**Mono Pickleball Club**

**Newsletter #15 – October 27th, 2023**

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**Mono College Park Courts**
You asked…*what's the thinking about the "green spaces" on the new MPC courts?*

During the planning for pickleball at MCP it was determined that the surface could “hold” at most 6 *regulation sized* pickleball courts. To maximize the additional space the decision was made to make "room" for other possibilities…thus the “green spaces”.

*Here are some thoughts of how these “green spaces” could be used:*

1. **Seating and gathering area**: When the courts are in use there will be ample (and safe) space to set up chairs and socialize in the fenced  "green spaces" while waiting. Note that the green spaces are at diagonal corners for a reason: Depending on the time of day and the weather, opposite corners will provide sun in one space and shade in the other.

2. **Singles play:** Each green area is large enough for skinny singles pickleball using a “half size” net. Lines can be chalked for the time being.
**What Is Skinny Singles In Pickleball?**

In short, **skinny singles means playing singles against one other opponent but cutting the court in half.** This makes it easier to retrieve the ball and allows this hybrid game to be more about paddle skills and less about mobility and running.

3. **Warm up/drills:** Two players can warm-up or do drills without using a 4 person court.

4. **Ball machine use:** with sufficient fundraising the purchase of a ball machine is possible. An individual can use the ball machine in this space.

5. **Mini clinics:** An individual may request a mini clinic with a coach, and the green space will provide the opportunity without using a 4 person court.

6. **Events and tournaments:** These “green spaces” provides room for set up, gathering, organizing, food and drink tables etc. for events such as MPC Fun Day or tournaments

7. **Backboard Practice:** A backboard attached to the outside fence at 1 or both “green spaces” would be ideal for an individual to practice their strokes.

*We welcome further ideas!*

**MPC Annual General Meeting**Thank you to the 40+ MPC members who attended the *“cool”* AGM on October 21st.

Along with other items, the revised Constitution was accepted, and your new Board was elected.

Your new Board of Director members are: Betsy Callanan, Helen Choat, Sally Cohen, Mike Fitzhenry, Richard Lewchuk, Alex McComb, Anne Yeager, Rod Yeager

And we all got to sing our new Mono Pickleball Club song!!

**MPC’s Annual Holiday Gathering – *Save the Date***Date: Thursday December 7th, 2023
Time: 4:00 – 9:00 pm
 Details to follow.

**2024 Membership Renewal Date and Registration**
Current 2023 members of MPC can **renew** their membership for 2024 beginning October 1st using the following link: [https://pickleballcanada.org/club/MonoPickleballClub](https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/mono-pickleball-club/32292/?admin=1" \t "_blank)

*Membership is closed for new registrants.*

 Membership fees for 2024 are:

* MPC member ***renewal*** - early bird October 1st until December 1st 2023 - $50
* MPC member ***renewal*** - after December 1st, 2023 - $60
* PAO (Pickleball Ontario) - $10 (required for membership)
* PCO (Pickleball Canada) - $10 (required for membership)

**MPC Indoors at the Athlete Institute – Winter and Spring Sessions**
Registration for the Winter (January 8 – March 22, 2024, 10 weeks) and Spring (March 25 – May 3, 2024, 6 weeks) Sessions is now open for new registrations.

Winter: [https://pickleballcanada.org/event/AthleteInstitute\_Winter2024](https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/event/athlete-institute-registration-winter-2024/35601/?admin=1" \t "_blank)

Spring: [https://pickleballcanada.org/event/AthleteInstitute\_Spring2024](https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/event/athlete-institute-registration-spring-2024/35615/?admin=1" \t "_blank)

*NOTE*: You must be a 2024 member to register for either of these sessions.

## PB Thought for the Month:

**The Non-Volley Zone – the complete story!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yI16hbxcpLc>