



June 2025

LAKEWOOD RACQUET REPORT

PRO TIP: When (and When Not) to Change Direction

Tennis is a game of small margins and smart decisions. One of the most important choices you make with every shot is which direction to hit the ball.

From the baseline, the safest option is often to hit the ball back in the same direction it came from. Hitting cross-court is also a safe choice — it gives you more net clearance, more court space, and avoids the opposing net player in doubles.

Changing direction, especially hitting down the line, carries more risk. Before going for it, consider three key things:

Your court position – Are you behind the baseline? If so, stick with the safer play. Change direction only when you've moved forward and can step into the shot.

Your balance – Are you set with your weight forward? If you're off-balance or stretched wide, it's usually not the right time to go down the line.

Opponent positioning – Are they out of position or leaving space open? That might be your green light.

Being thoughtful about when to change direction helps reduce unforced errors and gives you a strategic edge. Play smart, and let the percentages work in your favor.

POOL

Summer's in full swing at Lakewood Racquet Club!

The sun is out, the pool is open, and summer memberships are going fast. Join now to make the most of the season, from sunny pool days and pickleball play to tennis socials and family fun. Our pool is open from 10am-8pm every day! It's your summer, your way — right here at LRC.

HIGHLIGHT OF OUR JUNIORS WHO PLAYED IN STATES:

- 1. Kayla Duong: 4A Singles : 7th Place***
- 2. Jocelyn Hock: 1A Singles***
- 3. Coen Camp: 3A Doubles***
- 4. Ben Miller: 4A Doubles***
- 5. Jeremy Yang: 4A Doubles***
- 6. Eli Smith: 1A Singles***



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BRIAN JULIAN

Brian Julian was born in Tacoma and raised in University Place, Washington. He graduated from Charles Wright Academy before earning a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Pacific Lutheran University in 2016. He returned to PLU in 2021 to complete a Master's in Education.

Brian teaches computer science at Lochburn Middle School and is a proud Filipino American with deep ties to the local community.

A member of the Lakewood Racquet Club since 2023, Brian enjoys the competitive spirit and camaraderie found on the courts. Outside of tennis, he plays guitar, is an avid chess player, and enjoys staying active and engaged in a variety of interests.

Brian is proud to be part of the LRC community and looks forward to supporting its continued success.



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We can get one printed off for you.*

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MIXED NIGHT BBQ

Thursday nights just got tastier!

Peggy & Dan's Summer Mixed BBQs are back! After Mixed Night tennis, swing by for burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings, they'll handle the grill, and you can bring a potluck dish or chip in to the burger fund. Whether you're playing or just coming to hang out, it's the perfect way to wind down, catch up, and enjoy these warm summer nights with the LRC community. Things usually kick off around 6-6:30 PM as players come off the courts. See you there!



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Singles Bump 4.0+ 8-9:30am Pickleball 11am-2pm* Pickelball Adv 4.0+ 6-9pm*	2 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 4pm Adv Skills/drills 6:30pm	3 Pickleball 11am-2pm Ladies' Night 5-7pm & Ladies' Potluck 6:30pm	4 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 6pm Cardio Skills/drills 6:30pm	5 Pickleball 11am-2pm Mixed Night 5-7pm	6 Pickleball Adv 3.5+ 3:30-6:30pm*	7 Tennis Skills/drills 9:30-10:45am Pickleball 11am-2pm*
8 Singles Bump 4.0+ 8-9:30am Pickleball 11am-2pm* Pickelball Adv 4.0+ 6-9pm*	9 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 4pm Adv Skills/drills 6:30pm	10 Pickleball 11am-2pm Men's Night 5-7pm	11 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 6pm Cardio Skills/drills 6:30pm	12 Pickleball 11am-2pm Mixed Night 5-7pm	13 Pickleball Adv 3.5+ 3:30-6:30pm*	14 Tennis Skills/drills 9:30-10:45am Pickleball 11am-2pm*
15 Singles Bump 4.0+ 8-9:30am Pickleball 11am-2pm* Pickelball Adv 4.0+ 6-9pm*	16 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 4pm Adv Skills/drills 6:30pm	17 <div>LRC Clean Up Day Work Party</div> Pickleball 11am-2pm Ladies' Night 5-7pm	18 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 6pm Cardio Skills/drills 6:30pm	19 Pickleball 11am-2pm Mixed Night 5-7pm <div>Juneteenth</div>	20 Pickleball Adv 3.5+ 3:30-6:30pm*	21 Tennis Skills/drills 9:30-10:45am Pickleball 11am-2pm*
22 Singles Bump 4.0+ 8-9:30am Pickleball 11am-2pm* Pickelball Adv 4.0+ 6-9pm*	23 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 4pm Adv Skills/drills 6:30pm	24 Pickleball 11am-2pm Men's Night 5-7pm	25 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 6pm Cardio Skills/drills 6:30pm <div>Board Meeting 5:30pm</div>	26 Pickleball 11am-2pm Mixed Night 5-7pm	27 Pickleball Adv 3.5+ 3:30-6:30pm*	28 Tennis Skills/drills 9:30-10:45am Pickleball 11am-2pm*
29 Singles Bump 4.0+ 8-9:30am Pickleball 11am-2pm* Pickelball Adv 4.0+ 6-9pm*	30 TRX @ 8:30am, 1pm, 4pm Adv Skills/drills 6:30pm					

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