



New Tec Times

October 2026



From the President's Paddle!



**President
Sue Miadovnik**

Well it is hard to believe we are officially in Year 3 for NTPC. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and that you got a few pickleball games in between all the festivities.

We held our AGM on October 3rd at the Alliston Legion. Thank you to the 30 members who came out and heard what we have accomplished and voted in our new board.

We started out in the Spring of 2024 as a small group of picklers to talk about pickleball and discuss if there was any interest in forming a pickleball club. We recognized the challenge of engaging town personnel, so we held an evening at New Tecumseth Rec Centre in September 2024 for a group of people wanting to know what the sport was all about and to hear about our vision. The seeds were planted, and with lots of nourishing we have started to see a few blooms.

Beginning with 65 members, with no where to play as a club and no discussions with council or the Parks and Rec department, all we could go is up from there.

THANKFUL



FOR PICKLEBALL

We started out in the winter of 2025 with Friday evenings from January to April and added a learn to play clinic in May.

In year two, we held Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening play, two learn to play clinics and a Spring Fun Day.

There is so much that has happened this year...

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2026-2027

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President's Paddle Cont'd!

NEW THIS YEAR

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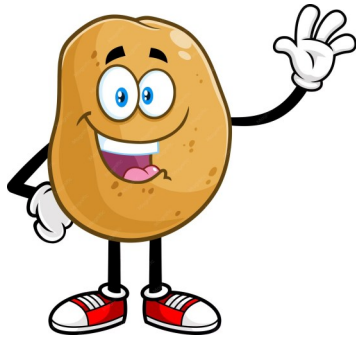
There will be NO membership fee increase. Active membership is \$50 with early bird registration and unlimited \$5 coupons. Supporting membership remains at \$35.

You will need to renew your Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Ontario membership as well.

Dues must be paid before you sign up for any session commencing January 2nd, 2027.



Looking Ahead!



-  Inter club play with Wasaga Beach and Orillia
-  Continue to advocate for a location/ building for our club
-  Work on permit times for outdoor play at Deanne Cynthia Rose Park (Alliston) and Keogh Park (Alliston)
-  Add Sunday afternoons to our roster for play in Angus during the winter

-  Celebrate National Pickleball Day on Saturday of the Alliston Potato Festival
-  Hold social events to get to meet other members we don't always see
-  Hold our 1st Christmas event Friday Dec 4th
-  Hold more clinics
-  Host some drop in events (practice, dinking, 3rd shot drop etc.)
-  Keep the momentum going during the summer
-  Have a membership drive in the fall
-  This is our time to shine. Please consider coming out and help us show what games look like and let the seniors try it out. November 26th from 3:30-5:30. We encourage seniors to bring a grandchild along.
-  Look for a youth group and set up a session

AGM Winners!

Congratulations to door prize winners – Andrea Wallis & Ken Mateer

Congratulations to our Trivia Winners – Andrea Wallis , Harold Dierken and Carrie Collette-Turman



New Tec's Gotta Have Fun!



Director Kim Ellison

Once again the New Tec Pickleball Club proudly participated in the Alliston Potato Festival Parade on Friday, August 7th. This year's parade theme was "Canada Strong", and our participating members proudly wore their Canadian merchandise and brought their Canadian flags.

Our float was very well received by the community as we made our way along the parade route. We heard many people calling out "Pickleball" as we passed. This shows the growing recognition of our sport.

The Club has had business cards printed up with our contact information and details how prospective new members can connect with us. We distributed 151 cards to people who expressed an interest in learning more about the New Tec Pickleball Club.



L to R: Susie Gattrell, Kim Ellison, Yvonne Nunnaro, Patricia Kolbizek, Jeannie Ellison, Deb Cowen, Jody Shaw, Harold Dierken, Helen Wilks and Brian Partridge. Not in the picture, Linda McNab.

**A big thank you to all the members who participated
and helped make the event a success!**



Pickleballer Profiles!



Ruth You

I began playing pickleball with my husband in July of 2024. For a long time, daily fitness classes were my routine, but one day I came across a pickleball game and thought it would be the perfect activity to share with my husband, who wasn't very fond of exercising.

What started as a simple idea quickly became a source of joy. I found myself looking forward to the games, not only because of the sport, itself, but also because of the conversations and connections with people I had never met before. On the court, my husband and I talk about what we can improve and practice together, and sometimes we travel to other cities to meet new groups, discovering fresh challenges and new ways to grow.

Beyond pickleball, music has always been a big part of my life. My background is in classical music, but lately I've fallen in love with jazz piano. Its freedom and playfulness bring me a new kind of joy.

Gary Levine

Pickleball is one of those sports that just keeps getting better and better the more you play. That isn't to suggest that *you*, the player, necessarily keep getting better and better. I am living proof of that.

My wife, Julia, and I were first introduced to pickleball in Florida several years ago. Later, as COVID began to wane, I joined a handful of stalwarts playing at Deanne Cynthia Rose Park. I quickly rose through the ranks—from novice to beginner, then to advanced beginner, and then to... Well, let's just say I'm still rising, albeit slowly.

When I'm not playing pickleball or working at DOC PC Web Creation and Video Production, I enjoy cycling, golf, photography and scuba diving. I also volunteer with Kiwanis, our Chamber of Commerce, the Briar Hill Community Centre and the New Tec Pickleball Club Board.

We have been away from the courts travelling a great deal this year. Singapore to Australia, Oslo to Barcelona and throughout the Caribbean. We hope to spend some time on the courts as we wile away the winter in Mexico.

I look forward to seeing you on the courts. And remember: "I prefer Strub's..."





So Many Members to Be Thankful For!

Thank you to our members who were willing to continue in their position or were re-elected to our 8 member board of directors. The position of vice-president has not yet been filled. Our board remains the same as it was this past year. We are grateful to them for giving their time, this past year, serving as a board member. We also appreciate Jody McDonald and Maria Zonni for letting their names stand in our election process.

Further thanks goes out to all of our many volunteers. Many hands make light work. A huge shout out to the following people:

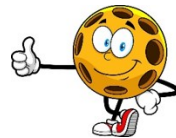
Sally Cacciotti, Lisa Cain, Deb Cowen, Pam Cybulski, Harold Dierken, Lorne Downey, Linda Dunbar, Jeannie Ellison, Scott Harris, Janet Hayward, Anne Marie Langlois, Julia Levine, Jody Macdonald, Linda McNab, Sherrill Taylor, Carrie Collett-Turman, Paul Wales and Mike Wood. *My sincere apologies if I have omitted any names.*

Kim has been our go to lead on Mondays at Banting High School but he has had to step down. It has been a great learning experience for all concerned. We have really appreciated his providing the opportunity for Monday night play. Yvonne Nunnaro has kindly agreed to take over on Monday nights. We know everyone attending will pitch in to help her set up and tear down.

Have we missed anything?

Please let us know if you have an idea and we will try to execute it.
Send all comments or any concerns you might have to:
info@newtecpickleball.org.

We do respond!



Upcoming Events!

Be sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye on your email or our website for updates. Lots of opportunities to play ahead.

October 31st– Our 1st Fall Fun Day. Dress up!

December 4th–1st Annual Christmas party at the Alliston Legion.

Please contact Helen Wilks hwilksnewtecpickleball.org