

Hello Canadian Lakes Pickleball Club Members

My name is Dave Grinzinger and as president, I wanted to reach out and give you all a few thoughts about 2024 and what the summer may look like.

Before I address the future, if you don't mind, I would like to review the past a little. Our club started with 41 members in 2016 and has now grown to approximately to 189 members in 2023. I have met many people over the past few years playing pickleball and many of those people were instrumental in starting pickleball here in Canadian Lakes in 2009.

Marv Bauman served on the board in 2009 and was still serving on the board in 2014. He opened the annual meeting in 2014 and Carol Ann assisted with ballot counting for the purpose of voting for the new board. Dave Baker offered to re-up for the board and he is still teaching new players today. Tambi Zaun volunteered for the board in 2014 and she was also the lead instructor the first day I learned anything about this sport a few years ago. If you know Tambi and have had the opportunity to have her teach you, consider yourself lucky.

In 2015, Mark Zaun submitted plans to Canadian Lakes for the new courts in Legacy Park. To this day, Mark or Tambi will help anyone with their game and are great players themselves. Names continued to pop up as I read further. Ted & Cindy, Mike Rutowski and Chuck Tribe have served on the board in the past and, of course, are still playing today. Deb Moon started the Hixon's receipt program which is still offered today by our neighborhood grocer and has great value. Angela O'Toole helped with the fundraising for the new courts then and Pete, our current treasurer, also served back in 2017. Guenther offered his advice back then and has attempted to teach me a few things but the student has to have some ability 😊.

Tambi and Mark were the directors of the first end of the year tournament on the West Royal courts. The following year, Tom Frain started the Saturday ladder league and currently still runs this great event. Jo Preston became a board member in 2019 as well as Lynne Johanssen, and then Wally Kiehler served as a board member in 2020. There was a large tournament in 2019 and then again in 2021, many people helped out with both tournaments and the Club netted over \$3,000 on each tournament.

Last summer, Tina and Cheryl had many sessions to help new players increase their skill level, and lately, Tim Highfield and Dave Baker have helped with the training of new members during the winter league. Kathy Battle does a great job running the couples league along with Evelyn who runs the women's league during the summer. Kathy Meyer deserves a huge shout out for opening the church every day this winter.

Well now to summer and fall of 2024. Our **spring meeting will be 5-09-2024 at 5:00pm. Dues will remain the same this year at \$25.**

We will continue to have open play from 8:00am to 12:00pm Sunday through Friday. It has been recommended to have different levels of play for different courts as well as a challenge court this year. We will also have the couple's night and of course Tom Frain's Saturday ladder league.

We hope to have a Canadian Lakes end of the year Club Championship Tournament, a night tournament at the Royal, a handicap tournament and Blue and Red Tournament (Will need Mark Zaun's expertise on this). Please bring any other suggestions you have to our spring meeting.

We hope to have a great summer of fun and new friendships on the courts in Canadian Lakes.