

MID-APRIL, 2024 LPC NEWS

Good morning everyone,

There is SO much more to enjoying pickleball than just playing open play every day. Ladder play, league play, PickleSkills, tournaments, benefits and so much more! Keeping tabs of all of the different opportunities is mind-boggling! I hope you'll consider stepping out of your comfort zone and try something new in 2024.

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE EMAIL VERY CAREFULLY!!

THURSDAY MORNING LADDER LEAGUE – (Begins Thursday, May 2.)

There is still room for 3 more players, 3.5 and above. Register ASAP!

PICKLESKILLS – (Begins Thursday, May 2.)

PickleSkills is intended to help newer players improve their skills and understand underlying strategies. Players are placed in groups according to skill level. You must have completed Level 1 (Beginning Pickleball Skills) from Loveland Parks and Recreation, *or equivalent training*, before signing up for PickleSkills sessions.

PickleSkills is recommended for players with a self-assessed rating of 3.25 or less.

PickleSkills is free for LPC club members, and will run from May 2nd through July 25.

There will be 2 sessions of PickleSkills presented at Osborn Park each Thursday, 5 pm to 6:30 pm, and 6:30 pm to 8 pm. You will be able to register for PickleSkills two weeks in advance of the event. So, the registration for the first week will open at **12:01am on Thursday, April 18**. Registration will be limited to 36 members per session.

PickleSkills includes:

Three 20-minute drill sessions where you focus on performance of skills

One Game session where you focus on strategic use of the skills during game play

To register, log on to the club website www.LovelandPickleballClub.com, click on LPC events and select the session you are interested in registering for. Be sure to complete the registration process all the way to completion!

SPRING MIXER – (Saturday, May 11.) PARTICIPATION IS FREE TO ALL LPC MEMBERS!

The Spring Mixer is our traditional start to the summer season! Players of all levels are invited to play, meet, and socialize with other club members. The Spring Mixer is at Mehaffey Park in Loveland. We'll have up to 20 courts set up for play. There will be two sessions on Saturday, May 11. 8:00 – 10:30 am and 11:00 – 2:00pm.

Players are placed in groups of 6 by comparative skill level. The group of 6 players rotate partners and play in a round robin format, playing a total of 6 games.

Registration is **now open**. To register, log on to the club website

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If you haven't done so already, please review and update your self-assessed ranking so you can be placed in the appropriate group. You can review the skills expectations for the different levels at: <http://www.lovelandpickleballclub.com/Rules>

PARKS DEPARTMENT PICKLEBALL LEAGUES – (Saturday mornings, May 4 thru Sept. 28)

Back again this summer! Come join in on fun-filled Saturday morning pickleball leagues. All skill levels are welcome! League format varies for each of the three unique 5-week sessions. Play begins at 8am on all six courts at Osborn Park. Mixed Pairs - \$40/person, Team Ladder and Team Doubles - \$80/team. Mixed Pairs (May 4 - June 15), Team Ladder June 29-Aug. 3, Team Doubles (Aug. 17-Sept. 28).

Online registration begins at 6:00pm on Monday, April 22: lovgov.org/webtrac

LOVELAND BENEFIT PICKLEBALL FESTIVAL – (Saturday, August 10 – Sunday, August 11)

I'll be sending a flyer devoted strictly to the Festival in the next few days. Mark your calendars!!

See you on the courts.

Bob