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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated    **Winter is almost done.  Spring is on it's way, Yippee!!**  We are so excited for the summer and all the new members that have joined us this year!   We are currently above 250 members and growing. We have starting planning for use of the 12 pickleball courts and hope everyone will be happy playing either at the open, level play or bring your own group (BYOG) sessions.  If you have ideas for session play or organised events, please do not hesitate in reaching out to a Board Member or using our feedback form on the website – this is your Club and you can help shape it. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |
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We have secured additional indoor facilities and r**educed the court booking capacities to 5 per court (from 8)** to give all players more court time. This will give everyone the opportunity for full games.  Winners stay and split but cannot stay on for more than 2 consecutive games.  These facilities are located at St. Davids Catholic Elementary School and St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Elementary School.   We will be adding these facilities to the list of available bookings.    Your Board will monitor popularity of offered sessions and adapt to ensure that courts are at or near capacity levels offering more playing opportunities.  This is a fluid situation with the possibility of more venues and we will make any other changes once we have everything in place.  Any feedback you have on sessions should be directed to your Board in person or by electronic means or by using our anonymous feedback form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuCpgDplismk5VKj_kOdQAbPa_aMaFlIXewb4j0-CKyeJcHQ/viewform> | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Text  Description automatically generated  **Important Reminders**  For now, the board of Pickleball Hamilton Association has decided to be consistent with their COVID  rules at all their rental facilities to avoid confusion for the facilitators.   As of March 1st, COVID screening questions will still need to be answered, QR codes and ID shown and sanitization of players hands upon entering the facility is a must.  Just a reminder to not show up at our venues prior to 10 minutes before scheduled start times, have your QR Code ready together with photo ID.   If you are playing at St. Davids or  St. Vincent de Paul you will also be required to complete the on-line questionairre found here <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3mRnGrJqT0uzQfOY6ZcnB0lB7-37xQxKsRE6cR_5Mm1UM1NHRENNNzI3WldHSEVOUzJMME44MThFMC4u>   If you do not fill out the form you will be denied entry to the facility. The above restrictions are a requirement of our contract with the school board.     Please note that as an added restriction there are absolutely **NO VISITORS, OR GUESTS** allowed at St. Vincent de Paul or St. Davids.  Again if you attend with a guest your guest will not be allowed to enter the building.  Please familiarise yourself with our Emergency Action Plans (they are different for each facility. Your facilitator can provide you with this information which is contained in a folder at each venue. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated  If you are having difficulties with Court Reserve, please use the WhatsApp Help Group Chat. If you are not on WhatsApp you can contact our team of Rob Hill,  John Kastelic and Carolyn Buck by email at [cbuck@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:cbuck@pickleballhamilton.com) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing different, several  Description automatically generated  **Winter Outdoor Play**  A reminder that the six older outdoor courts can be booked by members   **Location:**   * **Hill Park**(old 6 courts ONLY): 305 South Bend Rd. E., Hamilton, Ontario   **Format:** The old six courts are available for **MEMBERS ONLY** over the winter season, however you must **bring your own nets, balls and have a facilitator** (who will have the combination to the gate lock). There will be no organized programming.  **Sign-Up (Google Sheets):** All members must sign-up in advance to attend sessions. Sign-up link is here  <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EKF-ip4oVXKUa9CtZZ4Mtbgi6gNCmLXKSUmm9y6dNKw/edit#gid=0>   **COVID/Other Reminders:**   * Please sanitize your hands when entering/exiting and maintain six feet distance whenever possible. * A facilitator is required in order to run each session. Please contact [jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com) if you are interested in volunteering as a facilitator.   We have provided four plastic shovels for clearing snow. Please do not bring your own due to the risk of damage to the courts. No snow blowers, salt, sand, etc. allowed. Please do not shovel snow up against the fences. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A group of people posing for a photo  Description automatically generated Greystone Event**  What a great time we all had at Greystone.  Thank you so much to John Sharp for making this day possible and keeping us on the courts for almost 4 hours straight**.** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generated  **Pickleball Rule book 2022**  Have you ever looked at all the rules for pickleball?  Here is the link for the new rule book.   <https://usapickleball.org/docs/ifp/USAPA-Rulebook.pdf> | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Circle  Description automatically generated Balls**  Thank you to Cheryl Weldon for volunteering to be our ball lady.  She has been labelling balls for the summer and our winter rentals and has indoor Onix balls that she sells for $5 for the club. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A blue t-shirt with a logo on it  Description automatically generated with medium confidence **T-shirts and Hoodies**  Coming this spring we will have blue Pickleball Hamilton t-shirts and hoodies for sale.  We will be selling them on opening day. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Logo  Description automatically generated  **Pickleball Hamilton’s Children’s Clinic**    We will be running a summer clinic from July 11-15 from 4 to 5:30 pm for children/youth ages 7- to 14-year-old (Please note the age change from last newsletter).  Please pass the word along.  We will be limiting the group to 24 kids with a waiting list.  More information will be on the website soon. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Pickleball Adult Clinic**    Clinics will be run by our Pro Matthew Kawamoto for various levels throughout the summer.  We have not set dates yet but will let you know once everything is in place. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***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 environmen*** | | | |