunteers know their arrival time at the clubhouse on the morning of 25th.

We had quite a lot of supplies left over from the Dec. pancake breakfast, so this will be a great opportunity to use them up and as most GL residents have now arrived we should increase the attendance on December to hopefully increase our profit margin.

Hope you will all attend to support our cause and also enjoy a delicious breakfast.

ANNUAL SPORTS MIXER

On Friday Jan. 26th, our pickleball facility will be included as one of the activities in the GL Annual Sports Mixer event. Sandy Tiell has offered to organize some fun activities at the courts to show GL residents our goodwill by being a part of the fun, as well as maybe get a few residents curious about the game.

If you are interested in helping Sandy, she needs a little assistance, just give her a call at 751-1915. For those actually participating in this Sports Mixer event but also wish to help

Sandy, arrangements can be made for you to do both and your time commitment would be very small, she will explain the details when you call her.

TOURNAMENTS

There are 3 tournaments planned for 2018.

Tournament dates are as follows... Jan. 27th, Feb. 24th, and March 24th. 2018.

Mark these dates on your 2018 calendar!!

Mike Henderson is our new tournament director and has the sign-up sheet for the January 27th tournament at the courts, or you can call him directly at 865-599-7133, he still has a few vacancies and is also in need of substitutes.

There has been an overwhelming response, so Phil and Mike have approached Pam who then asked the GL board for permission to erect a portable/temporary net beside the courts in order to have 3 courts in operation. This request was denied by the GL board on the grounds of liability and restriction of pool access.

Your committee is considering alternative formats that would be suitable for larger numbers. Your suggestions would be welcome. Call Mike if you have any input.

Further information will follow once the final details are decided upon.

SOCIAL

Following this tournament there will be a social held at The Golden Corral, 5525 Cortez Rd. West. Beginning at 6 pm the Golden Corral has reserved an area for us.

Cost = \$13.95 p/p which includes a beverage (no alcohol), and tipping is extra.

Everyone pays for their own meal upon arrival at the restaurant.

Awards for the tournament will be presented at this social. ALL pickleballers and their guests are welcome, even those who are not participating in the tournament.

Please advise either Mike Henderson or Sharon Crawford if you are attending, they need approx. numbers to let the restaurant know the size of our group.

Any other questions, please contact one of our social directors.

PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Once again Jerry Ash continues to hold pickleball lessons to any GL residents interested in learning the game. Lessons are held on Thursday mornings at 11am.

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 is posted on the court and clubhouse bulletin boards.

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

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS

It's early days yet but we want to give you lots of notice.

FEBRUARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We will be hosting The Pancake Breakfast for Thursday Feb. 15th. Once again, volunteers will be needed, more info to follow.

MARCH 17th COFFEE HOUR.

Once again, as in previous years we are hosting the GL Coffee Hour on St. Patrick's Day March 17th. Look for more details on this event in the February Court Report.

PLANS FOR FUTURE COURT DEVELOPMENTS

There are several developments/improvements that the executive committee are now working towards achieving for this season.

1/. Shade for the waiting/viewing area.

2/. Floodlights for evening play

Phil S. recently presented a proposal at a GL board meeting. This first proposal was tabled by the GL board for further future discussion until more project estimates are available, and the club has accumulated more funds from fundraising events. Now that we have done a few fundraising events, and actually have more still to come, Phil will shortly return with a second proposal offering increased funding and further detailed project estimates from Pam.

We will keep you updated as this unfolds, but for now we will continue with the fundraising campaign to sweeten our proposal.

Welcome Back! To all our latecomers, I think just about everyone has now arrived at GL and we can enjoy our pickleball season to the max. Have fun everyone.

Please don't forget that a copy of our new playing schedule is attached to this Court Report

Sheila Snape (Communications).