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| **July 2021 Newsletter #2We are currently at 199 memberships! This is the highest number of members we have ever had, and we are delighted to be facing the challenges associated with the increased numbers.We have noticed and been informed of examples of inappropriate behaviour that undermines all efforts we are undertaking to create a welcoming environment at Pickleball Hamilton amongst pickleball players in the surrounding community.We need your help. You are an ambassador for Pickleball Hamilton. All that you do, say (and don’t do/say) has an impact on others that you are responsible for. Please familiarize/re-familiarize yourself with our Code of Conduct and Court Etiquette Rules, in this specific regard.If you are a victim of inappropriate behaviour that makes your experience within our Club less than acceptable – please take the time in contacting a Board Member –**                           Linda Kawamoto -    ljkawamoto@gmail.com                                   Carolyn Buck -         cbuck147@gmail.com                          Jessica Kawamoto - jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com                             Matt Cunningham -  matthewmarrcunningham@gmail.com                          John Sharp -            jsharp843@me.com                                                     Haig Saadetian -      haig.saadetian@gmail.com                          Ray Munro -             rays325e@yahoo.ca                          Matt Kawamoto -     m.kawamoto@live.ca  Please be patient as we try to set up the club in the best way to run as smoothly as possibleOn a more positive note, our courts are becoming busier, but there are still many opportunities for you to play. To better align the opportunities with our developing memberships needs, we are making changes - please read all of this newsletter and attachments. Our website will be updated shortly with the new changes. |

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| **COURT MONITOR CHANGES**The court monitor’s title will be changed to COURT FACILITATOR to better align with the responsibilities.**All** members need to read and familiarize themselves with the facilitator’s duties so you have an understanding and appreciation of the role. There would be no play on our Courts without a facilitator. We expect all members to respect the decisions made by the facilitators and we will not accept any inappropriate and disrespectful exchanges with or about our volunteer facilitators. More facilitators are always needed! If you’re interested, please contact jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com.**Note**: The first player off the court is the first one back on. MEMBERS must look and establish who is waiting before them. This is NOT the facilitator’s responsibility.  |

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| [**COURT FACILITATOR DUTIES**](https://mcusercontent.com/a3a354ffac2371f84475f9b66/files/759d1c91-9b63-e3e1-34ff-ef8291603428/Court_Facilitator_Responsibilities.docx) |

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| **SCHEDULE CHANGES** Starting **Thursday, July 22,**the schedule will be changing. Based on the board’s observations and members’ suggestions, we feel the new schedule will suit most members needs better. Please check the schedule before you sign up. **Friendly reminders:*** ALL MEMBERS must mix if playing in an open session.
* Do NOT expect level play to mix in with open play. You do not need to play down at your level sessions. If possible more experienced and higher skill level players are encouraged to join a lower level session and offer to pass on some play tips at least once a week.
* If there is no facilitator or fewer than 4 people signed up for a programming session, please recruit on WhatsApp.

 You can self-rate here: <https://www.ifpickleball.org/skill-rating-definitions>. We’ve also created a table to help guide you on which sessions are available to you based on your level below:  |

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| **Bring Your Own Group (BYOG)**: We have changed BYOG in the schedule to only be available during any fully open sessions (Mon-Fri 12-5:50pm and 8-10pm any day). Only one court may be booked for BYOG (drilling/singles/groups/etc.) during these sessions, so please make sure you enter this in the comments when you sign up. You must still take your turn rotating on and off the courts.    |

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| A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated**CLINICS**Our Club Pro, Matt Kawamoto, will be hosting clinics for players wanting to raise their game to the next skill level. Only eight spots per clinic and Members have priority until 1 week prior to the clinic, at which point spots open up to the public. If you register with a partner, you will each get a discount of $5 (expect to drill with them for the majority of the clinic). Non-members will cost an additional $10.To register and eTransfer payment, email m.kawamoto@live.ca.  |

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| **Logo, company name  Description automatically generated****CONCUSSIONS** We applied for and received a grant from SIRC (Sport Information Research Centre, Ottawa). The grant is to promote the prevention of concussions. We will be putting together six videos, some awareness posters and a document for the prevention of concussions.Did you get a concussion playing pickleball or from a fall playing a sport? Can you share your story? Please write up your story and send it to m.kawamoto@live.ca by Sunday, July 25. |

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| A pair of red scissors  Description automatically generated with low confidence**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE SIX NEW COURTS****Save the date for Wednesday, August 11, 4 pm!**Mayor Eisenberger and Councillor Esther Pauls will be speaking and cutting the ribbon. We would appreciate if the courts were full for the sessions before, during and after. Please come out to support and show our appreciation for the money that the City and Pickleball Hamilton spent on our beautiful courts! |

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| **EXCITING ACTION** We will have some of the best coaches and players in Ontario coming to our club to train with each other! If you’d like to see them play, come to the courts on Sunday, July 18, August 1 and 8 from 2-4 pm. They will be playing with our 4.5+ players at that time. Bring your own chair and umbrella for shade. |

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| **CANADA DAY** Thank you to all the volunteers who made our Canada Day event such a success. Everyone had fun! We raised $344 for Neighbour 2 Neighbour. |

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| **EYE WEAR** We recommend getting yourself a pair of safety glasses if you do not have glasses on when playing. It doesn’t take much to get a detached retina or hyphema with a stray ball that hits your eye. |

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