



New Tec Times

Summer 2026



From the President's Paddle!



President
Sue Miadovnik

Spring has arrived with many folks moving to outdoor courts. We have no scheduled play for the summer as our membership showed us last summer, most wanted to enjoy the outdoors as long as possible – even into the warm October weather. This is why we will not be permitting AMA for the remainder of the year, unless membership comes forward asking for some scheduled play. We are low man in the totem pole to ask for anything, so we are only given weekday afternoons, no evenings or weekdays.

We want to thank our “Leads” that ensured you all got the most out of the 13 events we held weekly from Jan-May. Thanks to Harold, Dierken, Kim Ellison, Helen Wilks, Jody Macdonald, Mike Wood, Sally Cacciotti, Patricia Koblizek and all the folks that came early to help set up nets.....you know who you are.

Community & Club Growth

We want to inform you of a few things the board has been working on recently.

Windscreens

Last year we asked if Deanne Cynthia Rose Pickleball Courts could have windscreens for the public courts. The New Tecumseth Facilities Dept. did purchase one screen, which we said was not sufficient nor the correct material. This one screen has been put up at the Beeton courts and I hear rumblings of folks being disappointed. If you would like to send me an email (smiadovniknewtecpickleball.org) with your concerns, I can address everything at once. Alliston courts will be getting proper windscreens as we have provided the correct material to order and have ongoing discussions.



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President's Paddle Cont'd!

Tottenham News

Two new dedicated pickleball courts are now at Keogh Park. These were originally going to replace the skateboard park behind TCFC. The board asked for the skateboarders to not be displaced and so council and facilities agreed to Keogh Park.

The Tottenham Tennis Club is allowing the south court to become open to the public. Facilities will be repainting this court with pickleball lines as well as the current configuration is not acceptable.

While all of the above is not just for Club use, we do have a voice at the table and we are working diligently for ALL pickleball enthusiasts. We still look for our own spot, so ideas and locations are always welcome.

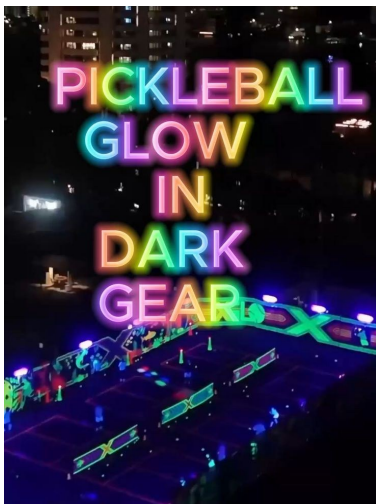
Exciting times ahead for our community!

Speaking of Exciting Times!

Our Second Annual Fun Day!

I have saved the best for last. Fun Day was held on June 6th and we literally brought the house down to a grinding halt. 43 members were supposed to play 36 matches, All our hollering, hooting, laughter and groans stopped us dead in our tracks at 12:30 with the lights going out. We had to evacuate the building and call it quits while watching the bronze women's and men's games.

Among the spectators were many councilors, and Parks and Rec staff. They all were very surprised at the number of participants, the level of play and were surprised at how we all started the game off tapping paddles and ended our games the same way with smiles on our faces. This goes a long way to help them understand what pickleball is all about.



Unfortunately, this is where I must share that we have chosen to not finish the day. We could have had the end of June, np, but many partners were going to be away, so we have chosen to not move forward. I realize this is a huge disappointment to many of us. After all who wouldn't have wanted to see one team, with a male wearing a tutu (names will be left anonymous)...In the end, we are all winners!

*Editor's Note: Glow in the Dark Pickleball Fun Night
Tournament...Anyone?*

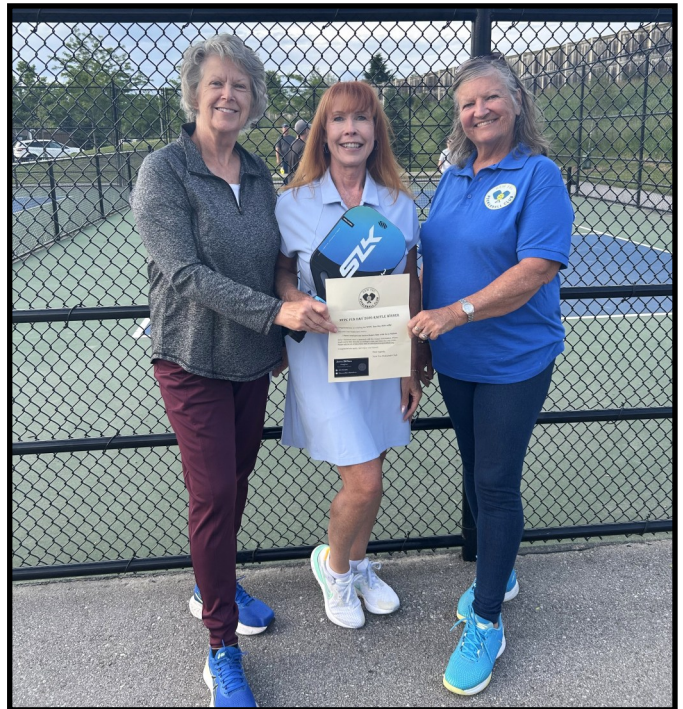


Fun Day Adventure Continues...!

