

## *JANUARY, 2024 LPC NEWS*

Happy New Year!

This is the first LPC Update of the year. You can expect to see these updates each month and more often during the summer season, as needed. Please be sure to let myself or any member of the Board know if you have anything that you feel needs to be addressed in future updates.

I'd like to begin by expressing my thanks to the 2023 LPC Board and congratulate them all on a job well done! A big thank you to Tracie Lillard, Tony Fiore, Patty Lowe, Laurie Alburn and Mark Williams. Please be sure to thank them when you see them next.

### BOARD INFORMATION

Feel free to contact any member of the 2024 Board at their email address below.

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All LPC members are welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. Meetings will typically be on the second Monday of the month at 2:00pm. Our January meeting will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, January 8. Please let us know **by January 5** if you're planning to attend. Please send a note to [lovelandpickleball80538@gmail.com](mailto:lovelandpickleball80538@gmail.com) We'll decide where to have the meeting based on planned attendance.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Save The Dates for these planned Special Events!

- Friday, February 9.
  - **Black Light Pickleball** at 3<sup>rd</sup> Shot Pickleball in Longmont. We will have 2 sessions, 4:00-6:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm. There will be room for 25 players in each session. Cost is \$12.50 per player. Event details and registration will be on the LPC website in early January.
- Saturday, April 27.
  - **Pickleball Expo** at Osborn. Brief coaching sessions for new players and open play on the other courts. Play is free for the day!
- May 10 – 12.
  - **Spring Mixer**. Get reacquainted after the long winter.
- August 10 – 11.
  - **Benefit Pickleball Tournament** at Mehaffey. Benefitting the Parks and Recreation Foundation. Help low-income youth participate in Parks programs throughout the year.
- September 13- 15.
  - **Annual LPC Club Tournament**. At Mehaffey.

### MISCELLANEOUS

As we begin the new year, we have a few items available for purchase for anyone interested.

- Franklin X-40 outdoor pickleballs in Optic Green. These are the standard balls that we've been using in outdoor play for the last several years. Every player is expected to provide their own balls when

playing. Don't be that guy who always goes out on the court and asks "Anyone bring a ball?" Still \$10 for a bag of 4 balls. All Board members will have these bags available all year long!

- I have a few LPC-logoed short-sleeve shirts available. Men's Heather Blue in L and XL. Men's Royal Blue in L. Ladies Royal Blue in L and XL. And Ladies Red in M, L and XL. One shirt of each available. Still only \$17, while they last. Please let me know ASAP if you would like one.
- 2 Engage demo paddles. Evolution Extreme and Evolution Extreme X. These paddles retail at \$169.99 and have been very lightly used. Only \$50 each. You can check out the specs for each of them at [PickleballCentral.com](http://PickleballCentral.com)

### **SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT**

MEDICARE...can be so confusing!! Brenda Trejos specializes in making it easy to understand in a consultative & educational manner. Brenda has been helping hundreds of individuals understand and transition to Medicare throughout the USA and in Spanish, when needed. If you have any questions, want clarification or you or a loved one is ready for Medicare, give Brenda a call. After 20+ years in corporate benefits & insurance, Brenda now specializes only in Medicare and pickleball. ;-) PB started about 4 years ago and Brenda hasn't looked back. After years of volleyball & racquetball in Costa Rica & in college, PB is a perfect fit. Recently PB certified and an Ambassador for Selkirk, Brenda is taking her 1st group to Costa Rica for a pickleball adventure in February of 2024. Brenda can be reached at: [SeniorAgentBrenda@gmail.com](mailto:SeniorAgentBrenda@gmail.com) or directly at 970.690.5328

It was a great 2023. Let's make 2024 our best yet!

See you on the courts.

Bob

### **My Pickleball Resolutions for 2024**

By Frank Cerabino

1. I will not blame the wind every time I hit a drop-shot into the net – especially when playing indoors.
2. I will call kitchen-line foot faults against myself at all times during rec play (until the score reaches 8.)
3. I will not hit a hard smash directly at a vulnerable opponent who hasn't already left a red mark on me during the same game.
4. I will avoid taking issue with an opponent's line call, and if that's not possible, I will avoid saying something like, "Even Stevie Wonder would have called that in!"
5. I will be kind to new players learning the game, because you never know: One day one of them might be your orthopedic surgeon.
6. I will not pretend to inspect the ball for cracks after I muff an easy return.

7. I will not judge a book by its cover, but if I find myself playing against somebody who has one of those suction cups on the end of the paddle handle, I will keep the ball low.
8. When playing pickleball with somebody who stops play to answer cell phone calls on the court, I will not derisively refer to that person as "Prime Minister" for the rest of the session.
9. I will spend less time watching YouTube pickleball videos while on Zoom calls at work.
10. I will not buy more than three paddles this year, unless I win the lottery or improve my skill rating by more than half-a-point.