

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 member committee meetings and reflects decisions that have received a majority vote and not just the views of the editor of this document. This particular edition covers two months Mar. & April combined into one edition and will be the final edition for this season. So, lots of news to cover folks!

CHAIRMANS MESSAGE.

Well folks that's another season under our wing and what a season it was. Our journey for improvements started 18 months ago and through our persistence and dedication to the cause we have realised our vision to make the best use of the facility we have. I for one am excited about playing next year with the expansion of the league play into 2 evenings a week. Our league sub-committee will be taking input from the membership and I believe we have enough insight and creativity on the sub-committee to suit all levels of play. On a personal note I have operated the league ladder for the past 4 years and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our members for their understanding and co-operation.

Phil Snape, Chairman.

GLPC BOARD MEMBERS 2019/2020 SEASON.

Chairman/.....	Phil Snape.....New.....	941-242-2960
Treasurer	Bonnie Frye.....	269-290-0220
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Equipment	Sandy Tiell.....	419-277-1571

From the above executive board members two sub-committees have been formed for the upcoming 2019/2020 season, as follows....

There is now a Ladder League sub-committee who will take over the running of the Ladder League for 2019/2020 comprising of the following volunteers...

Mike Henderson (Coordinator), Janis Hogan, Bill Blake and Larry Van Deventer. These four volunteers will work as a team coordinating together to bring new ideas plus additional time scheduling into the league, more details will follow next season.

There is now a further sub-committee for the social directors too, comprising of...

Debbie Atkinson (coordinator), Janis Hogan, Terry Vinovich, Sheila Snape and Sandy Tiell. These volunteers will also work as a team to organize the many social events that happen throughout the season which enhance your pickleball experience socially. We are all very excited and really looking forward to some new ideas and additions to the 2019/2020 pickleball season.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Sharon Crawford and Phil Snape for their years of dedicated service on the executive board of directors they have been a great asset to the club, Phil is continuing on as our chairman but after 4 years running the league needs a break and has handed it over to the team mentioned above and we all hope that all members will give our new volunteers your full support as these adjustments are made.

PAST EVENTS.

FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT.

On February 16th we held our second tournament of the 2019 season. 24 participants enjoyed a great day of fun and competition and Mother Nature was very kind to us by bringing us a perfect day, so, our newly acquired sun shading was really put to good use. All participants played 5 games. It was a really fun tournament enjoyed by everyone. Mike Henderson did a great job with his organization skills as usual, THANKS! Mike for a job very well done.

RESULTS.

LADIES... 1st Place.... Terri Vinovich 2nd Place...A tie between Bonnie and Claudette.

MEN'S..... 1st Place.... A tie between Joe McKeever and Mike Henderson.

Many Congratulations to the winners! Hope everyone had a great afternoon.

Many Thanks to the social committee members for organizing the ever popular snack table and to all members who bought along treats to share. AWESOME!

FEBRUARY SOCIAL.

On February 25th. we held our second social for this season at the GL. Clubhouse. It was a huge success with approx. 50 members and guests attending. (record attendance). The ladies on the social committee prepared pulled pork and sloppy Joe's which were delicious. Many pot-luck dishes were added by our members to complete the amazing menu selection on the table, a real feast for all to enjoy. What a fabulous spread!

Our social committee ladies did an excellent job organizing this event and I think it is now a general feeling that holding the socials locally at the clubhouse is enjoyed much more than going to a restaurant. We all get a chance to mingle and socialize which is what our club is trying to achieve.

Phil Snape made a few announcements and Mike Henderson presented the awards to the February tournament winners. Everyone gained a few pounds, but had a super time.

THE WOODY WRIGHT CONCERT.

On Sat. Feb. 23rd. once again Woody put on a fabulous show for residents of Golf Lakes, everyone attending left with uplifted spirits and a "Feeling good" frame of mind.

We sold 221 \$10 tickets, and made a profit of approx. \$1100 to add to the club funding, a very profitable and successful fundraiser.

