

The Lakes Golf & Country Club Racquet Sports 2022-2023 PADDLE (PLATFORM TENNIS) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Season Kick-Off Events

- Sunday, September 18th - Free Lessons 1-4 pm
- Thursday, September 22nd – Free Lessons 5-8 pm
- Wednesday, September 28th – Free Lessons 6-8 pm
- Sunday, October 2nd – Free Lessons 2-5 pm
- Paddles, Shoes, Gloves can be purchased 30% off through 11/1/22
- Balls on sale at discounted rate in Paddle Hut year-round

Free Group Lessons for any new Members or players who have not had them in previous years

- Check ForeTees for days & times offered in October/November/December; Adult Members are welcome to participate in 2 FREE LESSONS; there will be opportunities to sign up for additional clinics at regular lesson & clinic rates.

Mixed Couples Paddle Nights

- Select Friday & Saturday nights once/month October through February;
- Saturday, 10/15 and Friday, 11/18, starting 6 pm (December, January, February dates tbd)

December 4th Family Day, 2-5 pm

- Free Lessons for the whole family 2:00, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15 pm

Men's City League Teams

- Interclub Teams based on PTI ratings Wednesdays 6-7pm & 7-8pm (1/2 home & 1/2 away)

Special Events (all events to include fee for balls and any awards)

- Ladies Night every Thursday beginning 10/6, 5:45-7:15 pm
(Free clinic offered to new players 10/6-11/17)
- 12/2 & 12/3 – Men's Paddle, Poker, Ping-Pong
(Friday 5:30-9:30 pm & Saturday 9 am-1 pm; rain dates 12/9 & 12/10)
- 12/28 – Men's Bowl Bonanza Shootout 5:30-9:30 pm (Member/Guest or Member/Member, sign up with own partner; also New Year's Six Bowl prediction contest)
- 12/29 – Ladies Bowl Bonanza Shootout 5:30-9 pm (Sign up individually and will play with various partners; also New Year's Six Bowl prediction contest))
- 2/4 – Men's 3.0-3.5 Lakes Cup Team Competition
(Saturday 8:30 am-1 pm; rain date 2/11)
- 3/3 & 3/4 – Men's 3.5-4.0 Lakes Cup Team Competition
(Friday 5:30-9:30 pm & Saturday 9 am-1 pm)
- 3/10 & 3/11 – Men's New Pals Tournament (blind-draw for partners based on levels)
(Friday 6-10 pm & Saturday 9 am-1 pm; rain dates 3/17 & 3/18)
- Ladies End of Season Tournament (date & format tba)

Weekly Competitive Play Groups (based on level of play, Beginner through Advanced)

- Mondays
- Tuesdays
- Thursdays
- Saturdays

Holiday Kids Clinics, \$15 each

- Wednesday, 12/21: 11 am-12 pm
- Monday, 1/16: 2-3 pm (MLK Day)
- Monday, 2/20: 2-3 pm (President's Day)

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET YOUR OWN WEEKLY PLAY GROUP TOGETHER, please let Michelle know and she can assist you in blocking a weekly court. Email tennis@lakesclub.com.

LESSON RATES:

Private - \$58/hour

Semi-Private - \$29 per player/hour

3 and Me Pro Drills & Playing Lesson - \$20 Per player for 1 hour; \$30 per player for 90 minutes

THE LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB PADDLE TENNIS RULES

HONOR SYSTEM: Because the Platform Tennis Courts are unattended, all Lakes members have a duty to abide by our Honor System with respect to payment of Guest Fees for use of the courts. The Lakes Golf and Country Club expends considerable sums to maintain and upgrade the facilities and to make the warming hut hospitable for the benefit of our membership. It is incumbent upon each member to assure that every person using the courts has paid his or her fair share of these costs. Violations of the spirit of the Honor System will be dealt with by the C.O.O. and the Board of Trustees.

