CLUB UPDATE

September 2026

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear TPC Members,

September is here, and there is lots happening at TPC!

The Board has been busy behind the scenes working on ways to strengthen our club, improve communication, develop programming and make sure TPC continues to be a welcoming place for everyone.

Our fall and winter programs are getting underway, giving members more opportunities to play, improve their skills and connect with others. We are excited about the range of options available and will continue looking for ways to support players at all levels.

Inclusion will be a big focus for us this year. No one should feel that they are not good enough to play, that they will be judged, or that they do not belong. We have players with different abilities, experience and goals, and that is exactly what makes TPC what it is. We want everyone to feel comfortable stepping onto the court.

We are also grateful for our partnership with Avondale Church. Having access to this indoor space is a wonderful opportunity for our members, and we need to continue respecting the rules and protecting this important relationship.

Looking ahead, the Board is also exploring possibilities for additional indoor recreation space in Tillsonburg. Nothing has been decided, but we believe it is important to think creatively about what could be possible for pickleball and other community recreation opportunities in the future.

And sometimes it is the little things that make the biggest difference. A donated utility shed, members volunteering their time, someone welcoming a new player, or simply encouraging someone who is having a tough day on the court. These are the things that build a strong club.

We have a lot to be proud of at TPC. Our goal is not simply to have more players or more programs. It is to create a place where people want to come, play, improve, laugh and feel that they belong.

Membership gives us access to TPC, but it is our actions that create the club.



Thank you for being part of it.

Carolijn Verbakel
President, Tillsonburg Pickleball Club

The Shed is Here

A gift to our courts from the heart of our community

It's official – the shed has landed! 🎉

After weeks of planning, designing and hard work, our brand new equipment storage shed is now installed at our pickleball courts, and we could not be more thrilled. This wonderful addition will give members easy access to pickleballs, a first aid kit, court maintenance supplies and everything needed to keep our courts running smoothly.

This shed is so much more than storage – it is a symbol of what makes TPC so special.
The generosity, talent and dedication of our members coming together for the love of this club. 💚

Thank You, Bart & Larry

A heartfelt and enormous thank you to Bart Reitveld and Larry Stuyt, who generously designed, built and donated this shed completely free of charge.

The countless hours you both invested in this project are a true testament to your kindness and commitment to our club.
Every member who steps onto these courts will benefit from your incredible gift.
We are deeply grateful.

Thank You to Our Setup Crew

A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who came out to help with the installation:

Eric, Bob, Christopher, Steve, Bart and Paula

Your time and helping hands made the installation day run smoothly, and we truly appreciate every one of you!









Avondale Floor Resotration

This is what community looks like.

As many of you know, Avondale has a few areas with dead spots in the floor that have been a concern for our members. We are thrilled to share that this issue is being resolved – and the story of how it happened is a perfect example of what makes TPC so special.

Thank you, Terry, Brian & Lynn V.

Terry and Brian generously gave their time to visit Avondale with Vern's Carpet to assess the floor and obtain an estimate. Thank you both for taking the initiative and making this happen!

After receiving the estimate, Lynn V. stepped up and negotiated with Vern's Carpet on behalf of the club – and we are absolutely thrilled to share the result:

The complete cost of the floor restoration will be covered by Vern's Carpet – at no cost to the club!

What an incredible and generous contribution to our club and our community. Thank you so much to Vern's Carpet for this extraordinary act of generosity!

Oliver from the church was also thrilled with the news and generously offered to cover half of the cost.

While we deeply appreciated the offer, the club did not want to take away from the funds the church uses to support the amazing social programs they provide in our community. We are grateful for their incredible partnership and continued support.

Social planning, teamwork and community are what make a club great – and we have something pretty special here.

Thank you to everyone who continues to step up, volunteer, organize, plan, problem-solve and look out for one another.

VERNES CARPET ONE FLOOR&HOME®

Vernes Carpet One – 80 Broadway St, Tillsonburg
Flooring specialists serving Oxford County with technical mastery, career expertise and a commitment to quality that stands behind every result.

We are deeply grateful to Verne's Carpet One for their extraordinary generosity in covering the complete cost of the Avondale floor restoration, a gift that benefits every TPC member who steps onto that court!

Summer Wind-Down Bash Tournament

A Morning of Pickleball, laughter, friendship and fun!

What a wonderful way to wind down the summer!

Our Summer Wind-Down Bash Tournament brought members together for a morning full of great pickleball, plenty of laughs and the kind of community spirit that makes TPC so special.

🏆 Tournament Results

🥇 1st – Annette Stuyt
🥈 2nd – Dale Prouse
🥉 3rd – Kent Wheeler

Congratulations to our winners – great job to all three!



Thank you to Our Volunteers

Events like this don't happen without the incredible people who give their time behind the scenes.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- **Lynn** – for your tremendous help throughout the day
- **Hilda, Brenda S., Margaret and Henry** – your support made all the difference
- **Eric** – for being the best cheerleader on the sidelines and winning the unofficial award for Best Outfit! 😂🏆

Thank you to the entire Social Committee for organizing such a memorable morning!

Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors

We are incredibly grateful to the following local businesses whose generous donations of prizes and food made our tournament extra special:

Sobeys – 678 Broadway St., Tillsonburg
Fresh food, groceries and everyday essentials for your home. Sobeys generously donated sandwiches, bananas, apples and water to keep our players fuelled and hydrated throughout the tournament!

Coyle's – 244282 Airport Rd., Tillsonburg
A one-of-a-kind store in a beautiful country setting offering fresh roasted nuts, homemade fudge, baking supplies and quality giftware. Thank you, Coyle's, for your generous prize donation!