Woody really enjoys performing at Golf Lakes and feels a real connection to the audience. Many thanks go out to all our volunteers who gave up their time to help with organization on the night of the show. Woody will return next year on Feb. 22nd 2020 for his 3rd show.

St PATRICK'S DAY COFFEE MORNING @ THE CLUBHOUSE.

As in past years our pickleball club hosted the coffee hour at the clubhouse on March 16th. Of course the theme was St. Paddy' Day. Everyone really got into the spirit of the theme by wearing green outfits (Some more crazy than others). We served GL residents their usual coffee & donuts and added to the fun with a 50/50 draw, we made \$133 on the draw which again went into our club funding.

This coffee morning always needs a lot of volunteers to accomplish a successful event, under the guidance of Debbie Atkinson it happened without any problems. A HUGE THANK YOU!! to all volunteers who helped our club with this event, we all did a wonderful job and it was also fun to do.

MARCH TOURNAMENT.

Saturday March 23rd was our last tournament for this season. 24 participants enjoyed another terrific day of fun and friendly competition. The weather was perfect for the occasion and many GL residents who don't play pickleball came out to watch the event.

RESULTS..

LADIES... 1st Place..... Sandy Tiell 2nd Place.....Bonnie Frye.

MEN'S..... 1st Place was a tie between Larry Van Derventer and Joe McKeever.

CONGRATUALATIONS! To all the winners.

Mike Henderson did a great job organizing this tournament, this time he threw in a few new ideas which worked well for everyone, GOOD JOB MIKE, you have become a seasoned pro.

As usual that wonderfully sustaining snack table was in full swing and members were able to refresh themselves over the lunch time period and in between games. THANKS! to all who bought food to share it was greatly appreciated.

"END OF THE SEASON" SOCIAL.

On Thursday March 28th we held our "End of the Season" Social/Banquet at the GL Clubhouse. The meal was Italian Style catered by Scarpino's Restaurant. The delicious desserts were supplied by the ladies of the social committee....Mmmmm Yummie!

Approx. 40 members attended a fun filled afternoon which included, the ladder league awards presentation, the March tournament awards presentation, a seasons summary and thank you speech by chairman Phil Snape, followed by a few fun games organized by David Harris. Mary Lenhard made those really cute pickleball paddle cookies again, there was one placed at every table setting, THANKS MARY! We had lots of time to socialize and mingle, everyone got a chance to say their goodbyes to members leaving to travel North shortly. A very special event to end the social events for this season.

A HUGE Thank you to all who volunteered their help to make this happen.

PICKLEBALL LESSONS.

Once again Jerry Ash has provided his excellent pickleball lessons to residents of GL Park. These lessons continue to provide instruction to anyone interested in learning the game and also provide a constant steady flow of new members into the club, every year we lose a few members through injury or who move away and it is vital to keep replenishing our membership numbers. **THANKS AGAIN JERRY!** For your dedication, hope to see you return next season.

FUTURE NEWS..

The Ladder League, Tournaments and Socials are now all concluded for this season, however, that doesn't mean that everything is over. We still continue to play pickleball every morning except Saturday at 7.30 am onwards.

Obviously the numbers will start to dwindle as members leave the park to travel back home, but there is still a lot of players remaining who wish to continue playing, so please continue to come out and join us.

COURT IMPROVEMENTS.

As you are all aware, our request for floodlighting has been granted, the lights and poles have been ordered and as soon as this equipment is delivered to the contractor installing the lights they will go ahead and begin working on it; should be quite soon actually. This season has seen two very significant additions to enhance our facility, first the shading canopy and now the floodlights, it is a credit to all members involved in all the fund raising ventures we undertook to raise the necessary funds, it has taken a lot of hard work and organization from you all to make these improvements happen. I think we have a group of members who are very dedicated and willing to volunteer when help is needed, of course there are always our talented leaders who have the vision and ideas to improve our facility, but without enough volunteers those visions and ideas would never materialize, **CONGRATUALATIONS!** To all of us for a job well done, we have a facility that is second to none in this area and more importantly a membership who really cares about that facility and is proud and grateful to have it.

