



December 2024

LAKEWOOD RACQUET REPORT

COURT RESERVE TRANSITION

Dear LRC Members,

We are thrilled to announce that as of January 1, 2025, Lakewood Racquet Club will transition to Court Reserve, replacing 10sPortal (RacquetDesk). This change has been highly requested, and we're confident it will provide a smoother and more enjoyable experience for everyone.

Court Reserve offers a more user-friendly interface, expanded features that allow members to cancel their own court reservations, tools to help you connect with new playing partners, and much more. We're excited to bring these improvements to our community.

In mid-December, you will receive an email with instructions on how to set up your new account in Court Reserve. To help you get familiar with the system, we will host three seminars: December 14 at 11:00 AM, December 17 at 3:00 PM, and December 18 at 9:00 AM. There is no need to RSVP for these sessions, and they will provide a great opportunity to see how the new system works.

If you're unable to attend one of the seminars, we've got you covered. We will provide a video walkthrough that explains the system in detail and a paper handout with step-by-step instructions for your convenience.

We are excited about this new chapter for the club and look forward to enhancing your experience with Court Reserve. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Warm regards,
Lily Blackwell
General Manager

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dear LRC Members and Guests,

We're thrilled to invite you to our annual Christmas Party, hosted this year at the stunning Tacoma Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, December 10th, at 4:30 PM. Get ready for an evening of festive fun, delicious food, and plenty of holiday cheer!

Here's what's in store:

- Live Music by Randy Litch and Anneke Berry
- A full bar with drinks available for purchase
- A delightful dinner and dessert bar (special thanks to an anonymous donor for funding the dessert table!)
- Our annual raffle with exciting prizes!

Tickets are now \$65 per person, covering the cost of the venue and dinner. This fee can be applied directly to your account! To reserve your spot, please email us or stop by the front desk at the club.

We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JOHN SHELTON

Thank you for the honor of being member of the month. My name is John Shelton. You will usually find me on court three or four in the early morning hours grinding away with Alan Magway, Bruce Dayton, Mike and Aaron Dooley or Toto Anuraga with the hopes of improving my tennis game. You can also find me in the Fitness Room slamming a medicine ball or working a TRX Suspension System. All of this is hard to do at the age of sixty-seven. Lily Blackwell asked me to compose a brief bio, so here are seven things you should know about me:

1. I am married to Laura Pedlar and have a stepdaughter named Eliza Smith. I also have two rescue dogs named Lenny and Zoe, and I affectionately refer to them as the criminals.
2. I grew up in Lakewood and graduated from Lakes High School where I also played tennis.
3. I taught school in the Clover Park School District for over thirty-eight years and retired in 2021. I also coached Tennis as well as Track and Field. In my nineteen seasons coaching tennis at Lakes High School, Lakes players gained twenty-three entries into the 3A State Tennis Tournament as well as winning league titles and West Central District and state academic awards.
4. I have been fortunate enough to have played on twenty-seven USTA Sectional Tournament Teams as a 4.0 level player and played or qualified to play in the USTA League National Championships four times.
5. I am currently scheduled to play in the 65 National Invitational Tournament with fellow LRSC members Mike Huffman, Kim Larson and Terry Wright in February in Surprise Arizona.
6. When I am not playing tennis, I am working on my house, kayak fishing, bike riding, reading an informative book or traveling someplace warm.
7. I consider a good hit on a hot day followed by a cold beer to be a day well spent.



My relationship with the LRSC goes back to 1974 when member George Ghilarducci helped get me a scholarship to the club. In return for sweeping the courts, cleaning the clubhouse, and working in the Pro Shop, I was able to use the indoor courts, pay for lessons at a discount and play against men on the Men's Ladder. My game improved so much I was able to play tennis at Central Washington State College and then at the University of Puget Sound.

My coach at UPS was former club President Don Ervin. After graduating from college in 1979, I moved back to Lakewood in 1998 and joined the LRSC. I played on a USTA Team out of the LRSC that made it the National Championships in 2002. I met Mike Davis during this time, and he would be my doubles partner for the next twenty years and close friend to this day. Mike also got me on a team that would go on to take third in the USTA National Championships in 2007 along with fellow members Bill Coats and Randy Litch. Randy would go onto captain many successful LRSC Teams that finally resulted in another National Championship run in 2014. I can still remember winning a very intense doubles match with Chris Fynboe that got us to the Sectional Championships in Sunriver. The best things about the LRSC are the people who work there and play there. Lily, Mike, Ryan, Alana, Mark, Jereck, Hugh, Caleb, Myra and Andrew have been my pit crew over the last few years. I have known some members of the club for over twenty years and continue to play tennis with them. I consider the LRSC a place where you can sweat, laugh, learn, and make long term friendships that at times can result in crazy adventures.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 28): Closed
Black Friday (Friday, November 29): Normal hours
Christmas Eve (Tuesday, December 24): Close at 2:00 PM
Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25): Closed
New Year's Eve (Tuesday, December 31): Close at 2:00 PM
New Year's Day (Wednesday, January 1): Closed

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Pickleball 11am-2pm	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 Board Meeting 6:30pm	5 Pickleball 11am-2pm Mixed Night & Mixed Potluck 5-7pm	6 Pickleball 6:30-9:30am Pickleball 3:30-6:30pm	7 Tennis Skills/drills 9:30-10:45am PB Skills/drills 10:45am-12 Pickleball 11am-2pm
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January 2025

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