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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [View this email in your browser](https://mailchi.mp/c68238e92ab2/pickleball-hamilton-february-newsletter?e=96c0789de7) | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **NEWS ABOUT THE HILL PARK COURTS**  With the support of our amazing members, we were able to raise $25,000 toward replacing the 2 decrepit tennis courts adjoining our current pickleball courts! This contribution, along with $175,000 from Councillor Pauls' budget, will go towards the replacement.  Thanks to Carolyn Buck and John Sharp who presented the proposal at a city committee meeting, after which it went to City Council where they ratified the proposal. We are very excited about this and although we do not have a definite date for construction to begin**,** we are hoping for fall 2020.   Check out the article that recently appeared in the Mountain News.  [https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/9840497-hamilton-mountain-hill-park-tennis-courts-to-be-converted-for-pickleball/](https://pickleballhamilton.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a3a354ffac2371f84475f9b66&id=df06ce8f50&e=96c0789de7) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **PARTICIPACATION**  Once again this year we will be holding a ParticipACTION event, which will be taking place on June 3rd from 1-5pm with a June 10th rain date.    We will be hosting an open event to encourage people to try pickleball.  Each participant will take part in drills and games.  Encourage your friends and family who are wondering what you do all summer to come and check us out!  We are looking for volunteers to help with beginners and perhaps wheelchair players.  If you are available, please let Linda Kawamoto know at [lkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:lkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **STEEL TOWN SHOWDOWN AUGUST 15, 2020  SAVE THE DATE!!!**  The date has been set and this year's tournament will benefit Make-A-Wish® Toronto and Central Ontario.  We are also looking for donations for silent auction items for this event.  If you are asking for donations from stores, restaurants, etc., please e-mail [jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com) first to make sure that efforts will not be duplicated.  Let's make this tournament more successful than our tournament last year! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We also have 3 shirts left from last year's tournament (shown below).  We have a Men's Medium and Large and a Ladies Large.  If you would like to purchase them for $20, drop us an e-mail at [info@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:info@pickleballhamilton.com). | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **TOURNAMENT CONGRATULATIONS!!!**  January and February saw members of Pickleball Hamilton participating in tournaments with great success.  We would like to congratulate the following members on their success.   **January - London Total Tennis Club event** Warren Bridle & Paul Jejkowski - Silver in Men's 3.0   **February - Toronto Cup** Matthew Kawamoto & Joe Williamsen - Bronze in Men's Doubles Open Tom Kawamoto & Ian Campbell - Silver in Men's Doubles 4.0. 50+ Ellen & Jessica Kawamoto - Silver in Ladies Doubles Open Karen Dixon & Nadine Piszel - Gold in Ladies Doubles 4.0 19+ Jodi Lum & Stephanie Kawamoto - Gold in Ladies Doubles 4.5 19+ Karen Dixon & Jim Cook - Bronze in Mixed Doubles 4.0 35+ Jack Jung & Tom Brett - Silver in Men's 3.5 65+ Helen Rogers & Ly Lam - Bronze in Mixed Doubles 3.5 19+ Helen Rogers & Sandy Beintema - Silver in Ladies Doubles 3.5 50+ | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **OSG 55+ GAMES - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  Liz Newell is looking for volunteers to help out at the games.  Dates as follows:  May 5th from 7:30-3:30pm at the Ancaster Rotary Centre May 14th from 7:30-3:40pm at Westmount Rec Centre  She is looking for volunteer support on those days for scorekeepers and referees.  The referees usually calls kitchen faults and the score. If you can help out or want to participate, e-mail Liz at [enewell1960@gmail.com](mailto:enewell1960@gmail.com).  Pickleball Hamilton will be adding the calendar of events and the sign-up form to our website. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **SUMMER  CO-ORDINATORS NEEDED!!**  We need people to help out daily at the courts.  Responsibilities include acting as Pickleball Hamilton ambassadors, ensuring guests sign in and fill out waivers and collecting drop-in/membership fees.  If you can help out, please contact us at [info@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:info@pickleballhamilton.com). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **GUELPH GAMES**  There is a new event premiering this year in Guelph.  It's the Guelph Games for athletes over 30 years of age.  These games will feature 7 sports including Pickleball and will be held over 4 days  June 25 -28.  It's going to be a huge festival atmosphere including food trucks, music and beer tents.   If you would like to participate in this check them out at  - [https://www.theguelphgames.com](https://pickleballhamilton.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a3a354ffac2371f84475f9b66&id=73c739f9a5&e=96c0789de7) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **CALL FOR OLD PADDLES**  Do you have an old pickleball paddle that you no longer use or have need of.  