

The Itasca County Pickleball Association (ICPA) was formed in 2015 with the adoption of by-laws and an election of a Board of Directors.

The current officers and directors, serving until June 30, 2021, are as follows: President- Denny Perreault, Vice President- Donna Hartung, Secretary- Karen Buchert, Treasurer- Phil Strege and Membership Director- Jim Martinetto.

Our membership for the 2020/ 2021 season was smaller than past years, undoubtedly due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We anticipate continued growth in our membership, due to the growth of pickleball nationwide.

We are very proud of our accomplishments in our few years of existence. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and passion of many people within our organization. We thank everyone who have volunteered with their time and talents in so many ways.

Volunteer efforts are always appreciated. Please contact one of the board members if you wish to help in any way.

Some of our accomplishments include:

- Coordinated and scheduled outdoor pickleball venues at the Outdoor Courts at the Itasca County Family YMCA and Grussendorf Park. Indoor venues are the YMCA and the Cohasset Community Center.
- Organized and hosted the Lakes & Loons Pickleball Tournaments every year in September from 2016 through 2019. Covid-19 prevented us from having a tournament in 2020. Players come from throughout Minnesota and numerous other states. Many of the players compete in more than one event.
- Beginner PB lessons, mid-level PB skills & drills and PB socials throughout the summer and fall season.
- Formed an implementation committee to construct an outdoor court facility at the YMCA. This was a collaboration between the Itasca County Pickleball Association, City of Grand Rapids, Itasca County Family YMCA and the Grand Rapids Area Basketball Association. The new venue includes 6 pickleball courts, a basketball court and four square courts. Our fundraising goal was completed with total donations of \$325,000.00. Groundbreaking occurred in October 2017 followed by a dedication and opening of the new courts in July 2018.
- Your membership and support is very important for the continued growth and development of PB in the Itasca County area. We have set a goal to increase our membership every year going forward.
- ICPA website *grandrapidspickleball.com* provides information and related events for our club.
- *Please join us as we continue this exciting journey!*

ITASCA COUNTY PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- **Balls / Nets / Loaner Paddles (*Balls not provided during Covid-19 restrictions*)**
- **Lessons/ Skills & Drills**
- **Tudor Pickleball Training Machine**
- **Social Events**
- **Organized Play At Scheduled Times**
- **Friendly Competitive Club Events**
- **Voting Privileges**
- **Storage Facility Code For Equipment Use At Our Venue Sites**
- **Email Updates**
- **Association News via Our Website**
- **“Weekly PB TipBits” Training Info by Email**