

April 1, 2023



# News Update

## ❖ Pickleball is HOT!

Demand for Pickleball in Lake Country has surpassed all expectations. Our membership has been temporarily capped. We are encouraging prospective members to add themselves to the waitlist while our schedulers assemble the puzzle pieces for court access and group play. Once we are comfortable all current members have reasonable and equitable play time we can then look at adding new members from the waitlist.

## ❖ Carpooling to the Courts

Parking will be a problem this year. Fortunately, the District has agreed to have a permanent & private parking spot for the Club president, so I don't have to worry about parking 😊... but for the rest of you, with the construction across the street & related construction worker parking and the temporary closure of Benchland Drive, street parking will be at a premium. Please start thinking about carpooling.

## ❖ Show Me the Money!

We are pleased to welcome Dianne DeJong to the Board of Directors and to the position of Club Treasurer. The next time you see Dianne, please give her a big "Thank-You" for taking on this important role in the Club.

## ❖ Team Captains Needed !

We are still looking for more Team Captains for the upcoming season. Thank you to Alan Hargreaves and Dan Jmaeff for volunteering as Team Captains for the 4.25+ Group. We still need additional Captains for 2.5, 3.0 and 4.0 groups. If we can have 2 or 3 Captains for each group the work can be equally distributed. Please think about helping out.

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### ❖ Court Maintenance Committee

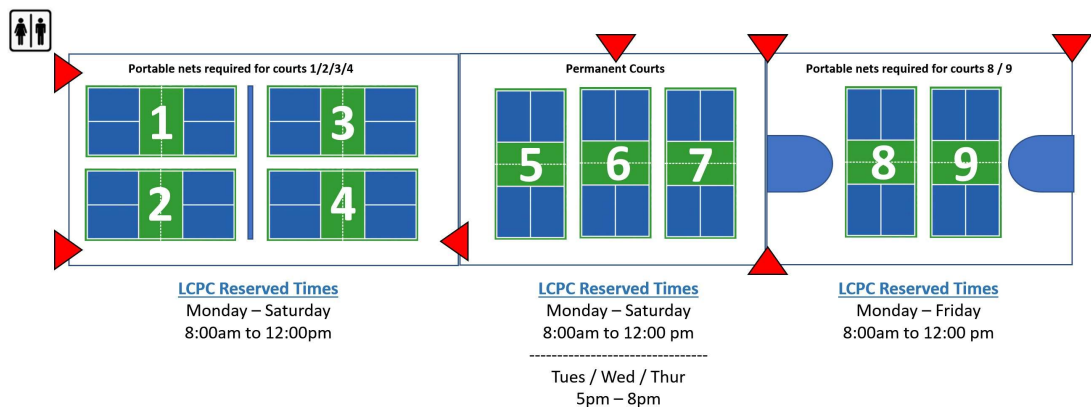
Thank you to Peter Twidle and Dave Brook for agreeing to co-chair this committee. Under our agreement with the District, we will be responsible for taking care of the courts this year and with construction nearby, this will be an important part of the club's operations. I'm sure Peter and Dave would like a little help this year so feel free to reach out and get involved!

### ❖ April 1<sup>st</sup> – Open Play at Benchlands



It's Game ON! Starting April 1st, Lake Country Pickleball Club's reserved court times are in effect and "Open Play" is available to all members. The rules for "Open Play" are very simple and all members are expected to follow these rules at all times when using the courts.

- Organize your own games on a random basis during club times (*see below*)
- Members only during exclusive club times
- If other members are waiting to play - 30 minute rule is in effect - share the courts!
- Be respectful of others; especially the residents of the Lakestone.
- Return club equipment to its proper location in the storage shed; Lock it!
- Take care of the courts, and all the facilities at Benchlands Park - this is our home court!



...Craig