

APA News March 2025

Greetings Members,

We hope this correspondence finds you well. We are writing to provide you with some important updates.

Winter Indoor Play:

APA has completed its 2nd season of Winter Indoor play with great success. We were able to offer 11 different sessions with both Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced level play, at 5 different venues for over 140 participants including spares. Feedback from our players has been extremely positive with a strong interest expressed in continuing with this indoor play opportunity for next Fall/Winter. A very special thank you to our Convenors for all of their work in hosting each of the sessions.

New Outdoor Courts:

A ground breaking ceremony to commence Amherstburg's 8 dedicated Pickleball Courts took place in August of 2024. The initial construction of the courts including the exterior fencing was completed before the winter months. We are now waiting for the final surfacing and addition of court lines as well as the installation of nets and interior fencing. Our hope is to have the courts available for use by late Spring early Summer. Once we have more definitive information and timelines, we will advise you with the hope that you will be able to attend the Grand Opening and more importantly, enjoy play on the new courts.

Our Executive has recently met with Town Administrations to discuss the operation of the courts. Our intent is for APA to have access to the courts during specified days and time slots to be able to offer organized league play, recreational and competitive tournaments including ladder tournaments, and paddle up play.



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APA will manage and oversee these events with the help of our volunteers to ensure things run smoothly and the new courts are well maintained.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

As an incentive to join and/or renew membership with the Amherstburg Pickleball Association for the 2025 year we are NOT increasing our membership rate at this time. For only \$25.00 plus \$20.00 to join Pickleball Ontario/Canada, you will be able to enjoy the perks of being an APA Member until Dec. 31, 2025.

- Access to peak court times
- Opportunities to play in recreational and competitive tournaments
- Opportunities to take part in clinics
- Voting rights at our Annual General Meeting
- Access to information/updates
- Insurance
- Volunteer to help organize and/or supervise organized pickleball play events
- Opportunity to participate in Winter Indoor Play sessions

If you purchased your membership after September 1st, 2024, it will be effective until December 31st, 2025.

If you are looking to Join and/or Renew your membership please visit our website:

<u>Amherstburg Pickleball Association</u> and follow the prompts. If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to contact any member of our Executive for assistance. (Contact information can be found on our website.)



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Indoor Summer Play at the Libro Centre:

We have inquired about the opportunity for indoor Pickleball Play to continue this Spring and Summer at the Libro Centre on one of the ice pads however, information at this time is inconclusive. Once we know something definite, we will let you know.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your continued loyalty to and support of the Amherstburg Pickleball Association.

We are looking forward to the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead for our Association. We remain committed to our goal to foster the growth and development of Pickleball in our town as well as invite and host players from all parts of the county and beyond!

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amherstburg Pickleball Association Board of Directors 2025