

**Courts Committee Meeting**

**August 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM**

**Next Meeting: September 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

* Alex Kott
* Seth Peimann
* Missy Weiss
* Melda Bolden
* Cathy Thurwachter
* Steve Lloyd

**Non-Committee Members in Attendance**

* Jim Dodds-LSLCA Board President and Committee Liaison
* Brad Donley and Becca Hawkins – CA Resident and friend
* Duane and Rebecca Wall – CA Residents

**Meeting called to order by Alex at 5:35 pm**

Reviewed July 14, 2025 meeting minutes. Steve L. motioned to approve the July minutes as written; Melda seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve as written.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Alex and Steve L met with Ron Skeen after the last committee meeting to discuss court safety and maintenance items. The following actions were completed or status was updated from that meeting.

* Tennis court light times adjusted to turn on at 7:30 pm.
* The battery for the tennis ball machine replaced. Machine is running longer now. However, it is not functioning properly. Cathy to investigate further.
* Pine tree removal scheduled for week of Aug 11.
* Court patching contractor cannot complete any work before spring 2026.
* New roller procured and will be dropped off at the Lakewood courts week of Aug 11.
* Alex inspected locks on the tennis courts. Don’t see any signs of rusting. They work fine. Cathy and Melda clarified that the numbers are too small to see clearly when trying to set opening combination. Ron Skeen stated that Security (John Stone) is the contact for procuring new locks.
* No update on court #3/4 power washing and sprinkler head checks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Safety/Maintenance items… Tennis court grandstand seats and area needs blown off. Seeing lots of leaves and landscape debris.
* Pickleball Doubles Tournament Proposal – Brad Donley and Becca Hawkins
	1. Brad (CA member) presented a proposal for an open gender pickleball tournament to be held in September or October. Participants could be CA or non-CA residents. Tournament would be round robin format with a double elimination bracket. Team skill level would be limited to combined DUPR of 8.0. Prizes will be awarded for 1, 2 and 3rd place. They originally tried to book courts outside of the CA but were not able to secure. Becca would be the tournament organizer. Becca has experience running tournaments. Brad asked if it would be possible for them to conduct the tournament on CA courts.
	2. The Committee discussed the proposal with Brad and Becca. Pickleball has been continuing to grow in the CA for 3 years now. The committee would like to see if the community would be interested in having a tournament. The committee did express that the tournament should be held primarily for CA residents.
	3. Other considerations to be addressed if board approves motion…Team member limit, game limit, Gender fairness and targeting in mixed matches, emphasis on CA member priority, financial transparency, signage, liability waivers, tents, seating, refreshments, parking, volunteer staffing, winner prizes, participation prizes, sponsors, bathrooms.
	4. After discussion, a motion was made by Seth and seconded by Missy to host an **Open Gender Pickleball Tournament on Oct 18 (rain date Oct 19) from 8am – 2pm at the Lakewood Courts.** Pricing for the event is to be determined by Alex K and Brad Donley. CA members will be given a $10 discount on registration price. In addition, CA members will be given a week to register for the event prior to opening up to the public. Registration is targeted to begin for CA members on September 4. After discussion, the **motion passed unanimously.**
	5. Organizer responsibilities …
		+ Provide resources that will organize, setup and lead the event.
		+ Capture participant registrations and fees.
		+ Create the flyer to be used for promoting the event by September 1.
		+ Ensure all participants sign a liability waiver.
		+ Provide a first aid kit / supplies for the event.
		+ Make payment of CA related fees for participants to LSLCA.
	6. Courts committee will …
		+ Provide a representative to assist and learn what it takes to conduct this type of event.
		+ Market the event to CA members via email, social media and courtside bulletin boards.
		+ Lead approval process for the event with the LSLCA Board.
		+ Work with organizer to determine pricing for CA and non-CA participants.
		+ Provide input to organizer to make event friendly for CA members.
* Mixed Doubles Scramble Tennis Sep 6
* Event date was changed to September 6 since original date was on Labor Day which typically results in low attendance. Courts Committee approved date change via email unanimously. Thanks to the board for rapid approval of date change recommendation.
* Cathy created the event flyer and sent to Becky for CA email blast. She also posted it to the courtside bulletin boards. She will also see it is posted to Facebook and other social media sights.
* IAS, Image Auto Styling, and Jeremy Medlock auto repair are sponsoring the food, refreshments, balls and prizes for the event. Thanks to our hometown sponsors!
* Registration can be completed by calling Melda or Tom Delong who are listed on the bottom of the flyer.
* Saturday Night Lights Tennis Aug 9 … had low attendance. Seven people showed up.
* Pickleball app – Duane Wall
	+ Duane recently attended pickleball clinics and was thankful for organizers. Enjoys playing the game now.
	+ Duane suggested using Team Reach App for social coordination of open plays.
	+ Committee shared current use of Pickleheads App for club open plays.
	+ Alex to follow up with Duane in future to discuss Team Reach App and Pickleheads App capabilities.
	+ Thanks for sharing idea Duane!
* Tennis and Pickleball Clinics
	+ Tennis is done. There were 20 people that participated.
	+ Pickleball round 2 is underway and will be done August 21.
	+ Josh Patrick expressed an interest in attending a future committee meeting to discuss clinics with the committee. Alex to coordinate adding Josh to a future meeting agenda.
* Glow Pickleball Event Oct 4
* Missy and Steve L heading up this effort
* Courts are reserved for Oct 4 with a rain date of Oct 11.
* Pricing set at $15 per person.
* Save the date flyer created by Seth. Committee approved.
* Sign up with signup genius. Sign up Genius needs updated by Tom before sending link out.
* Alex to share Signup Genius link with Pickleball Club Members after updated.
* Communicate via other CA channels after club members notified. Missy PB FB page and bulletin boards, Cathy Tennis FB page, Alex CA email and newsletter.
* Black lights reserved by Steve L.
* Alex K to order glow in the dark tape.
* Alex (Paddle Up & Vetta) and Seth (A ton) to reach out to potential sponsors.
* Missy to identify volunteers for event … discussed 8-10 plus Vinh to call out matches.
* Missy to order tables for the event
* Next Tennis Event … Chili Cookoff Oct 4.
	+ Melda and Cathy are creating the flyer for the event.
* Seth moved to adjourn at 7:32pm, seconded by Melda, committee unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

 Seth Peimann, Vice Chairman

 Acting Secretary