

LONDON PICKLEBALL CLUB

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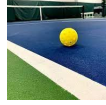
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LPC Executive Board News



Hello everyone and welcome to spring 2023! Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in Canada and LPC has now reached a total of 158 members with ongoing new membership interest. WOW! What keeps the wheels of this great club turning is the passion, dedication, and expertise of our executive board members and volunteers. As of December 2022, Peter and Susan Singleton, and Werner Schmidt have decided to step down from their roles on the LPC board and we thank them for all the work they have done for our club. At the last meeting on March 6 three new members were voted in. Please welcome Paul Tracey (treasurer), Karen Boomsma (social events), Jacob Berry (social media) and Diane Heaslip (incoming secretary). For anyone interested, we are still looking for volunteers for the role of President and site captains. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the planning of future events, new venues, and growth. We want your expertise, your knowledge, and your great ideas! Feel free to contact Diane at djheaslip@gmail.com to volunteer.

Upcoming Local Tournaments



Pickleball for Parkinson's—what a great cause! This tournament is being held at the Dorchester Community Center on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is now closed; however, you can contact the team to be put on a wait list. Lunch and refreshments are included. This is a friendly, all skill levels tournament and all proceeds are going to the Parkinson's Society.

The annual London Pickleball Club Tournament is set to begin on Friday, May 26 through to Sunday, May 28 at Fanshawe College. Registration is still open. This is a great opportunity to participate, play, volunteer or spectate and cheer on your fellow members. For more information on volunteering or for anyone still wanting to register, please click [here](#).

The Pickleball Ontario Championship (Southwest Regional) is being held May 6 through to May 7 at the Stratford Agriplex. Currently there are 208 players registered. If you are interested in entering or volunteering, please click [here](#).

LPC Membership



London Pickleball Club is growing and we can't keep up with the local demand! We have hit a whopping 158 members! Londoners have taken to this sport and are in search of places to play. We have temporarily put a cap on new members joining; however, we anticipate opening this up very soon as new venues for play become available.

Social Media and GPN



In 2023, LPC now has a new official online website at [London Pickleball Club](#), under the Pickleball Canada club database. At the admin level, the site allows the club to communicate with all active LPC members via the mass email system for creating events, leagues, tournaments, clinics, and even an online LPC Pickleball store is in the works. At the club player level, it has all the essential tools and links to book your pickleball play at different LPC venues, locations and play time listings, membership renewal, and even videos of how to use the new Global Pickleball Network (GPN) booking system.

Our LPC Global Pickleball Network (GPN) [LPC London Pickleball Club](#) now has 122 registered members. It displays all the Beal, St. Nics, and Western weekly play schedules and allows you to book one week ahead of play time. The system also allows you to be placed on a waiting list if the event is fully booked.

The LPC website is also linked to our ever growing [LPC Facebook](#) page, London Pickleball Club with 758 users from all over the world. We post cool, funny, informative, and educational pictures and videos about Pickleball to share with our online members. It is updated daily by our hard working Admins: Paul Tracey, Karen Li, Diane Heaslip, Karen Boomsma, and Jacob Berry.

Indoor Venues



LPC and the interest in pickleball in London is growing rapidly and we are running out of spaces to play. Starting in June LPC has booked four courts at True North Courts and this will run for three months on Tuesday evenings from 6-8. Sign up will be available through GPN with a maximum of 20 players per week.

We are actively seeking new opportunities for indoor and outdoor play for our club. The City of London is constructing four courts in White Oaks Park, adding lines to courts in Rowntree and Glanworth Parks, and Foxfield Park is under the second phase of construct that will include four pickleball courts. We welcome any ideas for potential indoor venue locations.

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendars for our spring social on April 30 and the annual AGM Meeting June 17. Both events are being held at the Carling Heights Optimist Community Center.

More information to follow.

LPC Indoor Facilities



New Board Members



Paul Tracy
Treasurer



Karen Boomsma
Social



Jacob Berry
Social Media



Diane Heaslip
Secretary