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We tried level programming with some bumps but will keep at it until we are successful. We welcomed so many new members and are glad that they enjoy pickleball as much as the rest of us.   In this newsletter, we report on our members playing the Greystone Open tournament and interclub against Etobicoke and our Halloween President vs Vice-President event. In addition to our Winter Programming, our Social Committee is up and running and planning parallel events around pickleball, fun and food. We also include an update on Recreation play, an award for Jeff Morgan and a membership update.   Before all that exciting news, it is with regret that we report that Ray Munro has decided, for personal reasons, to resign from his position on the Board. Ray will still be seen on the courts playing and assisting with the maintenance that will now be led by Bryan Adamczyk. We want to thank Ray for his services on the board and his dedication towards maintaining and improving all our experiences at Hill Park. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WINTER INDOOR PROGRAMMING Circle  Description automatically generated**  We have winter programming at Mère Teresa (Wednesday and Friday) and Monseigneur-de-Laval (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Yipee! There was a point only 5 short weeks ago where it looked like we were not going to secure any facilities before January 1st, 2022. Unfortunately, we lost two nights at Laval due to a clerical error and we were unable to secure our preferred start time of 6pm at Mère Teresa and the 9-11pm session is not popular on a Friday night. Your Board continues to look at venues and winter programing. We are looking at adding more venues in January. As a result of our review of court usage, we have opened up indoor play to our weekend members, so hopefully you will see and enjoy playing with a few new faces. Most of our weekend members joined the club after full membership reached the cap of 200.   In terms of indoor costs, at present Pickleball Hamilton is not charging additional fees for play but reserves the right (as mentioned when you joined) to charge fees to covers costs of winter rentals if required. We are providing indoor Onix balls to play with.   As always, please respect the facilitator and help set up nets, mop the floor and take down the nets. This is your club. Please remember, we are all volunteers paying the same amount for our membership and game time. Thank you to Dorie, Phil and Matt C for being facilitators at Laval on the Monday and Tuesdays. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **HILL PARK TAKEDOWN**  Thank you to our members and some of the Hill Park students for coming out and helping to take down the windscreens, nets and posts at Hill Park on November 11. Many hands made light work! We really appreciated the wonderful 26-person turnout at short notice as we avoided wet weather forecasts.    Competition time! How well do you know your fellow members? We are offering a prize of multiple pickleballs (well three, actually) to the first member that responds and correctly identifies all the members that helped out with the takedown. Wendy Hanes is a future member in the green jacket and black mask so most of you won’t know her yet. The picture below includes all the members who helped except Matt Kawamoto. Email your answers to [info@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:info@pickleballhamilton.com).  A group of people posing for a photo on a track  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WINTER OUTDOOR PLAY**  A picture containing different, several  Description automatically generated  Although the windscreens and nets are down, you will still be able to play outdoor at Hill Park, weather permitting. The city decided we can take possession of the six old Hill Park courts as of November 1, 2021. We don’t have a written agreement yet, which is why we haven’t shared this information.   We are waiting from the city for their updated COVID protocols. We will update you when we hear back, otherwise a few protocols we will be applying include:   * There will be no organized programming. * Each group must have access to their own portable pickleball net. * There must be a facilitator at all times as we are required to trace. * Only the facilitators will know the combination lock code. * Please know that you are playing at your own risk. * We will be providing four plastic shovels for clearing snow. Please do not bring your own due to the risk of damage to the courts. No snow blowers are allowed. * There is a google sign-up sheet to sign up ahead of time. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EKF-ip4oVXKUa9CtZZ4Mtbgi6gNCmLXKSUmm9y6dNKw/edit#gid=0> * Based on last winter, we do expect a lot of appropriate outdoor pickleball days and encourage those interested to find similarly interested players through word of mouth or electronic means (e.g. WhatsApp). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **SOCIAL COMMITTEE A picture containing transport, baby buggy, clipart  Description automatically generated**  We now have an enthusiastic group of Social Committee volunteers. Thanks to Matt Cunningham, John Sharp, Theresa Lacharity, Patricia Baranowski, Pati Camillo, Liz Thacker, Sharon Tosh and Anna Mori. Planning is underway for 2022! Our first social event of 2022 will be Pickleball and Dinner “Away Day” at the Haig Bowl Arena in St. Catherine’s on January 15th (details below). Also in the works is a club dance in February and Pickleball and Dinner “Away-Day” at Greystone Racquet Club in Waterloo.   **Pickleball and Dinner “Away Day”** **Where:** Haig Bowl Arena, 17 Beech St, St. Catharines **When:** Saturday, January 15, 2-5 pm followed by dinner at The Bar Upstairs Restaurant, 16 Melbourne Ave, St. Catharines (menu <https://www.thebarupstairs.com/gallery>)   We are excited to put together pickleball and eating! It will be three hours of pickleball on six courts followed by dinner. The first hour will be open play and the next 2 hours will be level play, with the level per court to be determined based on registration. There will be a cap of 36 players. Please note that you must be double vaccinated to attend. Proof required upon entry.   