1. **A.P.T.A. Rules.** American Platform Tennis Association rules govern play.
2. **Control of Play.** The use of the platform tennis courts, equipment and facilities shall be subject to the control of the Racquet Sports Professional.
3. **Shoes & Attire.** Tennis type shoes must be worn. Other suitable attire may be worn at the player's discretion.
4. **Court Hours.** Monday – Sunday 8:00am – 11:00pm
5. **Registration and Reservations.** Court time must be reserved and each player must be registered on ForeTees prior to play. Names of all players (including Guests) will be required at the time the reservation is made. If a reservation is not used within 30 minutes of its starting time, it will be forfeited. Court times may be reserved up to two (2) weeks in advance under the following rules:
 - Mondays through Sundays
 - Daytime court reservations may be made anytime starting 9am and ending 6:30pm for up to 2 hours at a time.
 - Mondays through Thursdays

- Evening court reservations may be made in 90-minute time frames either 6:30-8pm or 8-9:30pm. If you'd like to play for 2 hours, you may make an additional reservation for 6-6:30pm or 9:30-10pm on these four (4) evenings.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

- Reservations may be made at any time and for any time frame the courts are open. Warming hut will be secured at 11:00pm.

6. **Security.** Players may enter the hut by using the keypad on the front door. Please report any unauthorized use of, or damage to, the facilities by calling 614-882-2582.
7. **Non-Reserved.** Non-reserved courts are not permitted at this time. If you arrive with no reservation and courts are open, please make a reservation on ForeTees before entering the courts.
8. **Juniors.** Juniors may reserve courts and may be bumped from the courts during busy times at the Racquet Sport Professional's discretion.
9. **Children.** Children under 16 are not allowed inside the court enclosure unless they are playing. When children under 8 are not playing paddle with an adult, they must be chaperoned by a responsible person who is not playing paddle tennis.
10. **Teaching Court.** The Racquet Sport Professional may use a teaching court for lessons and clinics at his/her discretion.
11. **Guests.** Members are responsible for all guest fees, attire, and actions of their guests on and off the courts. Guest fees will automatically be charged to the Member whose name they are listed below in ForeTees. Guests must be accompanied by a Member when visiting the main clubhouse as well as the tennis and swim areas. The daily guest fee is \$8.00 per person (max 7 visits per Guest per Member).
12. **Equipment.** Each player must play with regulation racquets and balls.
13. **Alcoholic Beverages, Smoking & Food.** No alcoholic beverages or food may be brought onto the Club's property, including the platform tennis facility. Smoking is not permitted in the warming hut at any time.
14. **Safety and Care of the Facilities.** The use of eye-guards is strongly encouraged. Each player assumes all risks of personal injury. Each player should treat the facilities with care and respect, neither abusing the courts and equipment, nor leaving the warming hut untidy. Players should never apply salt to the courts, use a broom, or use any shovel except for those with plastic tips.
15. **Outside Play.** Under no circumstance shall a member extend to any professional, trade, charity, business, or social group, or anyone else, the use of the courts and/or warming hut for any tournament play or social purpose. Such use may be permitted only with the approval of the Board of Governors upon written request.

The Lakes Golf & Country Club Paddle Tennis Info

- Members are required to make court reservations through the FORETEES mobile app system. Please NO WALK-INS on the courts without first making a reservation. (May also use your member log-in & password through lakesclub.com website and choose Tennis and Platform Tennis Booking.)
- Reservations can be made up to 14 days in advance. Guests are welcome for an \$8.00 fee per person per visit (max 7 visits per Guest per Member). All player names should be listed on FORETEES, including Guests.
- Reservations for ALL EVENTS should also be made online.
- PARK ONLY in the pool/fitness lot for lighting and snow removal purposes. Please do not park in the small east side lot beside tennis court #2.
- 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 Pickle Ball 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, some warm clothing items can be ordered and balls are available on site.
- Food can be ordered from the Warming Hut, except during the time period of February 5-March 3, 2023. Menus and hours of operation are posted on the counter. Beverages available from the Honors cooler and the Keurig will be on an Honors System, and signed for on the clipboard, also located on the counter. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CAN BE BROUGHT ON TO THE GROUNDS.

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 take a water bottle or beverage to the courts. These can be placed either directly inside or outside the courts.
- TWO FREE GROUP LESSONS are offered to all Lakes 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.