In the Fall when we return 2 new nets will be installed in time for the 2019/2020 season. Many **THANKS!** to Debbie Atkinson and Bonnie Frye for their excellent repair work on the existing nets.

Our club will also purchase a leaf blower to blow debris and water from the courts following a rain storm.

Sandy Tiell is researching various types of additional shading to attach to the existing shading in order to give the maximum sun protection.

The courts are now showing some signs of wear. It was discussed at the last executive meeting and all agreed that sometime in the near future they will need resurfacing, but for now they should be OK for next season, they will be re-evaluated at the end of next season and a further decision made then.

PICKLEBALL CLINICS FOR 2020.

We have several members within our club who are excellent at certain pickleball skills. Providing these members are willing to participate and help, it was suggested by Phil at the

last meeting that during the 2020 season we hold pickleball clinics for members who wish to zone in and improve on a particular skill or part of their game they need to improve on. Several worthy members will be approached next season and asked if they are willing to teach one clinic on their special skill. Hopefully this will lead to a series of pickleball clinics that should benefit anyone interested to improve. Phil will take the lead on this. More info will follow next season once this has been organized.

GENERAL MEETING.

Early next season there will be a general meeting for all members of the GLPC to attend. Please try to attend this meeting. It will be your opportunity to voice your ideas, suggestions and opinions. Date for meeting is still to be announced but probably at the beginning of January once most members have returned to the park.

CONCLUSION.

Well, this just about wraps up the news for this season. It has been a great season with lots of fun events and great pickleball as well as further improvements to our facility.

Hopefully members have enjoyed their pickleball, made new friends and have felt some benefit from staying active, both physically and socially.

For those leaving soon to travel back home, please travel and arrive safely.

For those already left, hope you arrived safely and are settling back into your lifestyle.

For those who are staying on as year round residents, continue to play pickleball, enjoy the Golf Lakes facilities and we hope to reunite with you next season for more pickleball and friendship. In the words of Arnold, **WE'LL BE BACK!!**

It has been a pleasure to keep everyone informed, in the loop, whatever you wish to call it. I really enjoy doing it you are all such a great bunch of folks to serve.

We hope to see you all back next season for another season of **FUN, FELLOWSHIP** and of course **PICKLEBALL**.

Lots of new ideas are in the making to keep this club motivated, stimulated and broaden your horizons. **WHO KNOWS WHAT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER?**

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, SEE YOU IN THE FALL 2019 OR WINTER 2020.

Sheila Snape (Communications).

EVENTS TO COME.

LADDER LEAGUE.

There has been a great response. Over 40 of our members are now participating in 6, 7, and sometime 8 groups on either morning. (Quite the scheduling challenge).

If you still wish to participate, there is always room for everyone, please contact Phil Snape. Members can play on both mornings or choose just one, Tuesday or Thursday which are two separate leagues. Everyone will be allocated a time slot to begin playing, so, there's **NO WAITING!** Substitutes are always needed and welcomed, if you wish to play on a more casual basis, substituting might be for you.

The first 8 players will begin at 7.45am **SHARP!** always allow at least 10 minutes for warm-up.

Please remember it is a commitment and responsibility and although subs can be arranged it always creates more stress and work for Phil when members call requesting a substitute at the last minute, or, don't even show up at all, please be considerate and try to give as much notice as possible, at least 24 hours.

All games will be played to 15 points flat. In most weeks, the highest scorer moves up a level and the lowest scorer within each foursome moves down a level. Eventually, everyone will be playing in a group similar to their own ability which makes for a very even game with just an edge of competitiveness, fun and excitement.

In order to commence playing in the league you must be a fully paid up member.

Participants will be notified weekly by email of their playing times and progress.