To register on a first come first served basis, please send a $15 e-transfer to [jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com) and sign up on SignUpGenius  <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AADA92EAAF94-haig> to reserve your spot to play and for your dinner reservation.   You will be responsible to pay for your own meal and beverages. No refunds for cancellations except for a snow storm. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **INTERCLUB WITH ETOBICOKE**  Thank you to Haig Saadetian, Pamela and Brett Adams for hosting Etobicoke players and ensuring they had such a fun time. It looks like everyone had a good time at Shoeless Joe’s afterwards as well…Etobicoke won and will return next year. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people pose for a photo  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |  |  | | --- | | A group of people pose for a photo  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | |  | | --- | | A group of people sitting at a table  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **HALLOWEEN/ PRESIDENT VS. VICE PRESIDENT’S TOURNAMENT AND N2N FUNDRAISER**  A picture containing person, standing  Description automatically generated  Thank you to all members who contributed to the Neighbour 2 Neighbour food drive and/or gave a monetary donation. We raised $300 and collected 114 pounds of food. Everyone had such a fun time! It was a great way to end the season. Thank you to all who participated and to Jessica Kawamoto for organizing such a successful event! …The Vice-President’s team won again!  Here is a link to the photos that Ted Buck took  <https://www.tedbuck.ca/p797824657?utm_medium=photographer_referral_link&utm_source=zenfolio_email_system&utm_campaign=gallery&utm_content=PB%20Hamilton%20-%20Halloween%202021> | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **VOLUNTEER BALLPERSON** A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated  Pickleball Hamilton will be providing indoor balls for our winter rentals but we also have both indoor and outdoor balls for sale. If you would like indoor or outdoor Onix balls, they are $5 each. The Franklin balls will crack easily in the cold, so change over to Onix balls for outdoor play before this happens.  We are looking for a volunteer to be responsible for selling and labelling balls for Pickleball Hamilton. Let Linda know if you are interested at [lkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com](mailto:lkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **ANNUAL RECREATION PASSES ARE BACK!**  Annual Hamilton Parks and Recreation passes are available for purchase starting November 1, 2021, after being temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.   **Drop In Swim and Gym** **Effective April 6, 2021**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Rate | Single Admit | Clip Card (10 visits) | Monthly   Pass | Yearly Membership | | Youth (2-17 years) | $3.48 | $25.38 | $13.92 | $48.31 | | Adult (over 18 years) | $5.20 | $39.03 | $20.79 | $114.51 | | Senior (over 55 years) | $3.48 | $25.38 | $13.92 | $48.31 | | Family (max. 2 adults) | $10.61 | $79.61 | $42.44 | $177.79 | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WAYNE ROSWELL BUILDER AWARD - AWARDED TO JEFF MORGAN**  The Wayne Roswell Builder award is given to someone who has encouraged others to become involved in the development of the sport. Jeff is the pioneer of school-based pickleball in Ontario and one of the founding members of Pickleball Hamilton. He founded and directed both the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board’s ‘*Battle of the Paddle’* High School Pickleball Championships and the HWDSB ‘*Net Warriors* Challenge’. He has directed many other teacher summits and workshops and initiatives to grow the game at the youth level. Jeff is an original Executive Director and former President of Pickleball Hamilton. He is responsible for securing the first-ever pickleball facility in the city and he was the driving force behind the design and construction of twelve purpose-built courts at Confederation Beach Park. His vision and leadership have allowed the game to flourish in the Hamilton area and beyond.  A group of people standing on a tennis court  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **HILL PARK WHITE RABBIT SECONDARY PROGRAM**  A picture containing text, sign  Description automatically generated  This fall we had eight participants registered from **Hill Park’s White Rabbit Secondary School Program** learning to play pickleball. Pickleball Hamilton has donated four of our recycled paddles and some balls for use by the students in the Hill Park White Rabbit program and the child and youth Mohawk College students who come on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is so they all don’t have to play with the wooden paddles. The picture shows their logo on a t-shirt that was presented to Cheryl, Bryan and Linda as a thank you gift. One of the students designed it. Thank you to Cheryl Weldon, Bryan Adamczyk, Wendy Hanes, Marilyn Sevenpifer and Matthew Kawamoto for their help with the students. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **GREYSTONE OPEN NOVEMBER 13/14, 2021 – TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES**  It was great fun for so many of our members to play in Waterloo. We didn’t all win but met so many nice people. Congratulations to the winners from our club.  **Women’s Doubles 4.5+**   * Manju Sekhri and Leanna Macdonnell won Silver * Marylouise Millar and Ping Wong won Bronze   **Men’s Doubles 4.5+ 19+**   * Brian Rim and Matthew Kawamoto won Gold * Sam Hairston and Dimitry Philipchenko won Bronze   **Mixed Doubles 4.0 50+**   * Marylouise Millar and Dave Ashkanase won Gold   **Mixed Doubles 4.5+ 50+**   * Manju Sekhri and Alan Farquhar won Silver * Gail Dowling and John Sullivan won bronze   **Mixed Doubles 4.5+ 50+**   * Manju Sekhri and Alan Farquhar won Silver * Gail Dowling and John Sullivan won bronze   **Mixed Doubles 4.5+ 19+** Jessica and Matthew Kawamoto won Gold | | | |
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