

# PICKLEBALL LINCOLN



## Online Newsletter

The Inaugural Issue Featuring:

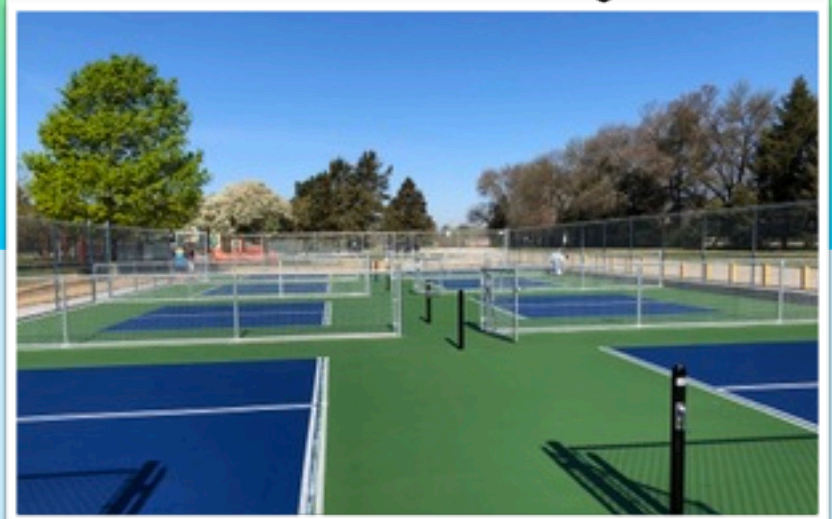
- ✦ New courts
- ✦ COVID 19
- ✦ Membership updates

## Membership Updates

PLI is on the move! We're switching to a new email management system called "JoinIT." This is a great way to stay connected with all that is pickleball in the Lincoln, NE area. Look for emails in your inbox from JoinIT, as annual membership fees are due June 1. Your PLI membership is only \$15 a year and your dollars help support our club. Renewing your membership also ensures that you are up to date on all local pickleball news, special events, and tournament offerings. Thank you so much for being a member of PLI! From the PLI website, click on the JOIN button to become a member.

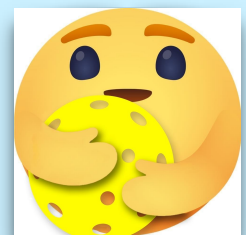
## Give to Lincoln Day

Give to Lincoln Day is underway now through May 28. PLI is hoping to raise 20k this year for an endowment fund for the maintenance of courts and for new windscreens. Please give generously to all non-profits, not just PLI. Go to [www.givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/pickleball-lincoln-inc](http://www.givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/pickleball-lincoln-inc) to donate today. From the PLI website click on the G2LD button.



## New Courts Completed at Peterson

Four new courts at Peterson Park officially opened for play on Friday May 22 at 9 a.m. The courts are directly east of the six existing courts and have a beautiful view overlooking the small lake at Peterson. While waiting to play, go ahead and take a walk around the lake. There is a very nice mowed path, and one trip around is about a half mile in length. There are many ways to enjoy Peterson Park! Please try to observe the new parking signs, and remember to only park in designated spots and not on the grass. Your cooperation is appreciated.



## When is it safe to play again?

That is the question that is on everyone's mind, and that answer is different for every single person. Some people have not quit playing at all, and that's okay too. Deciding to play or not to play is a personal decision that each individual must make. What might feel perfectly safe for one person can feel very scary and risky for the next individual. Please try to have respect for everyone's feelings and decisions, even if they are different from your own. Here are some ideas for everyone:

- If you are staying home with family, form your own court and net with folding chairs, yarn, and sidewalk chalk. Or clear out the garage and use painter's tape and hit against a wall. Look for solo drilling ideas online.
- If you want to play on a public court, consider forming a QUARANTEAM—a small group of people (4-8) that you play with exclusively. If people in the group happen to get sick, it's easier to trace contacts and quarantine after a confirmed exposure. Be kind and explain the situation to those who want in.
- If you feel ready to engage in open play with anyone, please try to protect yourself and others. Consider wearing gloves, and use disinfectant wipes or spray on the balls. Don't tap paddles, give high fives, or hug. Sanitize your hands and paddles frequently.
- No matter how you choose to play, smile, have some fun, and spread joy to those around you.

Love to play pickleball for fun, fitness, and friendship? Join "Recreational Pickleball Group" on Facebook!

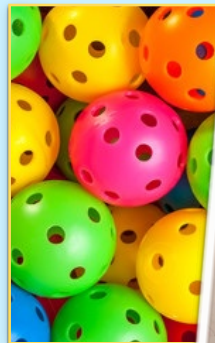


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## Speedway Gets New Court Lines

Pickleball play ended at Speedway on March 15, and owners there took

the break in play as an opportunity to refinish the floors. A small group of volunteers gathered together recently and put new court lines down in an exciting new color—red. The floors are gleaming, and we will be ready to play when the weather turns cold once again. Pickleball Lincoln and its members are so grateful to have a beautiful facility to play in all winter long here in Nebraska. Indoor play also allows us to see how our club is continuing to grow and gain in popularity.



## Do you have a special talent?

Pickleball Lincoln is always looking for volunteers in many areas like court maintenance and surrounding area upkeep, photography, or even assisting in teaching new players. For example, the above drone photo was taken by PLI member Ann Bartek. Thank you! **If you have a special talent that could help out our club, contact Bill Roehrs at 402-432-6790 or email him at [wroehrs@me.com](mailto:wroehrs@me.com)**

## Topics for the next newsletter:

- ✦ Satellite courts: when and where to play
- ✦ Summertime fun
- ✦ "Let's party!"