



SLPC Newsletter



November 2024

Advancing Pickleball For All, For Life!

Dear SLPC Members,

We are thrilled to offer another newsletter to our members to keep them informed and aware of the exciting and wonderful experiences and opportunities being offered by our very own Sarnia Lambton Pickleball Club.

OUR EXECUTIVE

Board of Directors and Officers

President: Ron Mombourquette

Vice President: Aldo Adamo

Secretary: Leslie Dugas

Treasurer: Kathryn Poole

Directors: Mike Barron, Bill Lindsay, Heather Moran, Dom Rae, Carrie Cicchelli



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Membership

It is that time again..... time to **renew** your membership with our club. The cost is \$70 which includes your membership to PB Canada, PB Ontario, insurance as well as membership to our club. Click on the link to renew now!

Early bird special until November 30, 2024 [Renewal Website](#)



COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Finance (Kathryn Poole)

The accounting firm of TurnerMoore was engaged to conduct a compilation of the books and records of the club since its inception in 2023. TurnerMoore prepares all filings required for tax purposes based on those records. For future, since the club is now a Corporation (as of August, 2024), it is proposed that the engagement be upgraded to a review that will provide added assurance of the absence of material misstatements. The financial report for the year ended September 30, 2024 was sent to all members in the AGM slideshow presentation for reference.

Social (Crystal Adamo)

The social committee has been busy providing our members with opportunities to gather and connect with one another. The SLPC Social Committee would like to officially invite any members of the club to join our fun and creative group.

Facilities (Aldo Adamo)

We are thrilled to announce that we have entered into a true partnership with DeGroots Nursery to bring indoor pickleball back inside the green house! Starting the first week of December thru to March, we will have up to 8 indoor courts with play available 7 DAYS A WEEK, WITH EVENING PLAY TO 9 PM UNDER THE LIGHTS!!!!



Program Policies (Bill Lindsay)

Implementation of the Guest and Substitution Policies, which went into effect on August 1, 2024, went well, with several people making use of the opportunity to sub, as well as welcoming guests being able to fill in with our club play. Great news for those with relatives or friends that occasionally visit. Thanks to all for your cooperation in understanding and following these new policies.

Programs/Club Play (Bill Lindsay)

Winter play at DeGroot's is happening again this year. There have been some improvements at DeGroot's this year, including extended hours, more courts than we had last year, and the most exciting is the new rubberised courts purchased by the club for a better court experience!

•New Features:

- One **MLP-style league**: 8-week team format with varying skill levels.
- Adaptive scheduling: Court assignments/events adjusted based on demand.

•Reservations:

- Made using Salix online, open one week in advance.
- Waitlists and additional courts available for high-demand sessions.
- Salix will be using credit cards now, be sure to update your Salix account.



Communications (Carrie Cicchelli)

Facebook and Instagram, along with our website is fully active for members to join and follow. Here are the links to follow:

[FACEBOOK page](#)



[INSTAGRAM page.](#)



Club Website

Here is the link to the SLPC website where you can find all the information you need about our club:

[Sarnia Lambton Pickleball Club](#)

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Opportunities for Improvement:

Learn to Play: Introductory sessions for beginners.

Mentored sessions:

- Play with 2 others and a mentor for in-game guidance.
- Play with 3 others and receive post-rally feedback from a mentor.

Lessons:

- Group and private lessons led by instructors.
- Instructor-led drill sessions.

Ball Machine Rentals:

- Private and group rentals available.

Competitions:

- Leagues & Ladders
- Mini Tournaments



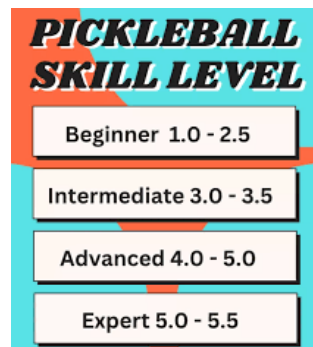
Something for Everyone:

- Balancing casual play and skill development to meet diverse member interests.

GET RATED

What are player ratings?

- A way to assess and categorize a player's skill level.
- Ratings are typically expressed as a numerical value, ranging from beginner (1.0) to professional or expert levels (5.5+)



What are ratings used for?

- **Matchmaking:** Ensures balanced and competitive play in leagues, tournaments, or drop-in games.
- **Tournaments:** Players enter specific brackets based on their ratings.
- **Improvement Tracking:** Helps players set goals and measure progress.

SLPC is happy to offer our members an opportunity to be rated by a professional, with credentials, to give you a fair and accurate PB rating. More information to follow by email.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

SLPC would like to recognize the following members of the club for their dedication and commitment to the club:

Past President Mike Van Hemmen

- Guided the club through early challenges, laying the foundation for our success

Interim President Dr. David Matheson

- Stepped up during the nomination process with dedication and care

Recognizing Committee Members: Dave Mitton, Deanna Sandrin, and John Boomsma

- Ensured smooth operations, event organization, and court management

Celebrating Volunteers: Court ambassadors, tournament helpers, and program monitors

- Contributions include drying courts, assisting players, and maintaining programming

HELP!

With DeGroots programming starting soon, we need your help!

We need volunteer court monitors. A description is below of a monitor's role:



- be present during the program time
- deem courts playable during unsafe conditions
- monitor players signed up for the program time slot
- Ensure all guests sign waivers and have made payments via e-transfer
- Volunteers will be compensated for their time, ex. free hour of play. More details to follow once confirmed.

National Pickleball Day 2024



Sarnia Smash 2024







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CONGRATULATIONS
 to all Participants!



Club Championships 2024



**Angele Lines & Darlene Pileggi
Women's 3.5 Doubles**



**Ron Szabo & Gord Knott
Men's 3.5 Doubles**



**Simon Dearing & Greg Mentley
Men's 3.0 Doubles**



**Tino Dibattista & Joe Dibattista
Men's Open**



**Heather Moran & Diane Doornbosch
Women's 3.0 Doubles**





Dave Matheson & Reves Henderson
Mixed 3.0 Doubles



Tino Dibattista & Joanne Rebryk
Mixed 3.5 Doubles

Joe Dibattista & Nya Nyguen
Mixed 3.5+ Doubles

PICKLEBALL TIPS AND RESOURCES

Here are some tips and suggestions to help you with your game! Always remember the objective is to be social, get some exercise and enjoy your time with your friends!



15 Pickleball Tips to Help You Rack Up More Wins

- #1. Talk, talk, talk!
- #2. Get up to the kitchen line
- #3. Practice your dink
- #4. Mix up your shots
- #5. Pay attention to the wind
- #6. Hit to your opponent's backhand
- #7. Improve your footwork
- #8. Master the third shot drop
- #9. Use your partner to your advantage
- #10. Get your serves in
- #11. Keep your opponents back
- #12. Know if you're on offense or defense
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- #14. Be prepared at all times
- #15. Don't overthink it!



We look forward to many more exciting games and tournaments as well as opportunities to learn and grow as a club. As always, thank you for your continued support in your SLPC!



Submit club photos and stories for inclusion in upcoming newsletters to sarnialambtonpickleball@gmail.com.

