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| **Hello fellow pickleballers!We have some exciting news for our upcoming plans, including a fun Halloween event, an extension on our summer season and news on WINTER PROGRAMMING!Your Board has worked tirelessly trying to source safe and affordable venues to provide Winter Programming like in previous years. We were unable to rent from schools as we usually do due to COVID and we unsuccessfully explored many other venues including churches, agricultural organizations, YMCAs, City-owned arenas, businesses with warehouses, retirement communities, and colleges. We are delighted to announce that we have secured a suitable facility for five courts three nights a week at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163!Our efforts have established that the Winter Programming we can provide needs a new pricing model. The cost to rent a facility is almost 10 times what we would pay for school facilities that our normal membership pricing covered. We must implement a new cost structure for this Winter.Please see below for more information on our winter programming and cost structure.For this to work financially, we need full support from you and as many members old and new that want to avail of indoor evening pickleball.This will be a new venture for us all, but I am sure that by showing continued agility and resilience, Pickleball Hamilton will be stronger TOGETHER. Linda Kawamoto*President*, Pickleball Hamilton** |

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| **EXTENDED SUMMER SEASON!** Due to COVID, we are trying to stay outside as long as possible. **We are extending our summer season past our usual closing date (October 31st)**.Closing date to be determined, weather-dependent. |

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| **WINTER PROGRAMMING****WINTER PROGRAMMING LOCATION:** **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163****Starting date**: TBD**Address**: 435 Limeridge Rd. E.**Cost**: $25 membership + $5 per session (pre-paid)\*We are requiring prepayment of 10 sessions ($50) to reduce admin work and contact with cash. Any unused prepayments will be refunded at the end of the season.

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|  **ATTENTION TO PREPAID MEMBERS** Due to COVID-19, the cost is much more than we are used to paying so we have a new cost structure this winter.As a result, there are two options for prepaid members for this winter season:1. Defer prepaid winter memberships to the next unpaid winter session, OR
2. Apply the $100 prepaid membership towards this season (i.e. $25 membership and $75 to cover 15 drop-ins)
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 **Number of Courts:** 5 (maximum 20 players)**Sessions**: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays

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| **Times** | **Description** |
| 5:30 – 7:10 PM | SESSION 1 + SETUP |
| 7:20 – 8:50 PM | SESSION 2 |
| 9:00 – 10:40 PM | SESSION 3 + TAKEDOWN |

\*Max of three (3) sessions per week booked in advance + members can book additional court time within 24 hours of a session. This max may be subject to change. **Programming:**TBD but will include levelled play opportunities across our skill levels, bring and stay within your own group and open play. Lessons will be available with Matt Kawamoto.Rules will be similar to our COVID-19 rules for Summer 2020 with additional protocols for indoor play including the mandatory wearing of face masks in the premises. An email will be coming soon with rules, more information and how to become a winter member. |

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| **BALL SALES** You must provide your own indoor ball for the winter season. We will be selling new Onix indoor balls for $5. See Linda Kawamoto or John Sharp if you would like some.  |

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| **WORLD PICKLEBALL DAY** Thank you to John Sharp and the volunteers for organizing such a fun day on Oct. 10. It was great to have so many participants and spectators throughout the day! What a nice demonstration of all the levels, from beginner to pro. |

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| **HALLOWEEN**We are planning an event for Halloween on October 31st! Start planning your costume for the day (but make sure you can play in it)! Rain date is November 1st. **FOOD DRIVE** Please bring perishable food items or a $5 donation for Neighbour to Neighbour, our local food bank. The following items are still needed: rice, flour cornmeal, sugar, all baking products, cereal, oatmeal, small peanut butter, dried beans, coffee and tea, halal products, vegetable broth/stock(halal), diapers, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons and pads, shampoo.The drop-in fees for that day will also going to Neighbour to Neighbour.   |

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| **FUN TOURNAMENT**We will be having a **President’s team vs Vice-President’s team FUN tournament**from 9AM – 12PM on October 31st!Everyone will be assigned to one of the teams and matched up against players from the other team. If you would like to participate, sign up on SignUpGenius for that slot by October 29th to allow time to organize.  |

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| **Court Closing Phase 1** We will be taking down the windscreens after the drop-in session ends at 4pm on Saturday, October 31st. Please let Linda Kawamoto know if you can help out at lkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com. We will continue to have the six courts with nets for as long as the weather reasonably allows. |

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| **MISSION STATEMENT** *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.*  |

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