

March 12, 2023

News Update



❖ Remembering Bob Hodgins

A sad note to begin this message. Bob Hodgins passed away last week. Condolences to Pat Ryan and Bob's family. Bob was a Lake Country Pickleball Club past-president and played a large role in establishing the Club in the Fall of 2019. Bob's always apparent passion and drive added a key ingredient to getting the Club off the ground in the early days of development. Bob was a character and will be sorely missed.

❖ Benchlands Open Play starts April 1st!

The courts at Benchlands Park will be available for Lake Country Pickleball Club members effective April 1st for "Open Play". The court schedule is the same as last year with exclusive LCPC use: Monday thru Friday 8AM to noon on all 9 courts; Saturday 8am to Noon on Courts 1-7. Scheduled group play will commence in mid-April. Watch the website for specific dates and details.

❖ Marguerite on the Move !

Unfortunately, the Club will be saying "good-bye" to Marguerite Alston our Club Treasurer and all-round nice person. Marguerite and husband Al are relocating back to Alberta [Airdrie] to be closer to family. With Marguerite's departure we will need a replacement Treasurer as soon as possible. If you know someone who would be a good fit for the board of directors and as club Treasurer please let someone from the board know.

❖ Team Captains Needed !

We need more Team Captains for the upcoming season. Four selfless volunteers have already put their names forward to co-ordinate group play this season. Thank you to John McClary [Group 3.0] Jack Hall [Group 3.5], Peggy Norris-Jones [Group 3.5] and Mike King [Group 4.25]. We will need several more Team Captains to spread out the workload. Ideally two Captains for each group. Please think about helping out.

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❖ **Pickleball Brackets**

The Pickleball Brackets launch is on target for this Spring. This optional program is available to all club members free of charge. Stay tuned to hear more details from Sandy Olsen and her dedicated committee members Alan Hargreaves and Karen Austin.



❖ **Save the Date – Fall Brawl Tournament !**

Year End Tournament - Please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 9th & 10th for our 2nd Annual LCPC Fall Brawl Tournament. The tournament committee lead by Brett MacPherson have lots of work in front of them as we get ready to host pickleballers from all over the Okanagan. We anticipate that we will be in a position to announce pre-registration dates for Club members soon. Once again, the tournament will be supporting the Lake Country Food Bank with food donations, 50/50 draws and cash from tournament proceeds.



Please continue to use the Club website for your best up to date information. Thank you and looking forward to the upcoming season!

Craig

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