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Chairman's Message

Our season is now over. We were able to successfully work through all of the Covid 19 restrictions. I applaud my committee, as well as all Pickleball members through this difficult season.

A special thanks to Sandy Tiell and Deb Atkinson for serving as committee members as they are stepping down. We wish Mary Lenhard good luck as she is leaving Golf Lakes to pursue her dreams.

As a result of the Committee members of the past several years we have one of the finest courts around.

Windscreens have been installed with positive feedback from players as well as the Park.

The Skills Clinic was successful thanks to Dave Harris. Based on your feedback we look forward to expanding the clinic next season to weekly.

Awards were given out for all Ladder play on Thursday, March 25th.
Congratulations to all!!!!!

We will get back to the new normal next season with tournaments as well as socials.

Once again "Thank You" for your support. Have a great summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall. Stay safe and healthy.

Bill Blake, Chairman



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

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Don't Miss any Pickleball News

Read the instructions to put the Golf Lakes Pickleball Club app on your phone.

The instructions were in the February Issue of the Court Report.

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Saturday Skills Clinic

Dave Harris and Bill Blake conducted a Skills Clinic on Saturday, March 13. There were around 18 to 20 participants during the one hour clinic, which was conducted over two sessions.





Windscreens have been added to the Courts

Windscreens were approved by the Golf Lakes Board at their last meeting. They have been purchased and installed. These will be a great addition to the courts.

Photos of New Windscreens







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2021 Season Awards Ceremony

The Pickleball Club met on Thursday morning March 25 to present awards for the 2021 season of play. The awards are listed below.

Monday Night Partner Play

Group 1 - High Avg. Score
First Place - Gerry DeJong
Second Place - Dave Harris

Group 2 - High Avg. Score
First Place – Mike Henderson
Second Place – Terri Vinovich

Women's Wednesday Night

High Avg. Score
First Place – Nola Frye
Second Place – Terri Vinovich

Tuesday Ladder

Men - High Avg. Score First Place – Steve Augsburger Second Place – Bugs Caskey

Women – High Avg. Score First Place – Sandy Tiell Second Place – Mary Lenhard

Thursday Ladder

Men – High Avg. Score First Place – Steve Augsburger Second Place – Robin Vinovich

Women – High Avg. Score
First Place – Terri Vinovich
Second Place – Debbie Atkinson

Suggestions on the FORUM

We have setup a FORUM on the website to get your opinions and suggestions in what you would like to see the club do in the future. You can also comment on how we can make things better in all areas. Just go to the website and click on GLPC-FORUM in the top right corner of the menu.



Waiting to play during Covid



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Seven More Tips for Better Play

1. Block power shots the right
way. Sometimes an opponent will send a
pickleball screaming over the net at you.
Understandably, it can catch people by
surprise. But the key to stopping a power
shot is to not swing at it. Swinging at a
power shot can end in failure if you're not
ready for it because the speed of the
shot is too fast for the swing. Instead,
stick your paddle out and just let it
collide. Don't swing at it!

- 2. Use court or tennis shoes. If you're not wearing the proper kind of shoe, then you're at risk for rolling your ankle, or worse. Don't risk it. Wear the right type of shoe to protect yourself. There are also benefits that you'll receive on the court in terms of traction and footwork.
- 3. The kitchen rule concerns volleys only. One of the most common questions I get is about the kitchen rule. The rules surrounding the kitchen can be confusing, but one way to help you clear it up in your head is to understand that the kitchen rules only concern volleys, not groundstrokes. If the ball has bounced, the kitchen rule is no longer in play!
- 4. Know the rules. At least the nonobvious ones. For example, did you know that touching the net is a fault? Or that it's also a fault if you and your partner disagree on a line call on your side of the court? If you're going to be playing pickleball competitively, it's important to know these things.

- 5. If the ball goes out, say it quick! This is not only common courtesy, but it's actually a rule as well. When you're judging whether a ball is in or out, you have to make your judgment nearly instant. You can't sit there and meditate on it. It has to be quick! Also, make sure you say it loud so people can hear you.
- **6. Don't be shy.** One of the best ways to advance your pickleball game is to get into games with advanced players. I know it's difficult, but it's all about networking. If you're shy, don't worry about! Most pickleball players are nice and welcoming.
- 7. Don't get angry on the court. It's so easy to fall in love and become super passionate about pickleball. But sometimes, players let that passion turn south. When the anger and frustration comes bursting out of you, a few negative outcomes can happen. First, it doesn't help you any. Second, it lets your opponents know what your weaknesses are, and thus will exploit you further. Third, it makes everyone around you uncomfortable, especially if it's at rec play. I understand, but if you're quick to anger, remember these things the next time you play.

By: BARRETT KINCHELOE A Part of his 101 Pickleball Tips







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2021 Membership

We had a total of 55 members with 45 being active members this year. We were down in membership due to Covid.



Plea for Photos of any Season

If you have taken photos of any season and would like those included on the website, send those to me at lvandev2@yahoo.com. Please let me know what year they were taken.



Here is a great example of a photo found on Facebook. (used with their permission)

2021 Season Wrap-up

We have had a great season despite trying to adhere to all the requirements for Covid. Hopefully, we can get back to our regular schedule next year with the monthly tournaments and socials. I know we have all missed these get-togethers. It will also be great to have all the Canadian pickleball players back again.

This will be our final **Court Report** until Nov/Dec when we resume again. We hope everyone has a great summer and we will see you next season.

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2021 - Awards Presentation







Playing Within the Windscreens



2021 - March Club Photo