

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 committee meetings and reflects decisions that have received a majority vote and not just the views of the editor of this document.

CHAIRMANS MESSAGE.

Hi Folks,

Well we are well into our winter league season with the regular league format and with the introduction of Ladies and Partner-Play, we now have a full schedule. We have more than enough to keep our league sub-committee busy and they are doing a splendid job!

Looking forward to our first tournament and first social, our club is in good hands.

This year is an election year for the GLPC Board and as such ALL positions are open on the Board. 3 members have already indicated they will not be seeking re-election, Mary, Sheila and myself. Our by-law requires that our election process has to be concluded by the last week of March therefore in order to fulfil the requirements of the by-law Mary will probably commence the process during the first week of March. The park runs on its volunteers please give serious thought to getting involved.

Phil Snape, Chairman.

GLPC BOARD MEMBERS AND SUB COMMITTEES FOR 2019/2020 SEASON.

Chairman.....	.Phil Snape.....	New.....	941-242-2960
Treasurer	Bonnie Frye.....		269-290-0220
Secretary	Mary Lenhard		920-841-0497
Communications.....	Sheila Snape	New.....	941-242-2960
Tournaments.....	Mike Henderson.....		865-599-7133
Equipment.....	Sandy Tiell.....		419-277-1571
Socials Sub -Committee.....	Debbie Atkinson (coordinator).....		765-661-3956
	Janis Hogan.....		941-348-0253
	Teri Vinovich.....		606-219-0700
	Sheila Snape.....		941-242-2960
	Sandy Tiell.....		419-277-1571
Ladder Leagues Sub-Committee...	Mike Henderson (coordinator).....		865-599-7133
	Janis Hogan		941-348-0253
	Bill Blake		508-345-3338
	Larry Van Deventer.....		765-744-3375

From the above executive board members two sub-committees have been formed for the 2020 season, there is now a ladder league sub-committee who has taken over the running of the ladders as well as new members added to the social committee, all listed above. A big

thanks to the new volunteers who have stepped forward to assist, it is very much appreciated and your help is very welcomed.

We are all very excited and really looking forward to some excellent new ideas and additions to enhance and improve our 2020 pickleball season. New ideas are also always welcome from any member at any time, please contact the appropriate board member.

PLAYING SCHEDULE.

The 2020 playing schedule has now been amended following a meeting with the GL board of directors on Thurs. 23rd Jan. This new schedule now includes the addition of a women's league and a mixed partners' league, both of which were sanctioned at this meeting by the GL board of directors, a copy of this new schedule will be attached to this report as well as one displayed at the courts and another on the clubhouse bulletin board. More info below under ladder leagues.

REGISTRATION.

Registration fees are the same as last season. \$20 p/p. For the whole season.

Registration forms for new members are available on the clubhouse bulletin board in envelope provided, please pay your fees to Bonnie Frye our treasurer.

If you have new/different contact info from last season, please make sure that Bonnie has it updated; we cannot keep you informed with emails etc. without correct information.

PAST NEWS AND EVENTS.

COURT LIGHTING AND EQUIPMENT.

Update.... One brighter lighting panel has been added AND NOW readjusted, a second light of the same brightness is on order with the lighting contractor to be installed and correctly adjusted as soon as it arrives, once both lights are operational we will have a better idea as to whether they will be enough to provide adequate SAFE lighting. An assessment will be made at that time as to how to proceed for future night time play.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in this long drawn out affair, however, we are getting there slowly; we are unfortunately at the mercy of our extremely busy contractor.

Two new nets were ordered, one is already installed, and the other will be installed shortly.

GLPC GENERAL MEETING.

This meeting went very well, sign-up sheets were made available, lots of pickleball info was both given out and discussed with the 20 members in attendance. Most of the topics discussed will appear further on in this newsletter, however, a newer topic arose during the meeting which has not been included in the newsletter before and that is SAFETY and FIRST AID responses at the courtside.

Due to the recent accidents and injuries at the court, the following safety precautions have been discussed and already introduced.....

PLEASE read this carefully and really try to adhere to the following suggestions.....

1/. Members owning a cell phone, try to remember to bring it to the courts with you.

2/. Also bring along your new access fob to gain access to the fitness centre.

3/. Inside the fitness centre on the South wall are a first aid kit and a defibrillator, the position of these items has now been clearly marked with a red cross painted on the wall.

Please take the time to check out the location of these items on the FC wall, valuable seconds could be saved knowing their whereabouts.

4/. Bill Blake and Mike Henderson also carry a small first aid kit each time they attend the courts for use in minor injuries.

5/. The address and phone number of the courts are now in place on the court entrance gate, please use this information to inform emergency services if you are the person making that important phone call.

6/. Several of our executive board members are taking a CPR training course on Feb. 3rd.

7/. Listed inside the court bulletin board are many other safety tips for your information and safety, please take the time to read them for your own benefit.

Hopefully with these safety precautions in place and with everyone's cooperation, court injuries and accidents may be dealt with in a speedy and proficient manner.

LADDER LEAGUES.

