

Westsound Pickleball Community (WPC) Membership Benefits

The WPC \$30 annual membership fee (June 2023 – June 2024) 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, the largest number of indoor pickleball courts in one location in Kitsap County. We pay a monthly lease to keep these courts open for the larger pickleball community, attracting players from throughout the county.

In May 2023, WPC provided a “walking court” demonstration for thousands of spectators and local VIPs during the Armed Forces Parade, winning the prestigious Grand Marshal's Award!

In June 2023, in partnership with the Lions Club and City of Bremerton, WPC opened ten newly-striped courts at Lions Park, the largest number of outdoor pickleball courts in one location in Central Kitsap. We also purchased and installed two heavy-duty, industrial grade lock boxes at Lions Park to securely stow balls, nets, folding chairs, and other 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 several high quality nets, balls, and demonstration paddles 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 equipment 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). 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.

Members have voting rights for electing WPC board members.

Members receive various discounts on selected equipment at <https://pickleballcentral.com/> with code CRWESTSOUND.

From October through April at the East Bremerton Community Gym, members have options on discounted rates for access to nine indoor courts as follows: \$5 / day, \$30 / month, \$75 / 3 months, or \$120 / 6 months. Members also receive free “skills and drills” classes in the gym. Non-members have just two options: \$10 / day or \$40 / month.

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.

All of the above items are made possible through your membership. WPC believes the annual \$30 fee is a very affordable, reasonable donation to support our goal of expanding “Pickleball For All” in the greater Westsound area.

Respectfully, Gary Floring - WPC Membership Chair