



Known for its family-forward and beginner-friendly atmosphere, Ski Quechee offers all the familiar amenities of big-name ski resorts.



## QUECHEE CLUB

# Where Members Like Being Active

*As ski season draws to a close, golf carts will soon be traversing the fairways.*

QUECHEE, VERMONT: There's a bit of a horseshoe regarding sports participation in America. The latest statistics reveal about 8 percent of citizens actively play golf and 7.7 percent play tennis. While growth has been exponential in pickleball, only 3 percent actively play the sport.

At 5,500 acres, Quechee Club is one-third the size of Manhattan in New York City. But, its resident population (compared to Manhattan's 1.6 million inhabitants) could easily fit into Radio City Music Hall. It's an outdoor playground offering every imaginable activity, from laying on our sandy shoreline during the summer to skinning up the ski hill during snowy months. With ample land to work with, its 15 miles of mountain trails offer the scenery Vermont is famous for.

"Our two Geoffrey Cornish designed courses are popular warm-weather attractions," explained Mike Keenan,

director of racquet sports. "But, our racquet pavilion is equally bustling. Seven years ago, we had 4,000 visits to our facilities. Last year, we topped 24,000 unique pop-ins."

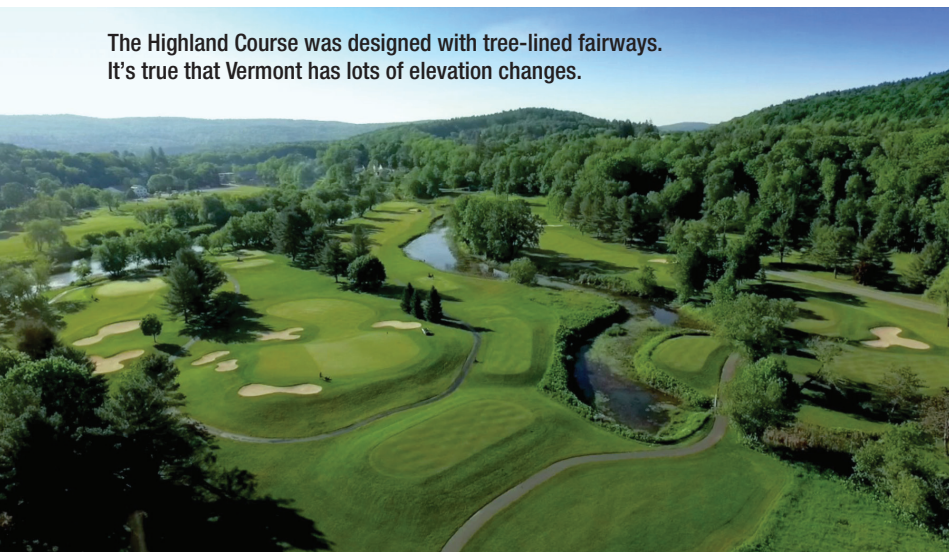
### FOCUS ON THE SOCIAL ASPECT

The "mother" of all racquet sports is tennis. "The term *tennis racquet* has unusual etymology," stated Keenan. "The word 'tennis' comes from the French word 'tenez,' meaning 'hold' and the word 'racket' comes from the Arabic word 'rakhat,' meaning 'palm of the hand.' We offer our residents 10 courts [eight of which are Har-Tru]. Har-Tru courts [like what you would find at the U.S. Open or Australian Open] work best in our climate. I've always found clay courts are to flour as Har-Tru courts are to sugar. The harder surface makes it much easier to create spin on the ball."

Like most exclusive clubs, pickleball courts continue to be added for member use at Quechee Club.

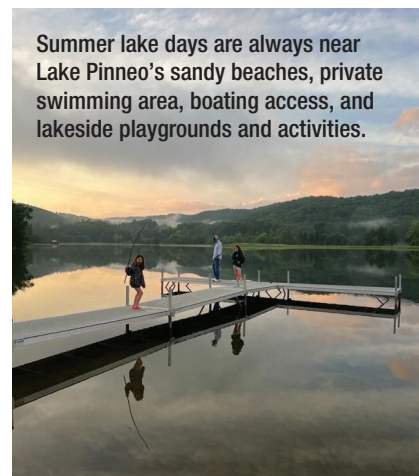
"Our four courts allow multi-generational families to come together. Its basic mechanics are relatively simple to grasp, even for newcomers. Social is the keyword when it comes to competitions," continued Keenan. "I'm not sure competition is even the correct word to describe our informal tournaments that have three games. One game matches a fellow member at your playing level. Then there is a fun match,

The Highland Course was designed with tree-lined fairways. It's true that Vermont has lots of elevation changes.





Aptly named, the Lakeland Course winds along the Ottauquechee River and Lake Pinneo. Water comes into play on 17 holes.



Summer lake days are always near Lake Pinneo's sandy beaches, private swimming area, boating access, and lakeside playgrounds and activities.

**Quechee Gorge is known as "Vermont's Little Grand Canyon" and has become one of New England's most popular natural wonders.**

**Quechee Club's vast amenities fall into three categories: recreation, fitness, and aquatics.**

and finally, what I call a 'suck it up buttercup match.' Each is designed for you to meet fellow players with the quest to create new friendships—not win a trophy!"

When pickleball started to make inroads with traditional tennis, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) started promoting Pop Tennis. "It's a small but growing sport at Quechee Club," said Keenan. "Think of it as a variant of tennis and pickleball and allows you to play doubles within the singles line markings. It's a fun way to introduce a family member to tennis in a non-intimidating way without taking yourself too seriously."

Squash is another amenity that is considered a niche sport. "We have one indoor court. The dynamic movements required can take a toll on your joints, so it's not a common sport among our demographics," detailed Keenan.

Rounding out Quechee Club's robust racquet programming is its four-platform tennis (paddle) courts. "It's one of our more popular winter sports. We have the courts heated to melt off snowfall and dry off the surface," revealed Keenan.

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"We are wrapped-up in one beautiful Vermont zip code, framed by the Green Mountains and the Ottauquechee River that flows beneath a charming covered bridge," opined Brian Kelley, GM/COO. "With ample land to work with, our 15 miles of mountain trails offer bucolic scenery. Whatever amount of time you spend here—a month, a few years, or a lifetime—Quechee is always calling." ■

*For membership information, visit [QuecheeClub.com](http://QuecheeClub.com).*



Platform Tennis



Pickleball Courts