



New Tec Times

Summer 2025



President Robert Meerburg

From the President's Paddle!

The tiny seed that grew!

Not long ago we planted a tiny seed. "Let's create a club". All the wonderful possibilities were painted in vibrant colors telling its own story of how wonderful it will become. The anticipation of watching it grow, nurturing its growth, and the overwhelming feeling of pride, plus success awaits.

We watched that little seed sprout, take off, grow and grow some more to the point it now has taken its very own life, branching off into more opportunities. In just under nine months, you have given birth to the most beautiful, vibrant, energetic group of people I have ever had the pleasure to meet. Together we have created a club so wonderful we have nearly 200 members, taking part in competitions, open play, supporting community events while creating many new social engagements, and friendships.

We have become one of the fastest forming clubs, calling out people's names, asking how you're doing, and missing you if you have been absent. What a wonderful life you have created for yourself and many people to enjoy. I salute each of you, your support, your time, your effort, and your commitment as that has made this club what it is.

Congratulations to each board member. You have met your challenges with that parenting attitude, of mentoring, nurturing, and developing our future. Raising a child or raising a club, everyone needs help and needs to be involved. Thank you everyone for being there, pitching in; you have made the biggest difference between this being a club and a fun club.



Please keep following along and join in with your club's activities as we continue to grow; there are many opportunities for you coming in the near future to get involved, stay involved, and have some fun times.

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New Tec's Gotta Have Fun!



Kim Ellison

We started our inaugural Competitive Round Robin Pickleball League on Monday, May 26th. The Town of Tecumseth purchased 6 nets and dividers for the indoor arena at the Tottenham Community and Fitness Centre. Pickleball court lines were taped onto the arena floor.

We have 24 league members ranked at 3.0 and above. You play 8 games lasting 12 minutes each, with a 3-minute break between games. The league runs for 4 weeks. Game scores are recorded beside each court, after each game. Individual players scores are tallied up each week. The top three players' scores will be recognized at the end of the season.

After the first week we had a request for a bathroom and water fill break. So we scheduled a 6-minute break, between games 4 and 5. We did experience some growing pains.

The first two schedules were made with a random schedule number generator. Some players had multiple games with the same partner on the same night during the first week of play. Mary Parsons directed us to a web site that she has used before. Scott Harris was able to make us a new schedule. For games 1 to 23, over the last 3 weeks, everyone has had a different partner each game. Game 24 on the last night would be the only repeat, same as game one.

After week two, we found that you were having many repeat opponents on the same night. Scott was able to re-run the schedule for the last two weeks, to almost eliminate playing opponents multiple times on the same night. He tweaked the new schedule to show teams on the north court and south court. He also provided everyone with a personalized schedule, with all their games highlighted. Posted them on the glass in front of the penalty box, for pick-up at the start of the night.

Chris Campbell made up game score cards for each court. Veronica has been collecting them. They have a weekly report on the scores.

Thank you Chris, Veronica, Mary, and Scott, for your input and help to improve our pickleball playing experience!





A Smashing Fun Day!



What a fabulous day!!!! Congrats to all participants and volunteers. We had 35 teams participate and everyone came with smiles but also their game-face.

A big thanks to our Court Ambassadors, who herded the troops to the “on-deck zone”. It took a team to gather 20 players ready and waiting for that 3-minute turn-around match.

A big thanks to our Lunch Ambassador, Pam Cybulski, who resourced our nutritional lunch bag items. Our tasty sandwiches were prepared by Cheryl Nuttal and bagged by the lunch ambassadors.

A big thanks to Janet Hayward, our official timekeeper, who brought her retirement school bell out of retirement and rang in each game start to finish.

A big thanks to Sarah van Ryn, our official scorekeeper, who kept her cool when asked by players about the leaderboard or tabulation of scores. She was focused!!!!

And a big thanks to **ALL** volunteers.....from the gift table, to selling the 50/50 tickets, to the set-up and take-down crew. We collected \$660 from the ticket sales and decided to split the \$330 between 3 winners. (and I was one of them...not fixed, but pure luck!)

The few attached pictures say a thousand words. I wanted to see smiles.....☑. I wanted to hear laughter.....☑. I wanted to hear cheers....☑. Success.

Jody Macdonald

VP NTPC





The Fun Goes On!



Never Too Old to Learn...!

We had 24 eager club members participate in our first Learn to Play. The team mentors were Sue Miadovnik, Kim Ellison and Jody Macdonald. The 3 of us were more than happy to share our knowledge and love of the game.

The 4-week clinic was held at Banting Memorial High School. From week one to week four, the noise in the gym grew louder and louder, with everyone playing longer rallies and showing off their newly acquired "dinking" skills.

Congratulations to everyone.

See you in the courts.

Your mentor team.

For drop-in open-play (not organized play) times and fees,
please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2bzff6xw>

Open play times are run by New Tecumseth.

Don't forget to check out our NTPC website: www.newtecpickleball.org

It's always pickleball season.

Don't worry if you have a dinking problem...



Hiking for Hospice!

NTPC members banded together to form the Pickler Pals team to participate in Matthews House Hospice's fundraising walk on Sunday, May 4, 2025, and raise \$3,402.21 in support of the compassionate care provided through the hospice's many services and programs.

The Pickler Pals, captained by Deb Cowen, were 5th among the 52 teams for the amount of money they raised! Great teamwork, all who walked and/or donated!!! A fantastic example of what we can accomplish together!



Cindy Whiteside, Jeannie Ellison, Jody Macdonald, Sherrill Taylor, Kim Ellison, Harold Dierken, Linda Dunbar, Helga Meerburg, Helen Wilks, Robert Meerburg, Ken Cowen, Deb Cowen. (Missing from photo: Ingrid Elliott)



Janet Hayward, Deb Cowen



Jody Macdonald Sherrill Taylor, Linda Dunbar



Helga and Robert Meerburg



Robert M. , Kim Ellison, and Jody M.