Thank you to Jody Macdonald who put countless hours and sleepless nights into making this a successful morning. We would be remiss if thanks was not given to a few members. Thank you.... Lorne Downey, Paul Wales, Pamela Cybulski and Stuart Burns who helped Jody out in many ways. All the volunteers - a huge thank you, as without you, we wouldn't have been able to put this on.

Our winner for the 1 hour free Clinic with Jerry Skilton was Darlene Atherley. She is taking Anne Marie Langlois to be her buddy on the court. Congratulations to Darlene (she also won part of the 50/50 draw last year, so not certain if we will allow her to win a 3rd time in a row).

If you do want to have a match with the teams for Silver and Gold, then get your teams together and have a fun game. Take a picture or 2 of you playing on the court (whether indoors or outdoors) and we can post the pics on social media and our website.

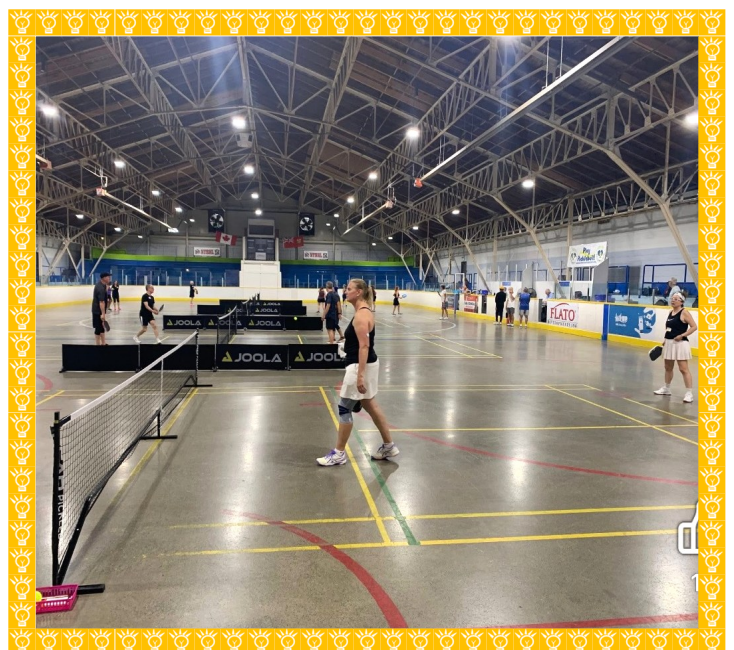


L-R: Fun Day Chair Jody Macdonald, Draw Winner Darlene Atherley, President Sue Miadovnik

Indispensable Volunteers !



Let There Be Light!





Calling All Volunteers!

We want to hold a 2nd Fun Day, but perhaps have a different format from our spring one (more to follow on this). Jody Macdonald will be away for our fall event, so we need people to step up and help out.

This is the time where we need a group of people to sit down, work on the details, get committees set up and work on all the fine details. YOU will have a say on how the day is run. Jody will be here to guide as will your board, but we are in need for you to say yes I'm interested.

If you know how to schedule games, do score keeping, time keeping, have an idea of how to run the day have an idea please, please, please let us know. No idea is a stupid idea, so come on out and help YOUR Club.

IF WE DON'T GET VOLUNTEERS TO WORK ON THE DETAILS AND THE SCHEDULE, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD THIS EVENT.

Upcoming Events!

Be sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye on your email or our website for updates: Many of you are not receiving our emails. ***Please look in your junk/spam folder if you don't see any emails from us (mark as "safe") and ensure you check off "opt-in" for our emails.***

August 7 – Alliston Potato Festival Parade (6pm – Dusk). If interested please contact Kim Ellison (kellison@newtecpickleball.org)

September/October – our 2nd AGM location and date still to be determined.

October 24/October 31– Our 1st Fall Fun Day. Waiting for confirmation from AMA

December 4 –1st Annual Christmas party at the Alliston Legion. Please contact Helen Wilks (hwilksnewtecpickleball.org)

See you on the Courts,

President Sue

Stay Connected Stay Active Stay Social

P.S. Share Your Photos!

If you have photos of yourself playing pickleball in different places, send them in!





New Tec's Gotta Have Fun!



Director Kim Ellison

Over three Monday nights in May and one in June, we successfully ran our Club's Third Learn to Play program at Banting Memorial High School. This initiative welcomed 12 new members to our Club, and gave them the opportunity to experience the game that continues to grow in popularity.

The group picked up the fundamentals very quickly, and it was rewarding to see the noticeable improvement week by week. Beyond the physical aspect of the sport, the social side of Pickleball remains just as important. As an instructor, it was especially great to hear the laughter and see the camaraderie developing among this enthusiastic group of newcomers. The Everett group, in particular, played a key role in fostering this welcoming and fun atmosphere.

