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| **SEPTEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES** |

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| **It is never a dull moment with Pickleball Hamilton! Below you will find some updates on items related to Pickleball play at Hill Park in particular. It is your Club and your Board Members would greatly welcome your feedback good or bad, and your thoughts for improvements. Do not hesitate to reach out to any of the following Board members;**

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| Linda Kawamoto 905-966-3294  | Matt Cunningham 647-970-3103  |
| Carolyn Buck 905-808-0640  | Ray Munro 289-700-1406  |
| Jessica Kawamoto 519-781-3444  | Haig Saadetian 647-962-3690  |
| Matthew Kawamoto 905-966-3694 | John Sharp 905-379-1954 |

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| **Club Tournament** We look forward to an energetic and engaging 2020 Club Tournament with events planned for Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th September. Club Tournament organizers, Jessica and Matt Kawamoto report that over 50 members have registered for the events.  |

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| **PICKLEBALL LESSONS** Several members have taken lessons with Matt Kawamoto . Just a reminder that due to COVID, pricing has been reduced to:

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| **Total price per hour** | **For 1 hour** | **For 2 hours** |
| **Private** |      $70 |      $120 |
|  **Semi-Private** |      $80 |      $140 |

Get in touch with Matt at m.kawamoto@live.ca to book your lesson. |

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|  **PICKLEBALL CLINICS** Spaces are still available for you to participate in one of two Pickleball Clinics to be run by Matthew, Jessica and Linda Kawamoto.Register with your name, phone number, clinic and payment to lkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com. If you have sent registration and haven’t gotten a response, please try sending registration to Linda again as the e-mail listed in the last communication was incorrect. Invite your friends! Non-members will be an extra $10 per person.

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| **Level** | **Date** | **Cost** |
| **3.5+** | Tuesday, September 15 (4-6 PM) | $60 per person |
| **Beginner to 3.4** | Tuesday, September 29 (4-6 PM) | $40 per person |

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| **PUBLIC DROP IN SUCCESS** We continue to run public drop-in sessions Saturday and Sunday Noon-4pm and Wednesday 8 to 10pm (except the two Club Tournament weekends). These sessions have been a great success in terms of attendance numbers, members mixing and new memberships. Thanks to all that have participated and facilitated these sessions. |

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| **GUESTS WELCOME!** As our next considered step in Stage-3 re-opening, we are delighted to announce that members can now invite guests to play. This is in direct response to requests from members for such an option. You may bring up to 3 guests to play at any time **except** for primetime (8-10 AM, 6-8 PM), **which is limited to 1 guest per member**.**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR GUEST** – this includes pickleball etiquette and COVID protocols.There is a guest fee of $10.**You must send the guest’s completed waiver and e-Transfer the money to**jkawamoto@pickleballhamilton.com**at least 24 hours prior to playing.**As the member hosting the guest, you must sign the guest up in advance on SignUpGenius.  Please see attached instructions on how to sign guests up.Just a reminder that there must always be a monitor scheduled when members and guests play.  |

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| [**Instructions to Sign Up a Guest on Sign Up Genius**](https://mcusercontent.com/a3a354ffac2371f84475f9b66/files/c881430c-0314-4cd3-af40-951d6c20a05a/Instructions_How_To_Sign_Up_Guests.docx) |

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| **MONITORS**Our membership numbers continue to increase, and we are delighted that our maximum session cap of 32 has been reached several times recently. With more players playing at more times, there is an increased need for new Monitors. Monitors undertake an important role and without Monitors our courts cannot open. The role, includes opening the courts, sanitizing the gate (and benches prior to the first session in the morning), asking all players for their responses to the COVID-19 screening questions, noting minor infractions (touching the wrong ball, net or fence) taking actions on major infractions (not maintaining social distancing, spitting for example) reporting accidents and incidents. Additionally, Monitors can take the role of facilitator, organizing games to ensure players mix and are not left sitting for more time than necessary. We thank our Monitors for their continued service. Please email Matthew Kawamoto at m.kawamoto@live.ca if you have any questions or would like to be a monitor. |

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| **WINTER PROGRAMMING** We still do not have any facilities for our winter season. Schools and Recreation Centers are not willing to take bookings in 2020. If you are aware of any warehouses or facilities that could accommodate pickleball courts, please let us know at ljkawamoto@gmail.com  |

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| **MAINTENANCE AT HILL PARK**With thanks to Board Member Ray Munro, you should be noticing that the major cracks in our existing pickleball courts are being filled in and will be painted over. It is a temporary cosmetic repair as we evaluate longer term needs and options. We thank you for your patience during this work. |

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| **AGM** Save the date! The AGM will be on Sunday, October 4 from 1 to 3 pm.  More details to come no later than September 13th. |

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| **CONSTRUCTION AT HILL PARK** Construction on **6 NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS** to replace the old Hill Park tennis courts will begin on September 8.  Please be careful and courteous to the construction workers as they have allowed us to continue to play.  Please be aware that it may get dusty while they are working.Watch for our next newsletter for projected opening dates of the new courts!Happy pickleballing!Linda Kawamoto,President, Pickleball Hamilton  |

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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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