



New Tec Times

Fall 2025



President Robert Meerburg

From the President's Paddle!

What's an AGM? Is that a new pickleball term? It's your Annual General Meeting. Now, doesn't that sound like a blast? Reading financial reports, listening to all the great achievements, having elections...Puts me on the edge of my seat...

Well, Pickleheads, not on my watch! I believe your AGM should stand for Annual Get-together & Mingle, and that is what I have instructed your Board and Social Committee to make sure happens, and they have! Pickleball is fun, and we are all fun, social people, so it makes sense that a pickleball AGM must be fun. To make this happen, we have rented all 5 Alliston Memorial Arena courts for FREE play for 2 hours, plus we are providing a FREE pizza dinner upstairs, with some fixin's, but most important is your social time: a meeting place for all of us to wish our snowbird buddies goodbye, to catch up with old friends, and make some new ones. This, in my opinion, is what a pickleball AGM year-end party should be. Of course, I'm going to tell you all

about the greatest events that we had, I'm going to listen to what you want, and you are going to elect a new president, vice-president, secretary, and three directors.

2025 has been an incredible year, the NTPC starting from zero and working up to what it is today. So, I ask you as your President, What could be more important than joining in on that? See you on October the 4th !

Bring your paddle, and bring your smile! Now, that's pickleball spirit at its best.

Hope to see you October 4th !
May the 4th be with you!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dinner & Social
Let your voice be heard!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
AT 4:00 - 8:00 PM
ALLISTON MEMORIAL ARENA
49 Nelson St. W. Alliston

This is your chance to make a difference in your community and help shape its future.



- 4:00-6:00PM Games
- 5:45-6:30PM Pizza Dinner
- 6:30-8:00PM AGM & Elections

RSVP BY SEPT 22 <https://bit.ly/3JBs1xw>



Pickleball is for All Ages!

I am the resident antique of the club. I was introduced to pickleball in 2000 when rules were few and simple.

After playing pickleball for 25 years, I have witnessed many changes in the game. The pace has quickened while I've slowed down. The players are younger; I am older. Technology has changed the equipment, while Mother Nature has changed mine.

So why do I continue to play pickleball? Because every time I step onto the court I know I will experience a good dose of friendship, laughter and exercise.

Besides my passion for pickleball, I also love to hike. On Oct. 7, 2025, this octogenarian is leaving to hike the Pyrenees on Spain's Camino.

Editor's Sidebar:

Sherrill may say she has slowed down...However, anyone who has had the fun of playing with Sherrill will know that she is a super partner. As for playing against her...look out!



Sherrill Taylor

Maintaining play throughout the years requires that you pay attention to safety on the courts.

- ♦ Stretch first...We know you don't.
- ♦ Invest in good pickleball shoes...We know you pay \$\$ for new racquets.
- ♦ Don't be a hero...We know you can't run that fast.
- ♦ Hydrate between games...We know you like to chat instead.



The Fun Goes On!

Well, it's hard to believe that it has been a year since we first spoke about the idea of starting a club.

From the beginning, we have been amazed at the response and interest shown by so many. We have grown from 60 to 203, over 3 times where we began. **AMAZING!** Thank you for showing your support and making it an incredible first year.

As Membership Director, I would be remiss in not suggesting that it is **important for you to come to the AGM**. Who doesn't want to have fun? We are having a few games on the floor pad at AMA and then you have a long walk...upstairs where we will have pizza and then get down to business. This is **YOUR** club and without a quorum of approximately 70, we will not be able to have elections or pass the motions we have on the table. Please think about having a voice and providing direction where we need to go and what you want to do.



Sue Miadovnik

As a member you can do this, but you have a louder voice when you are on the board, listening to what other members want, while liaising with council and Parks and Rec. This is where you have the best understanding and hopefully, vision of the club. Have I begged enough? No? Please, please, please, come out one, come out all, to our first AGM.

I know many of you are away, hence the change request to allow for proxies. We can't make that change without **YOU**. Hope to see you on Saturday, Oct 4th at AMA. If you can't make it to the social, then please come to the meeting part starting around 6:30-6:45. We need to know the numbers so please register and let us know whether you are coming.

The link provided below so no excuses...

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/event/ntpc-agm-saturday-october-4-2025/42014/>





Pickleball Player Profile!



Danny “Rocky” George

I want to share my exciting journey with pickleball, which I started playing in December of 2024. I have been hooked ever since.

