

The Lakes Golf & Country Club Racquet Sports

2025-26 PADDLE (PLATFORM TENNIS) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Season Kick-Off Events

- Wednesday, October 15 – Season Kick-Off (6-9pm Free Adult Group Lessons)
- Thursday, October 16 - Ladies Paddle Clinic, 6pm (for Beginners and those who would like some instruction or a tune-up on playing the screens, serving, court position)
- Thursday, October 23 – First Ladies Night Paddle, 6pm
- Sunday, October 26 – Free Adult Group Lesson, 3:30pm
- Wednesday, November 12 – Free Adult Group Lesson, 6:30pm
- Check ForeTees for additional Free Adult Group Lessons in December & January
- Paddles can be purchased through the Racquet Sports Pro Shoppe/Paddle Hut
- Balls on sale at discounted rate in Paddle Hut year-round

Free Group Lessons are for any new adult members or members who have not had them in previous seasons

- Register for all on ForeTees. All members can participate in 1 free group lesson. There will also be opportunities to sign up for additional clinics at regular lesson & clinic rates.

Co-ed City League Teams

- Interclub Teams at 3 PTI levels on Sundays (start times vary 11am-3pm; 1/2 home & 1/2 away) PTI Levels: 1- 40 & Below; 2- 41-55; Level 3- 56.0 & Above
- Interclub Draft League Wednesday nights divided into 2 levels of PTI ratings: 44 & below or 45 & above (match times vary between 6:30pm & 8pm)

Special Events

- **Men's Paddle, Poker, Ping-Pong** (Fridays – November 14, December 5, January 16, February 20, March 20 @ 6pm)
- **Bowl Bonanza Coed Paddle Shootout** according to PTI level –
PTI 44 & Below on Monday, 12/29 – 5:30-9:30pm
PTI 45 & Above on Tuesday, 12/30 – 5:30-9:30pm
(Member/Guest or Member/Member events, sign up with own partner; also a College Football Play-Off prediction contest)
- **Lakes Cup Coed Team Competition** for PTI 45 & Above
(Saturday, 1/31, 8:30am-1:30pm)
- **COPTA Sunday Coed League End of Season Tournament**
(Sunday, 3/8, locations & times tbd based on standings)
- **Men's New Pals Tournament**
(Friday, 3/6, 5:30pm-10pm; blind-draw for partners based on levels)

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Special Events continued

- **Lakes Cup Coed Team Competition** for PTI 44 & Below
(Friday, 3/13, 5:30-10pm)
- **Holiday Kids Pickleball Clinics** (above 32 degrees temp required)
 - Friday, 12/26 & Monday, 12/29: 12-1pm
 - Monday, 1/19: 12-1pm (MLK Day)
 - Monday, 2/16: 12-1pm (President's Day)

(In case of snow, but at least 32 degrees, clinics will take place on the platform/paddle courts or in the clubhouse tent.)

Weekly Events

- **Competitive Coed Play Groups**
(Mondays, Tuesdays, Saturdays based on PTI level of play; Random Captains Picks social play)
- **Ladies Night Round Robin Play** every Thursday beginning 10/23, 6:00-7:30pm

LESSON RATES:

Private - \$65/hour

Semi-Private - \$35 per player/hour

3 and Me Pro Drills & Playing Lesson - \$25 Per player for 1 hour; \$35 per player for 90 minutes

To schedule lessons or if any questions on anything related to any of our paddle activities, email us at tennis@lakesclub.com.

The Lakes Golf & Country Club Paddle (Platform Tennis) Info

- Members are required to make court reservations through FORETEES. Please NO WALK-INS on the courts without first making a reservation.
- Reservations can be made up to 14 days in advance. Guests are welcome for a \$9.00 fee per person per visit (max 12 visits per Guest during October 1-March 31). All player names should be listed on FORETEES, including Guest names.
- Reservations for ALL EVENTS should be made on ForeTees.
- PARK ONLY in the pool/fitness lot for lighting and snow removal purposes. Please DO NOT PARK in the small east side lot beside hard court #2 leading to golf driving range.
- The code to enter the hut will be found on ForeTees Racquet Sports home page and will be changed monthly.
- ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER ACTIVITIES other than Paddle or Pickleball can be played on the courts. Court surface and wires/screens can be severely damaged with skates, skateboards, hockey or lacrosse sticks, golf clubs, etc. PLEASE DO NOT THROW YOUR PADDLE ONTO THE COURTS OR HIT THEM ON THE SCREENS AS IT WILL DAMAGE THE COURT SURFACE, AND DENT THE SCREENS. This also results in bad bounces off the screens. Doing so can result in suspension from using the paddle courts.
- Paddles/Racquets, gloves, shoes can be ordered and balls are available on site.
- Food can be ordered from the Warming Hut, except during the time-period each year that the Food & Beverage Department is closed, early February to the Grand Reopening date in early March. Menus and hours of operation are posted on the counter. Beverages available from the Honor cooler and the Keurig will be on an Honors System, and signed for with name and member number on the clipboard, also located on the counter. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CAN BE BROUGHT ON TO THE GROUNDS.

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SOME PADDLE FACTS AND 'DO'S & DON'T'S'

- The terms 'Platform' Tennis and 'Paddle' Tennis are interchangeable, and are both widely used as are the words 'Paddle' and Racquet'. The scoring is the same as tennis, 2 out of 3 sets to 6 games, 12-point tiebreaker at 6-all. (TB rules attached)
- 2 balls are used to WARM-UP for a match, 1 new ball and 1 used ball. A match is played with 1 ball only. That ball then becomes the 'used' ball for your next match warm-up, and another new ball is added for the warm-up, then used for the match.
- The Pro Shoppe is called a 'Paddle Hut' or 'Warming Hut' during paddle season, and provides a great area to view inside from the cold, and a great place to socialize.
- Light & Heater switches are located directly outside the courts. Heaters should **ONLY BE TURNED ON to melt ice or 2 or less inches of snow, or if raining**. If more than 2 inches of snow, it needs to be shoveled first. Once you turn the heaters on, please DO NOT try to turn the time dial backwards, as it will break the timer. **Heaters ARE NOT for players' warmth, in fact, they can quickly create foggy conditions and warp the court surface.** Please DO NOT TURN THEM ON UNLESS ICE, SNOW, OR WATER ON COURTS.
- Most snow-removal will be handled by Lakes Staff. Members may occasionally need to remove a small amount of snow. **ICE SALT SHOULD ABSOLUTELY NEVER BE USED ON THE COURTS, as it will ruin the surface! Only Plastic Shovels should be used to remove snow.**
- In cold temperatures, dress in 2 or 3 layers, as if skiing. It is surprising how quickly you warm up even with temps below freezing. Tennis shoes are best, offering more stability and support than running or walking shoes. Specific gloves for platform are available. Hats and scarves are often worn during warm-up until body temps are comfortable.
- Players typically leave their bags inside the hut, and there are also some hooks outside the courts. Players usually take a water bottle or beverage to the courts, and these can be placed either directly inside or outside the courts.
- One Free Group Lesson is offered to all adult members who are either new to the club, or have not yet taken advantage of the free lessons in the past. Check for dates and sign up through FORETEES.