



November 2023

LAKEWOOD RACQUET REPORT

LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

Dear Members,

On Friday, October 20th at 5:30pm, the Board held a Membership Meeting. The goal of this meeting was to shed light and bring transparency to the members of the current issues LRC is facing.

The first of these issues was 2024 Financial issues. In late August, the Department of Health informed us of long standing non-compliance issues with our pool, spa, and barrier infrastructure. These issues had not previously been made known to the Board nor to myself. To reopen our pool, we must bring all pool components into compliance with Pierce County pool codes. Preliminary estimates to update, change, and revise things like our filters, our pool drainage system, our heaters, our pumps, the fencing, and a new access path to the outdoor courts, are in the range of \$65k to \$100k. In addition, we have been informed that we need to have a lifeguard present during all hours the pool is open. These costs were not anticipated and cannot be absorbed in the 2024 budget without a significant infusion of new cash. We have a few options available for solving this, but it seems this has become very polarizing. I have included a link to a survey at the end of this letter. This survey will help us better understand how you, the members, feel we should solve this. LRC very rarely sends out surveys, but we feel this issue warrants member input. Going forward if we do issue a survey, it will always come directly from me or the Board. If you have any additional ideas, feel free to email me for further discussion.

Following the pool discussion, we delved into budget issues. As cost of operations are rising and our membership base is declining, the 2024 budget cannot be balanced without closing the pool or obtaining additional funding. By derring several major maintenance items and potentially closing the pool, the budget would be balanced; however, we need to make efforts to improve our long-term financial stability. Since 2014, our membership numbers have been trickling down (from 290 to 220). At this time, we are needing additional members and putting forth recruitment efforts. We also need to find ways to raise additional revenue internally. The efforts include standing court reservations, raising dues above annual CPI increase, donations, etc.

Recently, we have transformed our Pickleball membership. Pickleball is an integral part of our community and we welcome it with open arms. As Pickleball is a growing sport, we see so much potential for new members and a new addition to our community. The Board heard the feedback of LRC Pickleball members following our initial membership proposal to them and redid this proposal. Our current Pickleball membership pricing is now reflective and competitive in the Pickleball community. To become more inclusive to their larger community, we have added Pickleball lessons and Pickleball Skills and Drills. I am so excited to see how this membership takes off.

Our meeting was recorded via Zoom (although the audio is not great- going forward, we will have a microphone, webcam showing the full room, and ensure that only one person speaks at a time). If you were not present or would like a recording of the meeting, feel free to email me at Lily.LRSC@gmail.com. If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Link for the Survey: <https://forms.gle/brTQ3NsJZhLVqrVs8>

Thank you for your time, understanding, and patience as we navigate these complex issues.

Sincerely,
Lily Blackwell
General Manager
Lakewood Racquet & Sport Club

>>> REMINDER: League Fees will be automatically added to your accounts in December. <<<



IN OTHER NEWS...

We are so excited to have our Christmas Party on December 6th!

RSVPs will be sent out via email soon. Please let the front desk know if you don't receive this!

2024 is right around the corner! As a reminder, dues will automatically increase per the WA State CPI increase. Here are the updated rates for 2024:

Senior Family Tennis: \$200

Senior Single Tennis: \$152

Junior Family Tennis: \$152

Junior Single Tennis: \$115

Student/Non Resident: \$58

Single Pickleball: \$75

Family Pickleball: \$90

Family Racquetball: \$152

Single Racquetball: \$115

Single Fitness: \$46

Double Fitness: \$58

Social: \$58

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: CHARLIE & TEENA HYDE



Charlie and Teena Hyde are LRCs members of the month for November. Charlie has been a member of LRC since the club opened in 1962 and played competitively on the PNW circuit peaking his lifetime career at #4 in 12 and unders. Charlie has 2 daughters and a son and 3 beautiful young granddaughters, who also enjoy tennis or are being introduced to tennis once they can walk. Charlie continues to play competitively with LRC friends on 4.0 USTA teams. Teena took up tennis as an adult, around 12 years ago before meeting Charlie, and plays on 3.0 USTA teams for LRC. Charlie retired from the import/export grocery business in Tacoma and Teena retired from a career in finance and technology in Toronto, Canada. This opened up more time to play tennis and spend time at LRC. Since moving to Lakewood upon their marriage, Teena has enjoyed working on her tennis (with loads of lessons, Skills & Drills classes and subbing with set groups) and making good friends in the welcoming environment at LRC. Both have enjoyed social tennis time at LRCs Ladies', Men's & Mixed Doubles nights over the years to stay in shape, sharpen skills and enjoy the company of their LRC buddies. Both volunteered on the board and committees at LRC in hopes of giving back to the member driven organization.

If you have a member you would like to recognize in a future episode of the Member Spotlight, please contact Lily Blackwell or Scott Baird.



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USTA CALENDAR:



7.0 Men	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/5/23	2:30 PM	LRC-Wright/Fynboe	VAC-Clerget
8.0 Women	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/11/23	2:30 PM	LRC-Yannello/Fladebo	VAC-Redding/Kilmer
9.0 Women	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/12/23	2:30 PM	LRC-Peterson-Fladebo	GTC-Farnham
7.0 Men	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/12/23	5:30 PM	LRC-Wright/Fynboe	GTC-Boling
6.0 Women	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/18/23	2:30 PM	LRC-Worthen-Ladies Just Want to Have Fun	KTAC-Atkins/Fulkerson
8.0 Men	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/19/23	4:00 PM	LRC-Litch-Fynboe	KTAC-Hutchins Men's 55
6.0 Mixed	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/5/23	4:00 PM	LRC-Berry-"T" Service	JTC-Lee-What the Deuce OG
7.0 Mixed	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/5/23	5:30 PM	LRC-Hanson/Rosenbloom	TLTC-Kradjan 7.0 18+
8.0 Mixed	Lakewood Racquet Sport Club	11/11/23	4:00 PM	LRC-Hudson/Rosenbloom	VAC-Press-Net Pressers

YOUR LRC BOARD MEMBERS

President Terry Wright
Vice President Paul Whittaker
Secretary Mark Mettler
Treasurer Kate Perry
Member Scott Baird
Member Nicole Enslow
Member Teddy Grenley
Member Dave Hendrickson
Member Tricia Parsons

YOUR LRC COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Financial Charlie Hyde
Grounds and Building Dick Hutchison
Membership Scott Baird
Planning (Long Range) Terry Wright
Social Anneke Berry Morley
Sports and Recreation Paul Whittaker



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