

SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

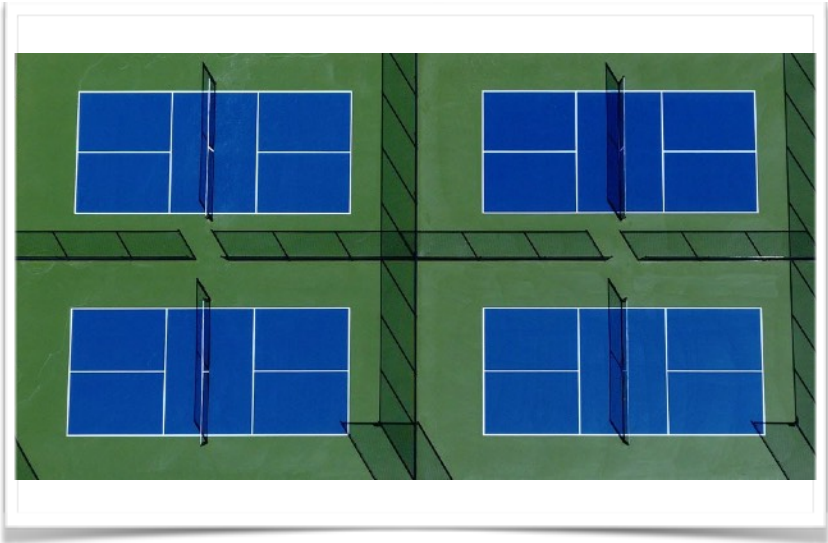


Introduction

This is the first edition of the LHCPBA newsletter. Next fall, we will start publishing newsletters regularly, maybe monthly during the height of the season. The letters will alert members to sign for upcoming events and activities, report board actions, describe new programs being considered, and so on. We decided to publish a spring/summer edition to get the ball rolling. Comments and suggestions for future articles are most welcome. Mike Delaney, Acting Editor; fmiked@msn.com

Thanks!

Thank you, Paul Targosz, David Alexander and Scott Frank, for leading the advanced skills clinics this season.



From the President (David Rossing)

Hey Pickleball Community, did you have a great winter season? I certainly did! I thoroughly enjoyed playing almost exclusively at DSP, and taking advantage of the Ass'n-funded court enhancements.

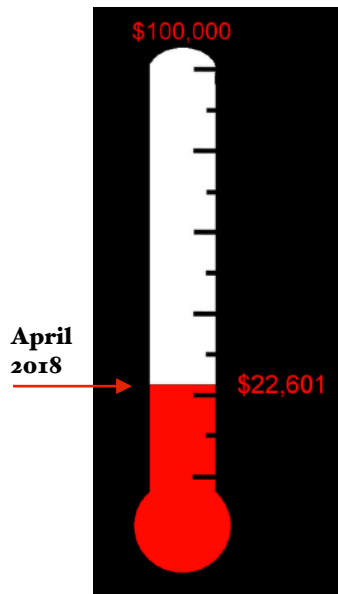
City funding for additional courts is problematic due to in-place spending priorities and an expenditure cap imposed by the State. Regardless, we will continue pursuing our goal of having 4 more courts built in the near future.

We will also continue our mission of promoting PB in LHC. A large membership base means more clout with the City and more income from dues, donations, tournaments, sponsors and so on.

Next season we plan to reach out to our youth. We may participate in the annual Realtor Olympics, and will consider other youth programs as well.

I'm excited about next season and looking forward to seeing you on the courts next fall.

Enjoy your summer!



Donations for 4 Additional Courts

Branded Apparel

We still have several logo tees in stock. Pictures and descriptions are posted on the website. Next season, we'll be ordering logo baseball caps and visors, designed for active sportswear. They will have terrycloth sweatbands and the caps will have venting on the sides to help players keep their cool.

Adopt A Road?

Next season, the board will consider participating in the City's Adopt A Road program. Our participation would evidence our commitment to the City and enhance our image. What do you think, should we do it? If we do it, would you consider being the program coordinator?