At the end of the season awards will be given in several categories. In order to qualify for an award you need to attend at least 7 out of the 12 games scheduled throughout the 2019 season.

A big **THANK YOU!** to our Ladder Captain Phil Snape for his dedication and commitment towards the league organization. Not an easy task...

FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT...

On Sat. Feb. 16th. we held our 2nd tournament of the 2019 season.

This time Mother Nature blessed us with a beautiful day and most of us we were very grateful for the newly added sun shade which now adorns our courts.

One group of 24 participated this time so members weren't split into 2 groups as we were in January. Play began at approx. 11 am and finished around 3 pm.

Once more those delicious refreshments were a big hit and kept everyone nourished over the lunchtime period. **THANKS!** once more, to all members who bought snacks to share.

Mike H. our tournament director will announce the winners at the February social.

Our last tournament for 2019 will take place on Sat. March 23rd.

Mike H. will have the sign-up sheet at the courts sometime in early March, be sure to reserve your spot because this will be your last chance to play in a GL pickleball tournament for 2019. More details to follow in the March edition of The Court Report.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL

The February social is this upcoming Monday Feb.25th. 5 pm at the GL Clubhouse. This social will be a similar format to the January social but with a different menu. This time we are serving Pulled Pork and Sloppy Joe's. As this is Pot-Luck style, we are requesting that members bring along a dish to share and \$2 p/p towards the cost of the meat. The social committee ladies need to know how many they are catering for, so please call Debbie Atkinson if you are attending. Guests are welcome. Awards for the Feb. 16th tournament will be presented at this social.

THE WOODY WRIGHT CONCERT.

Once again Woody is back to GL for a second year with a brand new show to entertain the residents here and help to raise funds for court improvements.

**His concert is this upcoming SATURDAY FEB. 23rd.
SHOW TIME is 7 pm. DOORS OPEN @ 6.30 pm.
COST.... \$10 for tickets or you can also pay at the door.**

**A few more volunteers are needed to help out, please call Phil or Sheila Snape if you wish to assist or need tickets. Our new tel. number is. 941-242-2960
Hope to see everyone at the show to support our funding for court projects.**

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY COFFEE HOUR.

**Once again, as in other years, we are hosting GL Coffee Hour on Sat. March 16th.
Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day.**

**Lots of volunteers will be needed to run a raffle as well as greet and serve the residents of GL. To get into the spirit of the occasion, please wear GREEN!
Please contact Phil Snape if you wish to volunteer your help. 705-718-2675 (Cell). Or the new number on page one.**

END OF THE SEASON CELEBRATION/SOCIAL/AWARDS.

**Will be held at the GL Clubhouse on THURSDAY MARCH 28th. 2019. 5.30 pm.
It will be a catered Italian style meal by SCARPINO'S restaurant.**

Salad, a pasta dish, and a chicken dish. Additional dessert and beverages will be provided by members of the social committee.

COST. \$15 per person. Members are welcome to bring guests.

The social committee needs to let the restaurant know how many we are catering for, so please give Debbie Atkinson a call if you wish to attend. The larger the numbers, the better deal they can negotiate.

Awards for the 2019 ladder league and the March tournament will be presented at this event. It should be a great celebration for all to enjoy as we near the end of the pickleball season.

There will be more info on this event in the March Court Report, but for now please reserve this important final social event on your calendar.

COURT IMPROVEMENTS.

Well, it was long awaited but is now here. Our shade canopy is installed and looking AWESOME! What a blessing on these hot humid mornings.

I think all members probably agree it is well worth all the hard work and fund raising we all took a part in. We still continue to fund raise in the hopes of attaining flood lights for the 2020 season. Give yourselves a pat on the back for all the hours spent volunteering. This pickleball club will continue striving to improve our facilities and enhance the pickleball experience for residents of Golf Lakes.

This concludes the Court Report for February 2019.

Please continue to enjoy your pickleball experience at Golf Lakes.

Sheila Snape (Communications Director).