### **JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER**



Summer Edition



### Pickleball for Possibilities: A smashing Success!



Thanks to your incredible support, our 4th Annual Pickleball for Possibilities charity event was a triumphant success. We smashed our \$25,000 fundraising goal!

We're proud to have raised over \$26,500 in support of the Markham Food Bank!

From the high-energy rallies on the courts to the heartwarming sense of community throughout the 2 days, every moment was a powerful reminder of what's possible when people unite for a great cause. Whether you played, volunteered, cheered from the sidelines, or supported us as a sponsor, you helped transform a simple game into something truly meaningful.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to:

- Our amazing event organizers who worked tirelessly to bring this vision to life
- All the players and teams who brought their A-game and contagious enthusiasm
- The incredible volunteers who kept everything running smoothly
- Our **generous sponsors and donors** whose contributions made the event possible
- Our MPPs, Mayor and City Councillors for the special club recognition (see below!)
- And, of course, everyone who came out to support the cause and community

Check out our albums below and the next pages for highlights and other photos!

### Newsletter **Topics**

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Club Cham<u>pionship</u> Announcement

Ladder Update

Skills Development

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Special Thanks

### Day 1 Photos















# DAY 1: CANADA DAY



### Thanks for Coming Out to Join us on Canada Day!

























1<sup>st</sup> Place: Impact CPA LLP (Event Sponsor)

Congratulations to our winning teams!



MPP Paul Calandra, MPP Billy Pang, Regional Councillor Joe Li and Ward 5 Councillor Andrew Keyes and the members of the MPC Board.



A big thank you to our MPC board members, sponsors, and local community for making this event happen!









While competing for the coveted gold and bragging rights, players had even more fun representing some of our Team Sponsors! Here are some of the photos!







Porsche Centre Markham

MARKHAM PORSCHE















More Team pics! Special shout out to Banh Mi House for catering our lunch with incredible banh mi sandwiches and vegetarian spring rolls.





















### Annual MPC Club Championship Coming Soon!

Start pairing up as you're in for some fun competition-- for all levels.

While the Tournament Committee is still planning, you can look forward to Men's and Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Singles.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**



Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Rain Date: Same day, but at Milliken Mills Arena



### LADDER LEAGUE

### Ladder league launches July 19th!

We're thrilled to announce that the Markham Pickleball Club Ladder League is launching Saturday, July 19th — weather permitting!

Here's what you need to know:

#### **Weekly OPT-IN Required**

To play each week, you must OPT-IN between 12:00 PM, 6 days before game day, and 12:00 PM, 1 day before.

Example: To play on July 19, OPT-IN from July 13 (12 PM) to July 18 (12 PM).

### **Limited Spots**

We have over 100 registrants, but only the first 60 players to OPT-IN each week are guaranteed a spot. Missed it? Join the waitlist!

#### **GAME SESSIONS**

Players will be assigned one of the following time slots based on rating:

- · Session A 6:00 PM
- · Session B 7:30 PM
- · Session C 9:00 PM

#### **OUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT YOU:**





Let's rally into an exciting season — see you on the courts!





### You Asked, We Listened!

We are super excited to launch a 5-weeks series of skill development clinics focused on specialized skills and it starts next week, July 24<sup>th</sup>!

Each of the sessions will be lead by a **certified Pro Coach** (and Assistant Coach where applicable) and follows this framework.

#### Overview:

- Technical (Rules, Mechanics, Footwork)
- Strategy
- Practice/Drills
- Self-Assessment

There will be specific performances tasks which you as a student will be able to assess against Pickleball Canada Skills Self-Assessment.

We are offering this series to Members and Non-Members, so be sure to secure your spot!

Registration links to the other weeks will be coming soon!

#### **BONUS:**

Sign up within 48 hours of registration open and get \$5 off; that's over 10% discount for our members!

#### **REGISTER FOR WEEK 1**

#### **SCHEDULE**

Week 1 (July 24): Forehand and Backhand - Coach Andrew Ng (register above)

Week 2 (July 31): Play at the Net (Drops and Volleys) - Coach Mike Wang

Week 3 (Aug 7): Overhead and Smashes - Coach Mike Wang

Week 4 (Aug 14): Drops and Drives - Coach Andrew Ng

Week 5 (Aug 21): Court resets and Defensive/Offensive Lobs - Coach Mike Wang

Schedule is subject to changes.

Choose 1 or choose many! It's all up to you!

Get ready to up your game!

### Learn 2 Play (L2P)

Do you know someone who is new to pickleball and ready to jump in? A family member or a friend? If so, please share the following information:

The L2P series at MCC (Markham Civic Centre) is going to start Monday mornings and Tuesday evenings. This beginner - friendly clinic is designed to introduce NEW players in the Markham Community to the basics of Pickleball.

This session would be a perfect opportunity to learn the basics and meet fellow pickleball enthusiasts from the Markham community.

For more information, check out MPC's website under LATEST NEWS.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT L2P** 





### 55+ Inter Club League Update - from Team Captain John Morra



This season, we launched a trial Inter-Club league for players aged 55 and over, and I'm proud to say it's been a great success so far. The league brings together teams from Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, and Pickering, with six matches scheduled—three at home and three away, all played on Sundays from 6–8 PM.

The format uses rally scoring to 15, with two points awarded for a win, and one point to the losing team if they score at least 8 points. It's been competitive, fun, and full of great rallies!

As one of the team captains, along with Fred Hakimi and Shama Ratansi, it's been incredibly rewarding to watch our players come together—not only building stronger bonds within our club but also making new friendships with players from the other teams. Our members are learning how to play more competitively, while still keeping it fun—which is exactly what we hoped for.

