

Westsound Pickleball Community (WPC) Membership Benefits and Accomplishments

Your annual (9/1/24 – 8/31/25) membership is used to “pay it back” and “pay it forward” in several ways:

- In December 2022, in partnership with the Bremerton School District, WPC opened nine courts at the East Bremerton Community Gym. We pay a daily rate to keep these courts open for the larger pickleball community, attracting players from throughout the county. WPC provides open play Monday through Friday year round between the East Bremerton gym and Lions Park with 9 to 10 courts. This requires several business models to be managed and maintained which requires monthly fees and volunteer time.
- In May 2023, WPC performed a “walking court” demonstration for thousands of spectators and local VIPs during the Armed Forces Parade, winning the prestigious Grand Marshal’s Award! In May 2024, we participated again in the Armed Forces Parade, winning the Ambassador Award.
- WPC purchased and installed two heavy-duty, industrial grade lock boxes at Lions Park to securely stow balls, nets, and other WPC equipment to accommodate increasing player demand. Members receive the padlock combination to access some of this equipment as needed. This facility attracts players from throughout Kitsap County.
- WPC purchased over one dozen nets, demonstration paddles, and other supplies to accommodate demand from players for both indoor and outdoor courts throughout the year. Wear and tear of equipment requires repair and/or replacement of hardware on a recurring basis.
- In July 2023, WPC launched www.westsoundpickleball.com, which contains information on our history, our mission statement, benefits of membership, the Board of Directors, future local events and tournaments, and “how to” videos for new players.
- In August 2023, WPC organized our first official tournament at Lions Park. This two-day event was highly successful, hosting over 120 participants, including 1 from New Zealand and 9 from AZ, CA, OR, and TX. We provided discounts to our members from tournament sponsors (Airfeet, Holbrook, Whale Sacs, and Pickleball Central).
- Summer evening DUPR-rated* ladder leagues for men and women. (* Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating)

- Inter Sound Round Robin Tournaments and Barbeques. Tournaments with South Sound Pickleball Club to take place September 21, 2024.
- Members receive priority for future tournament registration at Lions Park and East Bremerton Community Gym, and other competitive events that may be planned by WPC. We have scheduled the second annual event, expanding this “Bremerton Blackberry Blast” tournament to three days (Aug. 30, 31, and Sept. 1, 2024)
- Voting rights for electing WPC board members.
- Discounts on selected equipment at <https://pickleballcentral.com/> using WPC codes.
- Discounted rates for access to nine indoor courts.
- Access to educational programs offered by WPC and first notification on semi-pro clinics.
- WPC applied for and was granted status as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which strengthens our influence with private business, as well as local and county government officials in facilitating future court expansion, hosting tournaments, obtaining grants, sponsorships, and gaining recognition of the quickly-growing demand from local and visiting players. We donate funds and volunteers donate their time to support the Boys and Girls Club, the US Navy, Olympic College, and other organizations. To maintain our 501(c)3 status, we need to give back to the community.
- Future plans include working with the Bremerton Parks Department for possible shade structures in the waiting area at Lions Park courts, and partnering with the Bremerton School District for converting the tennis courts at the old East High School to dedicated pickleball courts.

All of the above items are made possible through your membership. WPC believes the annual \$45 fee is a very affordable, reasonable amount to support our goal of expanding “Pickleball For All” in the greater Westsound area.

Respectfully, Gary Floring - WPC Membership Chair