Well then Pickleball Hamilton would love to have it.  We are trying to upgrade our current supply of teaching paddles and beginner paddles.  Any and all donations greatly appreciated. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **PICKLEBALL HAMILTON IS SOCIAL**  In December, we had a great gathering at Montana's on Upper James.  We are really looking forward to February 20th's gathering at Pub Fiction at 7pm (1242 Garner Road West). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **CALLING ALL GOLFERS**  We are investigating the possibility of organizing a golf event for our golfing members.  Would you be interested in this?  Let us know -  info@pickleballhamilton.com  -  SUBJECT GOLF | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **MONSIGNEUR DE LAVAL**  We also want to pass on a note we received from Lise Theriault, the Principal at Monsigneur de Laval.  On December 17th, our members arrived only to find that the school was closed.  She advises that she had informed the board of the closure but unfortunately this information was not passed on to us.  She would very much like to apologize to the members for the inconvenience. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Want more play time within your skill set? Try this registered pickleball program starting April 2020**  **Pickleball 18+ (level 3.5 and up)**  This level of play is geared to experienced players who want levelled play.  Registration is limited to allow for more play in a session.  City of Hamilton etiquette and rotational play guidelines to be followed.  Players require knowledge of scoring, positioning and are becoming more consistent with fundamentals.  Self assessment of level using IFP player skill ratings.  **Huntington Park Recreation Centre, 87 Brentwood Drive, Hamilton** Sunday April 5 to Sunday June 21 (12 weeks)  9:30 am   - 11:30 am Barcode: 00032426  -     Cost:  $78.84 Limited to 18 players  On-line Registration Opens March 12, 2002 at 7:00am Sign up at  - [http://www.rec.hamilton.ca](https://pickleballhamilton.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a3a354ffac2371f84475f9b66&id=407cbc2b9d&e=96c0789de7) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **THIS MONTHS PICKLEBALL TIDBIT**  **Pickleball Indoor Court Expectations**  **To ensure that we all have a great time; please follow these expectations designed for fair, safe and courteous play.**   1. You must wear proper shoes designed for indoor court use. They must have non-marking soles. During wet, slushy weather please bring your indoor shoes with you and change into them. Bringing wet shoes, boots into any gym can cause someone to slip.  If you see any wetness, please wipe it up. 2. Many sites have courts very close to each other or to the walls. It is important that you are always aware of your surroundings. **Never** during a point run into another court to hit a ball, even if the ball is still alive.  Simply stop, call a let, and re-play the point. No point is worth running into another player in another court. The same applies to a wall, if unable to play because of a wall, simply ask your opponents to play a let. 3. Stepping on a ball, can cause a serious injury. At any time, if a ball rolls onto a court, yell “ball”; all players should freeze in their position before ensuring they can step safely. 4. Never walk or run behind another court to retrieve a ball. The players on that court will get the ball and toss it back to you. 5. There have been instances of severe eye injury from being hit by a ball or a partners paddle, we strongly encourage all players to wear approved safety glasses. 6. If attempting to chase down a lob, it is important to never run “backwards.”  It is always safer to turn your body and run forward to the back of the court. 7. While waiting your turn to play, please do not congregate behind any court interfering with the play on that court. 8. It is the expectation that everyone has equal playing time, regardless of their skill level. The 4 individuals that have been waiting the longest, get the next available court. If one or more of these players wishes to wait to play with someone else, they relinquish their spot in line. No one moves up in line; but, individuals may move back in line. Once again this is to promote fairness and transparency. Please use common sense, courtesy and respect for all members in ensuring proper playing partners and opponents. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  There is alot going on at Pickleball Hamilton and your Board of Directors is doing it's best to keep you informed.  If you have any questions  please remember you can always get in touch with us and ask.  We will continue to try and update our website, facebook page and now twitter feed frequently. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *Copyright © 2020 Pickleball Hamilton, All rights reserved.*  You are receiving this email because you opted in via our website.   **Our mailing address is:**  Pickleball Hamilton  36 Jay Street  Hamilton, ON L9A 4X8  Canada  [Add us to your address book](https://pickleballhamilton.us16.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a3a354ffac2371f84475f9b66&id=e0ae5c0226)  Want to change how you receive these emails? 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