THE MAIN LADDER LEAGUE for 2020 has already begun and will run until late March at which time awards will be given in several categories. This league plays on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, you can play in either or both. For members wishing to participate in either of these ladders please contact Mike Henderson (Coordinator) at the above info.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE. There is now a ladies league on Wednesday starting at 4pm. If you are interested in joining this league please contact Janis Hogan for more information. 16 ladies are already signed up and enjoying this very relaxed league, there's room for more!

MIXED PARTNER-PLAY LEAGUE. Has also been recently introduced and is played on Mondays at 3.30pm. Please contact Larry VanDeventer for more information.

Here has been a very positive response to this new league in which players play all the games with the same partner for that particular day.

Please note that the times allocated to the women's league and the mixed partner-play leagues are subject to change once we have the floodlights in full operation. It is the intention to play these two leagues later in the evening using our floodlights.

***In order to participate in any league ladder you must be a fully paid up member.

\$20 p/p for the season. Best deal in town!!!

For further information on all playing times please review the updated playing schedule attached to this newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

TOURNAMENTS FOR 2020.

There will be 3 tournaments held on JAN. 25th, FEB. 15th and MAR. 21st. 2020.

1st Tournament will be held on SATURDAY Jan. 25th 2020 beginning at approx. 10.15 am.

For the 1st group and approx. and 1pm for the second group. All 32 spots are now taken but Mike still needs names for substitutes if you wish to play.

Fee... \$3 to be paid to Mike Henderson at the time of signing up. His fee goes towards tournament prizes which will be awarded at the social on Monday Jan.27th.

All participants need to be a fully paid up member for the 2020 season.

Please come early if you wish to warm up. Spectators are encouraged and welcome.

Food donations are always welcome (but not mandatory) for our ever popular snack table to keep everyone nourished throughout the event.

SOCIALS

First social will be held on Monday Jan. 27th 6pm to 9pm. In the GL Clubhouse.

The social committee has decided to cater for this event themselves. Way to go girls!

MENU will include: Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Caesar and Garden Salads, Garlic Bread, Assorted desserts, iced tea and water. **Please bring your own plate and flatware.

ALL FOR THE GRAND COST OF.....\$7.00 What a deal!

Debbie has the sign-up sheet available, deadline shut off Sat. 25th, please pay her in advance because the social committee need to know how many to cater for. BTW Guests of members are welcome at the same cost. Volunteers will be needed for the set- up and take down, as usual, many hands make light work and it's fun to get involved!

Once the meal is over we are hoping everyone will stay around for some fun and games and social time, if anyone has a favourite party game or board game they wish to organize please bring it along, we have the room booked until 9 pm so we should make the best of it. Please reserve this date and plan to join your pickleball friends for a great evening of delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

PICKLEBALL LESSONS.

Jerry Ash our Pickleball coach will be undergoing knee replacement surgery very soon, so will be out of commission for the lessons for a while. In his absence, Phil Snape has offered to assist temporarily to give a few lessons to residents interested in learning the game.

The lessons have already begun at their regular assigned spot (See playing schedule).

We all wish Jerry a speedy recovery and hope he will be back playing pickleball again very soonand with a new bionic knee. You are already missed Jerry.

ANNUAL SPORTSMIXER.

Once again the pickleball facility will be used for this event. Sandy Teill will be taking the lead to organize this fun activity for all GL residents. She needs volunteers to help so please contact her if you wish to be involved. If you are participating she can work out a scheduled time for you to help her out as well as still participate.

Hopefully this event may encourage new interest in the game with the accent on fun.

THE WOODY WRIGHT CONCERT PICKLEBALL FUNDRAISER.

Woody is returning to GL for his 3rd season by popular demand.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd at the GOLF LAKES CLUBHOUSE.

SHOWTIME 7PM. DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

TICKETS \$10 p/p

Tickets available from Sheila Snape 242- 2960 or at Saturday morning coffee hour beginning Feb. 8th onwards.

So far this is the only fundraiser scheduled for 2020 to help raise funds for court improvements, we are hoping many of you will attend Woody's very professional and entertaining show. He and his charming wife Vonnie sing a variety of inspirational and country songs to suit everyone in a very uplifting, fun atmosphere.

Volunteers will be needed for a few minutes of your time on the day of the show, immediately following the Sat. morning coffee hour, to set up the seating and after the show taking down the seating in the clubhouse. Please contact Phil or Sheila Snape to volunteer.

GLPC ELECTIONS FOR 2020.

At the end of this 2020 season, (April), Phil Snape, Sheila Snape and Mary Lenhard, reach the end of their 3 year term serving on the pickleball committee. All 3 have actually completed 2x3 year terms with a total of 6 years each. They have chosen to step down and give an opportunity for upcoming members to have their chance to serve.

This of course means we will have 3 vacancies on the board of directors.

Any member interested in joining the board of directors please speak to a board member for more information. Once interested members have been accepted, the board itself will vote and decide on who will be responsible for each position available.

If you wish to be involved in the organization of the club, this is your chance to have your input and voice known. Ours is an ever evolving club always welcoming new ideas and volunteers from its membership, your response would be welcomed with appreciation.

Welcome back to all members recently returned. To a few members in transit or making your return soon, have a very safe trip back to GL, we look forward to greeting you all with a warm welcome.

Sheila Snape (Communications).