A special highlight was seeing two of our newest participants, Lisa and Lorena, sign up to compete at our fun day tournament, in the Women's Doubles, Beginners / Advanced Beginners division. Lorena summed up the experience perfectly in a WhatsApp post: "It was a great first day, my first time in a tournament. We lost every single game, but had lots of fun." That spirit truly captures what our Club is all about.

I would like to thank Kathy Hardy, Harold Dierken, Jeannie Ellison (2X) and Sue Miadovnik for their valuable help in delivering the sessions.

If you know anyone who might be interested in participating in our next Learn to Play program, please feel free to send me their contact information. I already have a few names on the list and would be happy to add more.



Front L-R :

Haley Gardner Yeager, Amanda McPherson, Lisa Cain

Middle L-R : Lorena Gonzalez, Tammi Lamont, Carol Pasqualino, Louisa Plavic, Natasha De Grazia

Back L-R : Ryan Gardner Yeager, John Verschueren, Brian Lamont

Not Present : Chandra Verschueren



We Keep On Learning!



Program Director
Jody Macdonald

We recently held a very successful certified coaching clinic for Beginner/Advanced Beginner and Intermediate players at the Banting Memorial High School gym. The clinic ran over four Friday evenings in May, with each skill level offered for two weeks.

The program sold out very quickly, clearly demonstrating the strong interest within our club to develop and improve your skills. Thank you to everyone who participated and completed our post-clinic survey.

We were delighted to hear your positive feedback. Most participants told us they would like to see more clinics offered in the future and suggested extending each skill level from two weeks to four weeks.

We appreciate these valuable suggestions and will certainly take them into consideration as we plan future programming.

We were also pleased to hear how much you enjoyed working with coaches Jerry and Jill, whom we brought in from Orangeville. Their expertise, enthusiasm, and engaging coaching style contributed greatly to the success of the clinic.

Thank you again for your participation and support!

Practice Makes Pickleball Perfect...Perhaps!



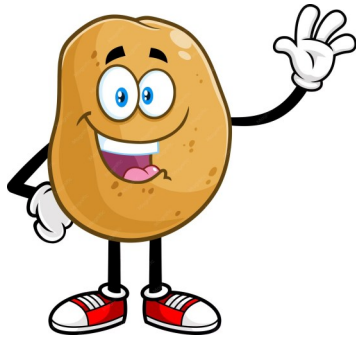
Coach Jerry Skilton





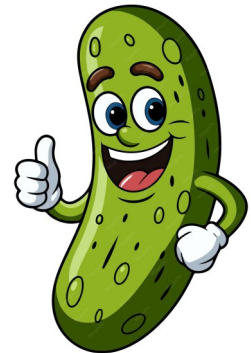
What do you get when you combine pickles with potatoes...?

A wagon full of people mashed together having PB fun!



Alliston Potato Festival Parade

Join the Fun!



Come walk or ride with us on the **New Tec Pickleball Club float** in this year's Alliston Potato Festival Parade! It's a great opportunity to have fun and help promote our club within the community.

Where: Meet east of Banting High School Victoria Street / Hwy 89 (*exact location TBD*)

When: Friday, August 7, 2026

Time: Arrive at 6:00 PM | Parade starts at 7:00 PM

To sign up contact: Kim Ellison kellison@newtecpickleball.org or call 705-309-4035



FESTIVAL DATES AND HOURS

Friday, August – 7 5:00 pm to 12:30 am
Saturday, August 8 – 9:30 am to 12:30 am
Sunday, August 9 – 9:30 am to 4:00 pm



Pickleballer Profiles!



Linda McNab

I started playing a few years ago with friends. Then they got into it seriously and I didn't keep up to their level. Last year, when the Club offered night-time pickleball at Banting High School, I started playing consistently and became more confident.

The people I have met keep me coming back. I met so many great people. A few of the ladies and I have gotten together to do non-pickleball activities, as well.

I should probably improve my language on the court. I do tend to let a few expletives slip out fairly often.

It can be fun playing with Scott as a partner. Pickleball allows us to do an activity together that we both enjoy.

Besides playing pickleball, I enjoy my cats, concerts, crafts, cocktails, and traveling, even just day trips, to see new things.

Scott McNab

I started playing 2 years ago when Linda had already started and decided to give it a try. The fun of the sport and the social aspect, as well, keep me coming back. I would like to improve my serve and dinking up by the net.

Playing with my off-court partner is good because we have progressed together in both skill and speed. Maybe even let some of our frustrations out through the competitiveness of the game. LOL



I enjoy working out (not to be a gym rat, but, rather, maintain muscle strength), cycling and traveling, whether local or abroad.

Reporter's Comment: The NTPC thanks the McNabs for their contributions to the Club, helping set up equipment for Club play and putting a face on the Club in the Potato Festival parade.



New Tec Pickler Photo Gallery



*Photos Courtesy of Paparazzi Kim
and his learn to play gang!*