Laplante Health Supply Centre – 102 Tillson Ave., Tillsonburg
Tillsonburg's longest-established health food store for all your health food needs. Thank you, Laplante, for your generous prize contribution to our tournament!

Dad's Ice Cream – 6 Vance Dr., Tillsonburg
Tillsonburg's favourite small-town ice cream shop for locals looking to indulge in tasty frozen treats.
Thank you, Dad's Ice Cream, for sweetening up our tournament day!

Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors

Country Table – 2 Vance Dr., Tillsonburg
Committed to sourcing high-quality frozen food products and supporting local producers.
Thank you, Country Table, for your generous contribution to our tournament!.

Indigo Lounge – 264 Tillson Ave., Tillsonburg
Tillsonburg's home for natural healing and wellness – offering yoga, meditation, Zumba fitness and Reiki healing for mind, body and soul.
Thank you, Indigo Lounge, for your generous support of our event!

Tim Hortons – Tillsonburg
Canada's favourite coffee shop. Thank you, Tim Hortons, for keeping our players caffeinated and energized with coffee and donuts throughout the morning!

Garden Gate – 167 Simcoe St., Tillsonburg
Hand-picked gardening essentials, home décor, landscaping basics and inspired floral design.
Thank you, Garden Gate, for your beautiful contribution to our prize table!

Moments from the Summer Wind-Down Bash Tournament















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League & Ladder Tournament

A fantastic day of pickleball, laughs and friendly competition!!

What an incredible day on the courts! Our League & Ladder Tournament was a huge success – competitive, fun and a wonderful celebration of everything our members have worked toward throughout the summer season.

🏆 Tournament Results

A Division

🥇 1st – Diane & Kent
🥈 2nd – Doug & Jordan
🥉 3rd – Dale & Bob

🏆 Tournament Results

B Division

🥇 1st – Sandy & John
🥈 2nd – Carolijn & Carla
🥉 3rd – Andy & Brenda

Congratulations to all our winners and to every player who competed – you made the day truly exciting!

A Special Thank You

Hilda, Brenda, Lynn, Margaret and Paul – thank you for giving your time to support the Social Committee and help make the day so enjoyable for everyone.

A special mention to:

- **Hilda** – for those absolutely delicious homemade cookies!
- **Brenda** – for supplying plenty of ice to keep everyone's water nice and cold!
- **Ken** – for being our official and very enthusiastic tournament cheerleader!

It was a truly great day of pickleball, laughs and friendship!

Moments from the League & Ladder Tournament

















Fall & Winter Program

More opportunities to play, more flexibility, and great value for your membership!

We are so excited for the Fall & Winter Indoor Pickleball Program getting underway! Here is a reminder of the sessions, locations and times:

NORWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE – DAYTIME

- **Monday 10:00 AM–12:00 PM – A League – max 20 players**
- **Wednesday 10:00 AM–12:00 PM – B League – max 20 players**
- **Thursday 1:00–3:00 PM – A/B Mixed Ladder – max 20 players**

ANNANDALE SCHOOL – EVENING

- **Monday 6:15–7:45 PM – B-Level Play – max 15 players**
- **Wednesday 6:15–7:45 PM – Gold & Silver Paddle Play – max 15 players**

All league play will be managed through Pickleheads. Steve will be inputting everything into Pickleheads – watch for updates!

Meet Your Coveners!

We are so fortunate to have these wonderful volunteers stepping up to keep our Fall & Winter program running smoothly. Please join us in thanking them!

Annandale – Monday Evening
- *Jean Abbott, Debbie Kasman, Linda Cote*

Annandale – Wednesday Evening
- *Paul Van Herten, Penny Jurenas, Ann Bloodworth*

Norwich – Monday Morning
- *Bart Rietveld, Ruddy Walters, Kim Znebel*

Norwich – Wednesday Morning
- *Annette Stuyt, Gloria Collins, John Petropoulos*

Norwich – Thursday Afternoon
- *Sheryl Williams, Jenny Vandooren*

Conveners will contact registered members sometime after Friday.
We are so grateful for your time, energy and commitment to our club!

Avondale Church- Important Reminder

Please read carefully

We are incredibly grateful to Avondale Church for providing our members with access to their facility for indoor pickleball. This is a wonderful privilege and one we want to make sure we protect for everyone.

Please note the following important reminders:

- **Avondale is a members-only playing location.** Please do not invite non-members to play with you at Avondale. This location is being offered specifically for TPC club members, and our insurance coverage applies only to current club members.
- **Please do not share the door code** with anyone outside the club under any circumstances.
- **Respect the arrangement.** We are very fortunate to have access to this facility, and we want to ensure we continue to honour the agreement we have with Avondale Church so that we do not risk losing this opportunity.

Booking Update – Effective September 21st

Effective **September 21, 2026,** booking play at Avondale will revert to the original booking system. Each member will book their session individually on Pickleheads and pay $5 per session at the time of booking – rather than the previous $20 fee.

Membership has its privileges – and this is one of them.

Thank you for helping us protect this important relationship and for respecting the agreement we have with Avondale Church. Your cooperation means everything!

Questions? We'd love to hear from you!
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Our Affiliations

Tillsonburg Pickleball Club is a proud affiliated member of Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada. As an affiliated club, we agree to abide by the bylaws, policies, and procedures of Pickleball Ontario and recognize both Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada as the governing bodies of pickleball.

Members can view the Pickleball Ontario bylaws, policies, and procedures at:
🌐 Pickleball Ontario- Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

Thank You

TILLSONBURG PICKLEBALL CLUB