

2024-2025 Melaque Pickleball Recap

The 2024-2025 season of playing pickleball was a period of triumphs & challenges. It was fun, we got our exercise, and we had some socializing. It was a period of competition, showcasing talent, unexpected upsets, and memorable moments.

A. Tournaments

Thank you to Joyce May and her crew of volunteers who provide all of us with such fun times.

Dec 23, 2024 Dinking Tournament Winners

Novice/Intermediate

- 1st: Cathy Barter
- 2nd (Tie): Joyce May/Tom Chapman
- 3rd: Mary Nelson

Intermediate/Advanced

- 1st: Lorne Ross
- 2nd: Terry Aleksic
- 3rd: Lori Ross

Jan 10, 2025 Pickleball Tournament Winners

Novice/Intermediate

- 1st: Richard Villeneuve
- 2nd: Lorna Fowler
- 3rd (Tie): Mary Jo Collingridge & Terry Campbell

Intermediate/Advanced

- 1st: Cliff Raheer
- 2nd: Lorne Ross
- 3rd: Al Gignac

B. Maintenance

Our pickleball courts have never been better. Thanks to all of the volunteers who have worked so many hours to maintain the courts and equipment.

- New & old courts were painted and new lines painted on old courts
- Old courts repaired & cracks were filled with a leveling sealant
- Orange dividing net was replaced on old courts
- Gravel was hauled in by bobcat and spread along entrances to courts
- Purchase of LED light for new courts (waiting for electrician)
- Installing electrical box for outside court lights & outside plugins
- New locks & keys for the front gate, new courts & storage box
- New bags for pickleball nets
- New nets & balls
- New brooms for sweeping courts
- Plants & trees fertilized
- Pump repairs
- Fence repair

C. Future Improvements and Expansion

- There is a plan to install permanent nets on the New courts next season.
- Our 3-5 year plan is to build two new pickleball courts.

D. Open House

Thanks to Kim Gignac and helpers for organizing the first Melaque Pickleball Open House to promote pickleball at the community level.

E. Hosts

Thank you to our Hosts who welcome new and returning players and collect the player information and fees that are essential to keeping our club going and growing. if you would like to be part of this very important group of volunteers next fall, please contact lornafowler@gmail.com.

F. Team Shirts

A sub-committee is looking into Tee Shirts for the club.

G. Membership and Fees

Over 250 members participated in Melaque Pickleball over the 2024-2025 season (up 20%). Everyone could play at least 3 times a week and space was still available. The introduction of additional Skill Groups appears to be working well and will continue next year.

Membership Fees for 2025-2026 Season:

Daily 80 Pesos (does not include SignUp Genius Privilege (i.e., true “drop-in” if space is available))

Monthly 500 Pesos (includes SignUp Genius Privilege)

Seasonal 1250 Pesos (includes SignUp Genius Privilege)

H. 2025-2026 Steering Committee:

Lorna Fowler Membership Coordinator/ Host Coordinator

Tom Chapman SignUp Genius Coordinator

Ken Pettitt Maintenance

Norva Osborn Secretary

Mary Nelson Treasurer

Claude Hebert French Liaison

Mercedes Rodriguez Public Relations (i.e., liaison between community/government/ membership)

Joyce May has agreed to maintain the Melaque Pickleball Website, SignUp Genius registration and backup, and run tournaments.

Conclusion:

The 2024-2025 Melaque pickleball season was a testament to the growing popularity of the sport. The Steering Committee is made up of volunteers and we thank the club members who supported us. It was greatly appreciated!