The feedback from our members has been overwhelmingly positive. Many have said they'd love to see more Inter-Club matches in the future—and not just for the 55+ group. If this pilot continues to go well, we're hoping to expand it to include other age groups and skill levels in the seasons ahead.

Our next home match is on **Sunday, July 20, from 6–8 PM against Pickering.** If you're free, come out and cheer for Team Markham—we'd love to see you there!

#### League Schedule: Come cheer them on!

Three locations - MPC, NPC, RHPC

	Home	Away
Week 1 Sunday, June 8	MPC	RHPC
	NPC	PPC
Week 2 Sunday, June 15	PPC	RHPC
	NPC	MPC
Week 3 Sunday, June 22	PPC	MPC
	RHPC	NPC
Week 4 Sunday, July 6	RHPC	PPC
	MPC	NPC
Week 5 Sunday, July 13	PPC	NPC
	RHPC	MPC
Week 6 Sunday, July 20	NPC	RHPC
	MPC	PPC



MPC with the Richmond Hill Team



### We couldn't have done it without you!

Sponsors & Donors (especially our anonymous Donors), you have truly made a significant impact on our fundraising efforts. Thank you so much for your generosity with contributions through direct funds, raffles and/or silent auctions. We couldn't be more pleased with the results and are so excited to see what we can accomplish together next year! Are you game?!

In gratitude for larger contributions (\$500+), Sponsors & Donors will be presented with a beautifully framed Certificate of Appreciation and a special thank you letter from our club President.

Click their logos to learn more!



TITLE SPONSORS - \$1,000















### **TEAM SPONSORS - \$500**



















## SPECIAL THANKS



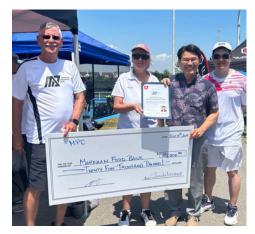


Special thanks to Brandon for creating and donating these custom MPC key chains to participants on Canada Day.

<u>BalancedPickleball</u>



Thanks to Regional Councillor Alan Ho for donating \$500 to challenge the Teams' Fundraising efforts!





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### \*\* A Huge Thank You to Our Generous Supporters!

We are incredibly grateful to all the amazing businesses, community members, and donors who contributed to our raffles and silent auction. Your generosity added excitement and purpose to our event, and helped us raise funds for an important cause.

Special thanks to:

247 Athletic • Aethos • iPZU Wellness Center • Kourt Shark • KSSC • Lumi Health + • NXTGen • Physio for Surgery • Pickleball Depot • Pickleball Peeps • Racquet Guys • Village Grocer • Zoom Optical • Upper Unionville Golf • Markham Family Chiropractic • Markham Reflexology Clinic • Rise and Shine Restaurant • Sun Life • Sylvia Morris Realtor • Unionville Main Street • Watson Glen Golf Course • UBComplex

And to the many **MPC members and donors** who chose to remain anonymous — you know who you are and we truly appreciate you! •

### The Heart Behind the Hustle

While we're beyond grateful to all our MPC volunteers and friends, we'd like to extend a special recognition to the dedicated members of our Sponsorship, Tournament, Social Events, and Communications Committees — especially our Chairs and Co-Chairs who led the charge with purpose and passion.

Your tireless effort, vision, and resilience were the driving force behind the success of our events and fundraising efforts. You didn't just show up — you showed what it means to lead with heart

They say it takes a village. In our case, it took an incredible team — and we're lucky to have vou.

From early planning to final wrap-up, your commitment made all the difference.

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With sincere gratitude to:

Andrew Ng • Ben Seto • Deanna Gottschalk • Doris Tardibuono • Helen Lau Ilene Hoang • Juliana Sin • Peter Milovanovic • Rob Seccareccia





### RESOURCE CENTRE



### Stay Connected with MPC!

Get the latest updates, essential info, and everything in between - right at your fingertips!



### **All things MPC**

Our Markham Pickleball Club website is your go-to source for all things MPC.



#### **Timely Updates**

Check out the Latest News section on our website and the **WhatsApp Info Centre** chat group for real-time announcements and clubwide communications.



#### **Court Hours & Hosted Times**

Want to know when you can play?

Check out our club Court Hours & Hosted **Times** calendar on our website (main page) to view scheduled play times. You can even download a copy for easy reference!



### **Interactive Calendar - Never** Miss an Event

Our brand-new calendar lets you view all upcoming events at a glance—and register instantly. Whether it's a tournament, clinic, or club social, it's now easier than ever to stay involved.



#### WhatsApp Groups

- MPC Info Centre (Official): A read-only channel for key club announcements and news.
- MPC Social Centre (Unofficial): Chat with fellow members, organize games, and stay social.

#### How to Join:

Visit the Members Only tab on our website and click "Join MPC Info Centre WhatsApp" to access both groups. You must login to access.



### **Members Only - Just for you!**

Explore the Members Only tab to make the most of your membership. You must login in to access certain sections.

Look for Information You Can Use!—a helpful section that answers frequently asked questions, including:

- What are the benefits of being a Basic Member?
- How do Outdoor Season and Daily Passes work?

#### You'll also find:

- Members Benefits: Exclusive discounts from our partner suppliers
- Court Etiquette: Important reminders for fair play
- Tag Tips: Handy how-tos and a cool video hack!
- And more!

Our goal is to provide you with resources that maximize your MPC experience.



### Follow Us on Social Media

Stay connected beyond the court. Like and follow for event photos, member stories, and club highlights!



<u>Instagram</u>



<u>Facebook</u>



WhatsApp



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