What's been fascinating is how my experiences playing table tennis and cricket have significantly helped me adapt to the new game. I am grateful to the men and women who took the time to explain the rules during my initial playing experiences. My background in table tennis and cricket has given me a strong foundation in hand-eye coordination which has been invaluable in pickleball. I'm able to react quickly to the ball's trajectory and spin. My experience with different types of bounces has helped me anticipate and respond to shots effectively. I've been enjoying the challenges of improving my skills and learning new strategies. Pickleball has been a great way for me to stay active, socialize, and have fun.

Cricket has been my main sport, starting in grade school in Guyana and continuing over the past 40 years in Canada. I've had the privilege of playing in Australia, England, Barbados and Trinidad.

I played for Canada in the 2024 Men's Senior World Cup cricket tournament in England. Our nation placed third behind England and Australia, and ahead of five other cricketing nations. I had a really good tournament, winning the batting title, and our team scored the most runs of all the teams.

Pickleball will certainly help me to stay fit during the coming winter season as I prepare for the next Senior World Cup cricket tournament in New Zealand, which starts the last week of Feb. 2026, and runs for 16 days.

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



Senior Play on Fridays!

This program isn't just meant for beginners to learn how to play. Contact Community Services is offering a free court hour to senior pickleball players. They even provide snacks afterwards. Participants are asked to complete a survey at the end of the hour.

FREE SENIOR PROGRAMS 55+

FREE PICKLEBALL FOR SENIORS



NEW TECUMSETH MEMORIAL ARENA
49 NELSON STREET WEST ALLISTON

REGISTER TODAY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT!

ALL SESSIONS 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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| ✓ Friday, September 12th | ✓ Friday, October 3rd |
| ✓ Friday, September 19th | ✓ Friday, October 10th |
| ✓ Friday, September 26th | ✓ Friday, October 17th |
| | ✓ Friday, October 24th |

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER!



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New Tec's Gotta Have Fun!

Summer Hoorah 2025 has come and gone!

Over the 4-week session, we averaged about 12 members joining in for play and drills. We shared plenty of laughs, enjoyed each other's company, and despite the hot conditions in the TCFC arena we powered through and had fun!

The best news of all: thanks to the generosity of our registrants, we donated 54+ kg (that's 120 lbs. for the old-school crowd) of non-perishable food items to both the Alliston and Tottenham food bank locations.

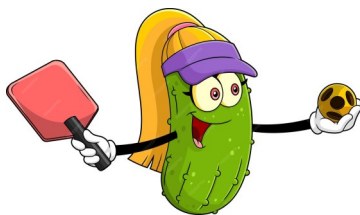
Congratulations to everyone!

Jody Macdonald



"GOOD DEFENSE."

When your opponent is serving to your partner and faults, you know it's all thanks to that stellar "defense" your partner put up. !





New Tec's Gotta Have Fun!

When do pickles and potatoes go together?

Answer: *When our pickleball club enters the Alliston Potato Festival Parade.*

This summer, the New Tec Pickleball Club proudly entered a float in the Alliston Potato Festival Parade, bringing both community spirit and our club pride to the streets of our town. This past winter I had refurbished a farm hay wagon, to hold a water tank for watering trees and the garden. With a fresh coat of paint, it served as our float. We had purchased two club banners for our Pickleball Fun Day in May, at the AMA. These banners were spaced to fit on the wagon.



Kim Ellison
by Kim Ellison

The energy on the float was electric. Thanks to Chris Campbell, who supplied us with a high-quality DJ speaker, and Caroline Carreiro, whose play list kept us moving and grooving as we brought fun to the parade route. We even included baskets of potatoes as a nod to the festival theme.

We had 13 club members join us, some walking alongside the float and others riding on board. It was a great opportunity to showcase our club to the thousands of spectators lining the streets. Along the way, we handed out 100 flyers for those who made inquiries, to learn more about Pickleball, how to join our club and where to play.

From my driver's side window, as we drove the parade route. I would watch people read our banner, smile, and excitedly point and say "Pickleball".



Let's Talk About Some Pickleball Rules!

Line calls (Rule 6.C.3.): The opponent gets the benefit of the doubt on line calls made. Any ball that cannot be called "out" will be considered "in." A player cannot claim a replay because the ball was not seen on a line call or there is uncertainty. Any uncertainty on a line call will be given to the opponent's benefit.

Translation: If you aren't sure...the ball is **in**. When in doubt...the ball **isn't** out! *Editor's Rant*