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| **2020 has been a year like no other and we hope that you, your family and loved ones are staying as healthy as possible during these difficult times.There have been many changes impacting our pickleball play but you all should be really proud of your own and your collective efforts at making Pickleball Hamilton a friendly and welcoming club.   Pickleball Hamilton has a historical reputation for being non-inclusive, a view vocalized by several Recreation Center players. We cannot change views based on experiences in the past. We, (all of us), can do our best to change and influence current and future impressions and experiences at Pickleball Hamilton. Please do your part and play with someone who you would not normally play with and make sure fellow members and drop-ins are not being left out and get a fair share of court time and access to different styles of play. Remember we are all Pickleball Hamilton Ambassadors and our actions will speak louder than historical words.We have had so many changes this year already - thank you for enthusiastically embracing Skinny Singles, Singles, Gutterball Doubles and Co-habitant Doubles.The City of Hamilton has given us permission to play doubles if we split our club into maximum groups of 50. Splitting our club is not something we want to do but to play full doubles is something we want to do. We currently have 77 Summer 2020 members but expect a few more to join if we can play full doubles. With these factors in mind, we have proposed splitting 40 in Group A and 37 in Group B. You MUST partner with players in your group (or in your social circle) however you can play against players in Group A *or* B.We hope that you will agree that we are making the best of this next phase of re-opening. Linda KawamotoPresident** |

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| **COVID-19 AND STAGE 3 – DOUBLES!** How does this affect you? With mandatory direction from the City of Hamilton mentioned above, we must divide the club into smaller groups for regular doubles. Please see below for the groups:

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| **Group A (40)** | **Group B (37)** |
| Angus Morrison | Judy Collins | Adriana Dias | John Sharp |
| Brett Adams | Karen Burrows | Angela Ecklund | John Sullivan |
| Brett Liddell | Karyn Kastelic | Cathy Litton | Kam Keyhan |
| Brian Minaji | Kelly Niessen | Charlene LaFrance | Karen Dixon |
| Caroline Fanson | LeaAnne Bailey | Chris Bowes | Leanne Fraser |
| Caroline Ingram | Lisa Patrick | Dennis Mahoney-Bruer | Leslie Trotter |
| Carolyn Buck | Lynsee Baker | Dimitry Philipchenko | Linda Kawamoto |
| Connie Wilson | Mark Melanson | Ed Krywionek | Ly Lam |
| David Blascik | Matt Cunningham | Ellen Kawamoto | Manju Sekhri |
| Doug Niessen | Pamela Adams | Frank Boyle | Mark Perry |
| Gary Minden | Paul Gailey | Gail Dowling | Marti McCann |
| Grace Tallar | Peggy French | Greg Fox | Marylou Millar |
| Guylaine Burrows | Penny Power | Haig Saadetian | Matthew Kawamoto |
| Jennifer Happy | Ray Munro | Ian Clarke | Mauro Nardi |
| Jennifer Ramsay | Scott Baker | Inzo Karamat | Rob Russell |
| John Kastelic | Sharon Tosh | Jack Jung | Sam Hairston |
| John Mahoney | Suzanne Melanson | Jacob McLellan | Scott Hartwick |
| John Millar | Tim Power | Jessica Kawamoto | Tom Kawamoto |
| Johnathan Happy | Tony Marco | Jim Cook |   |
| Joseph Faddis | Vicki Lynn Landry |   |   |

**If you would like to appeal to play in the other group, or would like to opt out of playing doubles and be removed from the the above groupings please contact**info@pickleballhamilton.com**. You MUST appeal before playing any regular doubles, as once you have played, you CANNOT switch groups until the City of Hamilton allow us to play unrestricted doubles.** |

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| **RULES FOR NEW GROUPING**

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| **FORMAT** | **You may play WITH…** | **You may play AGAINST…** |
| Singles (skinny or regular) | Anyone |
| Gutterball | Anyone | Anyone |
| Doubles (regular) | Partner must be in your social circleORPartner must be in your group | Anyone |

The responsibility for following the new doubles restrictions falls to all players. **PLEASE**respect the format to protect yourself and all our members.* You are **NOT**allowed to play in another group at another organization.
* The ladder will remain a skinny singles ladder.
* Drop-ins will only be allowed to play regular doubles with people in their social circles as their partner.

Just a reminder for those that are travelling or have been in contact with someone out of the country to self-isolate for 14 days before coming back to the courts.. |

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| **DROP-IN SESSIONS** Drop-in sessions have now started for members and non-members on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4 pm. Drop-in fee is $5 for non-members (please bring exact change). Max of 3 drop-ins, then you must become a member of Pickleball Hamilton to continue to play at Hill Park. Must read Pickleball Hamilton Play Rules, sign the waiver and answer screening questions before playing. Please bring your own equipment (paddle, balls, etc.). **Only singles, restricted doubles (partner must be in your social circle) and gutterball doubles permitted at this time.** |

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| **BRING- A -FRIEND SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP** The best value membership fee is available to you and a friend. Join Pickleball Hamilton at the same time and pay $150 for both. Single membership fee is $100 so if you can, please sign up with someone else you know. |

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| **BEGINNERS PICKLEBALL SESSIONS****Mondays 8:00-9:50AM** Linda Kawamoto is running a Beginners Session at 8am every Monday (weather permitting).Please use SignUpGenius to book your slot.  |

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| **18 MORE DEDICATED OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS** President Linda Kawamoto and Vice-President Carolyn Buck recently visited the Confederation Park site with 12 new floodlit dedicated pickleball courts. Progress has been slowed due to COVID-19 but the courts are expected to be opened in September 2020.The 6 additional dedicated pickleball courts at Hill Park are now expected to be completed by Summer 2021 due to COVID-19 related contract award delays. |

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| **COURT MONITORS**By September, Pickleball Hamilton could be running sessions at two facilities with more members and more drop-ins. We expect most of our COVID-19 Protocols to remain in place and therefore would need YOU to consider volunteering as a Court Monitor to facilitate more playing time for us all. If you are willing and interested in being a Court Monitor, please reach out to Matthew Kawamoto at m.kawamoto@live.ca. |

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| **THANK YOU!!** The windscreens were put back up twice after storms. Thanks to the following volunteers for their help!  Chris Bowes, Matt Cunningham, Jessica Kawamoto, Linda Kawamoto, Matthew Kawamoto, Tom Kawamoto, Ed Krywionek, Ray Munro, Doug Round, Haig Saadetian, Manju Sekhri, John Sullivan and Leslie Trotter. |

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|  **YOUR CLUB – YOUR IDEAS** Your Pickleball Hamilton Board would love to hear any suggestions you have for making Hill Park and/or Confederation Park a better experience for you. We welcome ideas that encourage inclusivity, ensure safety of all players and increase your fun and enjoyment. Please contact Matt Cunningham (matthewmarrcunningham@gmail.com) with your ideas. |

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|  **MISSION STATEMENT** 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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