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| |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generated | | What a great start to the season on the beautiful new courts! We are thrilled to already have over 100 members out enjoying them. Although we are still playing singles, doubles play is around the corner.   We would like to extend a big Pickleball Hamilton welcome to all the new members. Many are brand new to pickleball and discovering this game and why we are all so passionate about the sport. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |
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Check out the video here:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6lldPLifK0>   Here is a link so you can print out the exercises and keep track of your activity minutes. <https://mcusercontent.com/a3a354ffac2371f84475f9b66/files/fb794d96-6cb7-471d-5872-09f2400885b9/PHA_Exercise_workout_final.pdf> | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **PARTICIPACTION EVENT DAY**  Graphical user interface  Description automatically generated with low confidence  We have our first special event day coming up on Saturday, June 19. We will be inviting the public to join us, and we will have the use of 12 courts. Please see the poster below if you are interested in participating or volunteering!  Table  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **NO PLAY JUNE 17 AT 10AM-12PM**  The city will be looking at the court lighting from 10am to 12pm on June 17. The courts will not be available for use during that time. The sessions have been marked as “Closed for Maintenance” on SignUpGenius | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **SIGN-UP AND PLAYING REMINDERS**  **Level Play** Many people want to get better and might not know what level they are. The first step is to look at the rating descriptions and see what level you think you are. <https://ifpickleball.org/Home/Skills>   The second step is to attend a session at that level. With leveled play, people shouldn't have to play down and should play to their full potential. Hopefully, you will be able to see where you fit after those games. If you fit in that's fantastic! If you need more improvement, please be fair to the higher players and work on your game before attending another session at that level.   You may sign up to play at a level session that is lower than your level if there are available spots within 24 hours, however please play down to the level you are attending.   **12-Court Nights** We have 12 courts on Mon/Wed/Fri nights. Please notice that there is an extra sign-up session for courts 1-6 on SignUpGenius. Please take note of the programming listed and sign up accordingly (e.g. Wed 12 court time slot below is split into 3.5- and 3.5+).  Table  Description automatically generated with low confidence  If you want to sign up for a side and it is full, feel free to sign up on the other courts and make sure to enter in your comments what programming you are signing up for. Start your session on the courts where you sign up and you can mix yourself in to the other programming. There is a max of 12 people on each set of courts so if you are mixing in to the programming, please be mindful of the 12 person max and bring your match to courts 1-6 if courts 7-12 are full or vice versa.  **Playing in the Next Session** If you are at the courts and there is open space for you to continue playing in the next session, please feel free to stay but remember to sign up on SignUpGenius either at the courts or as soon as you get home. We need the information for tracing, and it helps us see which sessions are being used.    **COVID – Bringing Chairs to the Courts**  If you bring a chair to the courts, please place it at least 6 feet away from another member’s chair. We highly recommend putting chairs under a wind flap as the wind flaps are a little more than 6 feet apart. We are not allowed to put any markings or tape on the new court surface. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **COURT MAINTENANCE**  A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generated  We are engaging our members to help us to take care of our new courts! We are assigning each court to a group of members based on initial of first name – if you could please take a couple minutes at the beginning of your session to pick up any garbage or sweep the courts if there is any gravel. The gravel is scratching up the new courts. This is your home, so please help to keep it nice. Make your court look the best it possibly can!   Court 7: A-C Court 8: D-G Court 9: H-J Court 10: K-M Court 11: N-R Court 12: S-Z | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **BALL SALES** Circle  Description automatically generated   This year we have 2 different kinds of balls for sale. Onix G2 balls - $5 each and can be purchased by contacting [lkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:lkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com). Franklin X40 - 3 for $10 and can be purchased by contacting [cbuck@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:cbuck@pickleballhamilton.com). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **REFEREES NEEDED!  A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generated**  Once we start with tournaments, we will be needing volunteer referees: Please have a look at the Pickleball Canada officiating program <https://pickleballcanada.org/support/officiating/officiate-program/> It would be great if there was a group interested and the group goes through the program together. Please contact John Sharp if you are interested at [jsharp843@me.com](mailto:jsharp843@me.com). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **THANK YOU! A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generated**  **Thank you** to Chris Bowes for cleaning the courts before opening the new ones and Tom and Matthew Kawamoto for the hours it took helping me put up the nets.   **Thank you** to Ron Vloothuis, Matt Cunningham, Tom Kawamoto and Matthew Kawamoto for helping me sweep courts 10, 11 and 12.   **Thank you** to Ray Munro for the constant work done at the courts. Hopefully, the ball with the eyes will scare the birds away and prevent the bird debris on the courts. The windsocks are extremely helpful so we can really see what direction those winds are blowing.  A group of people posing for the camera  Description automatically generated with medium confidence  *Linda, Tom and Matthew Kawamoto, hot and tired after putting up the nets.*  Happy pickleballing!   Linda Kawamoto President, Pickleball Hamilton | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***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.*** | | | | |