Smith's Award/Donation Program

Do you shop at Smith's? If so, please register for their Inspiring Donations Program and designate Lake Havasu Courts as your charity of choice. After registering, a donation will be made to 'Courts' each time you use your Rewards card, a painless method of helping fund more courts at DSP. Also, the Rewards card will enable you to take advantage of discounts on hundreds of in-store items. This is a win-win opportunity! This link explains how to get a Rewards card and register for the Inspiring Donations Program: <http://lakehavasupickleball.com/Smiths> Several merchants have similar donation programs. Please check with those you frequent and see if Lake Havasu Courts is eligible for their program.

DSP Court Enhancements: Your \$ Put to Use

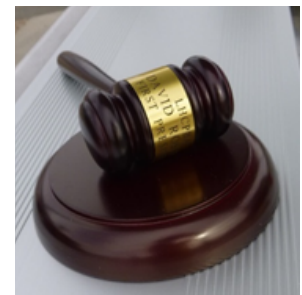
Windscreens and bleachers and shade structures, oh my! We spent \$8100+ on court improvements this season, including two additional shade structures that will be installed soon. We've also ordered a windsock to help determine wind speed and direction. YOU funded these improvements via membership dues, shirt purchases, 50/50 draws, etc.

Thank you!



You're Out of Order!

The usual suspects (members of the board and the webmeister) chipped in and bought a gavel and sound block for our fearless leader, David Rossing. Poor guy was getting hoarse trying to out-shout the rest of the board members. The engraving reads: LHCPBA; DAVID ROSSING; FIRST PRESIDENT. Our meetings are shorter now.





Residence Survey

The results show that 2/3rds of our members own homes in LHC, and 1/3 own miscellaneous property, including, but not limited to, RV park sites. Half of our members spend 6 months or more in LHC, and only 5% are here 3 months or less. These statistics will help us convince the City that pickleball players have a substantial impact on the local economy.

Thanks for participating in the survey!

Member Name Tags

Got yours yet?
If not, contact David Rossing:
dvdrossing@yahoo.com

2018 Annual Tournament

The round robin format was well received by the players and may become the standard. Players filled 120 slots in skill levels 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0+. A big thank you to director Doug Carr and his crew - and to the fundraisers, food providers and other volunteers. Winners and pictures are posted on the website.

<http://lakehasupickleball.com/Winners>

Resource Action Plan (RAP) (Janie Morris)

The Mission of the LHCPBA is to promote the development and growth of pickleball in the Lake Havasu City area for all ages. In order to fulfill that mission, we urgently need more courts at Dick Samp Memorial Park. The City funded the DSP 16-court master plan and the first four courts. Now, it's our turn. Our immediate goal is to raise funds to build four more courts. To that end, Lake Havasu Courts, a 501.c.(3), was created to help fund court construction via tax-advantaged donations.

RAP, a Resources Committee fundraising campaign, will be launched this fall. It will define funding opportunities, implementation strategies and specific actions that will make those next four courts a reality. We hope to have \$100K in the court-building fund by year end 2018.

The first RAP tool, a Pledge Commitment Form, is already available on our website. Check it out - and if you have the wherewithal to do so, please make a pledge commitment. Remember: there's a **\$25k donation match challenge** just sitting there, waiting to be tapped. Double your money! <http://lakehasupickleball.com/Pledge> Thanks for your support!

Activity Signups get a High-Tech Upgrade! (Eric Swiech)

SignUpGenius (SUG), an automated activity signup service, can be accessed by computer, smartphone, tablet or iPad. The Board recently approved using SUG for scheduled activities - round robins, clinics, etc. This is a huge step forward. That overwhelming flood of emails we've seen this season? Gone! Emails lost in space, buried in junk mail, viewed too late - no more!

SUG allows coordinators to schedule activities with a defined number of slots. When all slots are filled, no one can sign up, although members can drop out or swap times with other members. LHCPBA is using the free version now but may upgrade to the paid version (at no cost to users) if the extra features are needed. Registering with SUG is optional, but doing so allows users to log in, view scheduled activities, sign up, drop out, and swap with other players. You can register - and view usage tutorials - at: <http://lakehasupickleball.com/SUG>