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| Hello and welcome spring! I hope everyone is happy with the extra places to play.  We are only allowing one or two extra players per court so that there is more of a steady play going on during your session.  As always please give your Board feedback on your sessions at your Club.  You can submit them via this link <https://forms.gle/2oxGbmaUg7tViJcEA>In this Newsletter, you will find information relating to playing outdoors at Hill Park, opportunities for you to volunteer, Mixed Abilities Sport at Pickleball Hamilton Association, our first Children/youth Pickleball Clinic, other updates and Thanks Yous for recent volunteer efforts.I would like to remind all Members about Open Play.**Open play: What does that mean?****What level it that for?  It is for all levels?**  For open and level play, everyone is expected to play with everyone there and not stick to a particular group or level.   We are a welcoming club and would like to be inclusive.  Please adjust your play accordingly.  Thank you.I can’t wait to see everyone outside soon! Linda KawamotoPresident, Pickleball Hamilton Association   |

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| **Shape, circle  Description automatically generatedSummer programming** We have started planning for the summer.  It is such an exciting time for all of us especially with all the new members joining us.  We will have open play, BYOG, level play, beginner lessons, ladders/leagues and tournaments.  There should be sessions for everyone that would make them happy. Please offer your suggestions for what you would like to see develop at the club.  It may take a couple of years, but your board is willing to listen. Please be welcoming to any visitors that are inquisitive about our club and the sport and make an effort to answer any questions or direct them to info@pickleballhamilton.com.  |

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| **Logo, company name  Description automatically generatedMixed Ability Pickleball**Pickleball Hamilton is excited to have recently partnered with Mixed Ability Sport Canada to promote the Mixed Ability Sport model within our club.We invite ALL people who would like to participate to a “Try It Out Pickleball” event on Sunday, May 15 at 10 am.  Mixed Ability Sport aims to create a fully inclusive and safe environment for everyone, regardless of their age, gender, background, or ability. Inclusion is a culture AND environment in which everyone feels they belong and can participate meaningfully as part of the whole. Inclusion is the ultimate goal and we believe there is a place at Pickleball Hamilton for everyone.   Registration information will be available soon. Thank you to Shelley Chalmers, Judy Collins and Patricia Baranowski for taking the course to become certified Mixed Ability coaches.  We look forward to hearing more about it. |

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| **A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generatedReferee Training**There will be 60-90 minutes of classroom work and 2 hours of on-court experience at our referee training clinic.  You will referee several games and learn the best practices to achieve your Level 1 standing.  Dates and location to be announced.  |

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| A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated **“Learn To Play” Pickleball Clinics** If you are new or want to learn more about pickleball, we are offering “Learn to Play” clinics on our outdoor courts at Hill Park.    The cost for this course will be $20 per person for the 4 weeks. Sessions are as follows:  May 15 & 18 at 2pmMay 22 & 25 at 6pmIf you are interested, please fill out this form <https://forms.gle/va2X2DHdL3up9Fam9>If you have any questions you can reach out to us at info@pickleballhamilton.com |

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| **A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated****Thank You** Thank you to Carolyn Buck, Pamela Adams, John Sharp and Haig Saadetian for the excellent lessons given to the beginner’s groups on the weekends at St. Andrew’s United Church.  This group is well on their way to a fun time playing pickleball.Thank you to Dorie Moore for all the work in preparing the binders for each of our rentals for the Winter.  Great job!Thank you to Bryan Adamcyk who has painted the tins that hold the hand sanitizers, getting us ready to open in the Spring and took charge for putting up the windscreens.Thank you to all the facilitators for the wonderful job that you are doing.  We wouldn’t be able to play with out you.  The list includes: Bryan Adamcyk, Suzanne Melanson, Matt Cunningham, Jacob McLellan,  Jerry Syrotuik, Dorie Moore, Haig Saadetian, John Sharp, Chris Bowes,  John Mahoney, Caroline Fanson, Brian Willrich, Pamela Adams, Brett, Adams, Theresa Lacharity, John Kastelic.  Thank you to Ellen Kawamoto for taking charge of the What’sApp.Thank you to all who came out to set up the windscreens on the windy day.  It certainly was a challenge at times.  Thank you to Ly Lam, Ellen, Tom, Linda and Jessica Kawamoto, Dimitry Philipchenko,  Cathy Litton, John Mahoney, John Kastelic, Janice Robertson, Bryan Adamczyk, Todd and Dorie Moore, Brett and Pam Adams, Brian Willrich, Cindy Spong and Matt CunninghamThank you to those helped with the wind screens when they came down due to the wind on March 24.  Bryan Adamczyk, Matt Cunningham, Carolyn  and Ted Buck.   |

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| **Washrooms at Hill Park**Here are the hours at Hill Park Recreation CentreMonday-Friday Evenings 4:30-8:30, and Saturday 9:30-1:30We will keep you updated of any changes in these hours as we go forward into the summer season. |

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| *Pickleball Hamilton is dedicated to introducing, teaching and growing the game within the Greater Hamilton Community.    We are passionate about --and committed to--providing inclusive, varied and accessible programming in a well-maintained and safe environment.* |

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