

# Court Report

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## Chairman's Message

Once again our season is over. Due to the Virus our season and activities were cut short. We look forward to the start of a new healthy season. We are strong and diligent and will get through this.

As the new Chairman of the Golf Lakes Pickleball Committee I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to Phil and Sheila Snape and Mary Lenhard. Thank you for all your accomplishments over the past six years. We would not have such a strong and united club today without their effort and the effort of all the pickleball committee members and players.

Thank you to Janis Hogan, Mike Henderson and Larry Van Deventer for establishing two evening leagues. We will be looking for your feedback as how we can make them better next year.

I will be working with Pam over the summer to follow up on the court resurfacing in April as well as the lighting. We are also looking at wind screens for next season. I will keep you updated as I hear back from Pam.

I am looking forward to working with all committee members as well as all players to make our club the best it can be.

Stay safe and be healthy.

Bill Blake, Chairman



## GLPC – Board Members & Sub-Committees for 2020 / 2021

Chairman .....	Bill Blake
Secretary .....	Kevin Hogan
Treasurer .....	Bonnie Frye
Communications .	Larry Van Deventer
Equipment .....	Sandy Tiell
Socials .....	Debbie Atkinson
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Tournaments & League Ladders..	Mike Henderson Janis Hogan Larry Van Deventer



We wrapped up the 2020 pickleball season with a cancellation of our final week of activities as well as the March tournament and our final awards banquet due to the park's recommendations about COVID-19. The awards were NOT presented for all of our active ladder competitions, but will be awarded in the fall when we all meet again.

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## 2020 Award Results

### Monday Partner Play

#### Group A

High Avg Score –

1<sup>st</sup> - Bill Blake

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dave Harris

#### Group B

High Avg Score –

1<sup>st</sup> - Larry Van Deventer

2<sup>nd</sup> - Mike Henderson



### Women Wednesday

High Avg Score –

1<sup>st</sup> - Sandy Tiell

2<sup>nd</sup> - Lori Mathos

### Tuesday Ladder

#### Men

High Avg Score –

1<sup>st</sup> - Steve Augsburger

2<sup>nd</sup> - Glenn Spraez

#### Women

High Avg Score –

1<sup>st</sup> - Janis Hogan

2<sup>nd</sup> - Kimberley Vanderstelt

### Thursday Ladder

#### Men

High Avg Score –

1<sup>st</sup> - Dave Harris

2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe McKeever

#### Women

High Avg Score –

1<sup>st</sup> - Janis Hogan

2<sup>nd</sup> - Claudette Schaefer



### Court Lighting

Golf Lakes is looking into adding an additional pole or poles on the west side of the court for additional lighting. Bill Blake will continue to follow-up with the park office.

### Court Resurfacing

During the summer months, the park is having the courts resurfaced and repainted. We will return in the fall to brand new looking courts.

### Court Windscreens

We are looking into windscreens, but due to the COVID-19 impact of the final days of our season, the proposals, costs, and product selections are being delayed. It was also determined to focus on getting the lighting issue resolved before looking at the windscreens.

### Golf Lakes Pickleball Club Logo Design

We have several designs submitted to date to replace our existing logo. Please continue to submit designs until April 30. At that time, all designs will be posted on the website, and we can vote as a club which one to choose as our official logo.

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## Five (5) Tips for Better Play

**1. Don't scoot up when you serve or before you return serve.** *I know, it's hard to do. But whenever you scoot up after you serve or even before you return serve, you're opening yourself up for disaster. Remember, you can't volley the return serve or the third shot because of the double bounce rule. So stay back and be patient!*

**2. Upgrade your paddle.** *It's easy to get used to a paddle. But it's also easy to get used to a subpar paddle or one that doesn't complement you. If you're using a \$30-50 paddle, consider upgrading to something more substantial. Yes, it will make a huge difference. If you don't like it, you can always return it and go back to your old one.*

**3. Play with people better than you.** *In order to improve in anything, you have to be willing to lose. It will happen a lot and is a normal part of the process. If you're a beginner or intermediate player, getting obliterated by better players is one of the best ways to learn. They will expose your weaknesses better than anyone else. And through those experiences, you will learn and improve.*

**4. Network with advanced players.** *Like I said earlier, if you want to get better, you have to play with people better than you. Instead*

*of playing with advanced players randomly at open play, imagine you could play with them consistently in private games. If you want to do this, you have to network around and hope to get invited. If an opportunity like that comes up, take it!*

**5. Be willing to accept criticism.** *Some people can deal with criticism, but I argue that most people can't. I get it. But accepting criticism of your pickleball game is critical to learning. You have to be willing to admit errors and mistakes, especially if you're going to be playing competitively. Self-honesty goes a long way in this sport. If you're the kind of person that gets defensive, try to let that go and realize that people are just trying to help you.*

By: BARRETT KINCHELOE  
*A Part of his 101 Pickleball Tips*



**Have a great summer!**  
**We hope see everyone back in the fall.**