## NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Fall Edition





This fall, MPC has celebrated championships, grown our coaching team, developed new players, and strengthened partnerships. Let's look back on a season of milestones and look forward to even more fun ahead!















Newsletter Topics

**Events** 

Ladder League

<u>Championships &</u> <u>Tournaments</u>

Indoor Pickleball

<u>Membership Tiers</u>

<u>Inter-Club League</u>

Skills Development

Congratulations & Thanks!







Our 2025 outdoor season ended with the most fun social of the year: MPC's Halloween!

- What everyone enjoyed:
- Prizes for Best Halloween Costume
- Guess the Pumpkin's Weight
- Guess the Number of Candies in a Jar
- Ladder Play Awards
- Aces Play Awards















**BEST COSTUMES:** Debra, Chuck, Shirley, Deanna















More fun photos of the event!

























## LADDER LEAGUE



Our Ladder League was buzzing this season! With over 100 players participating, the competition was fierce and the camaraderie even stronger.

Players were climbing (and sometimes sliding down!) the rungs week by week, making every session exciting. Special shoutout to those who made big leaps this fall as you proved that dedication pays off.

Congratulations to our winners!



TOP OF THE LADDER
Brian Ling







## **ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### MPC Shines!

From August 27–30, MPC proudly competed at the Ontario Championships with an outstanding club showing.

- → 2nd in attendance across all Ontario clubs
- → 3rd in medals earned

We couldn't be prouder of our members who represented us with skill and spirit. Your hard work, determination, and love for the game showed Ontario what MPC is all about.



1<sup>st</sup> PLACE Brenda & Peter



3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE



2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE
Judy & Doris



1<sup>st</sup> PLACE Raymond



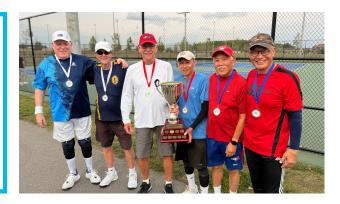
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Our annual Club Championship Tournament, proudly sponsored by Amica and partnered with Impact CPA LLP, was a resounding success!

119 players competed across all categories in two days of high-energy play. Congratulations to all our winners and finalists who brought their Agame, and a huge thank you to our volunteers and sponsors.





13 EVENTS
119 PLAYERS
222 MATCHES PLAYED
2 DAYS OF COMPETITION & FUN
DOZENS OF CHAMPIONS CROWNED















## ACES OF THE COURTS



Our Aces of the Courts socials (sometimes Kings, sometimes Queens!) were club favourites. Filled with laughter, lively rallies, and surprise "royal" winners, they brought members together in true MPC style.

Congratulations to our winners!



























## Fall 2025 Indoor Pickleball Programs

As the weather cools, the pickleball action heats up indoors! MPC is excited to offer several fantastic indoor programs this fall! Check out King Square Sports Centre (KSSC) and Unionville Badminton Complex (UBC). Whether you're looking to stay sharp or just have fun, we've got a court waiting for you!

### KING SQUARE SPORTS CENTRE (KSSC)

#### **Details**

- 9390 Woodbine Ave, 2nd Floor (North of 16th Ave)
- 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
- \$ \$9/week + HST

### **Skill Levels & Schedule**

### Intermediate / Advanced

Mondays: Oct 20 – Dec 29 (11 weeks) Wednesdays: Nov 5 – Dec 31 (9 weeks) Fridays: Oct 24 – Dec 26 (10 weeks)

### **Novice / Intermediate**

Tuesdays: Nov 4 – Dec 30 (9 weeks) Thursdays: Nov 6 – Dec 18 (8 weeks) Negistration Full: Waitlist & Sub Policy in Effect All sessions are currently full, but don't worry—our waitlist and sub policy is active! We regularly invite waitlisted players to sub in when spots open due to cancellations, vacations, or other absences. Joining the waitlist gives you priority access to available sessions, so sign up and stay ready!

**® Program Purpose:** These sessions are designed to match players with others at a similar skill level for competitive and enjoyable play.

### UNIONVILLE BADMINTON COMPLEX (UBC)

### **Details**

- on Denison, near Birchmount
- 11:00 AM 1:00 PM
- \$ \$11/week + HST

### Skill Levels & Schedule

### Intermediate / Advanced

Saturdays: Oct 11 - Dec 20 (Excludes Oct 25)

### **Novice / Intermediate**

Sundays: Oct 19 – Dec 21

**© Program Purpose:** Please register for either Saturday or Sunday—not both. These sessions are designed to match players with others at a similar skill level for competitive and enjoyable play.





We are so excited to announce TWO new Pickleball Programs designed for players who have already completed at least one Learn to Play session and are ready to continue their journey in a supportive, indoor environment.

We look forward to seeing you on the courts and helping you grow your love for the game!

### What to Bring:

- Comfortable athletic wear
- Court shoes
- Water bottle (water bottle filling station is on site)
- A paddle
- A smile and a willingness to learn and improve!

### **EDWARD T. CROWLE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

#### **Details**

**Duration:** 3-week series

Schedule: Fridays, from Dec 5th to Dec 19th

Time: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Location:** Indoor venue at Edward T. Crowle Public School, Markham (Near 16th Avenue and Markham

Rd)

**Fee:** \$23 (+ hst) per session for a total of \$66 (+ hst)

for 3 sessions

**Spots Available:** 12 participants max

### Parking & Entrance Info

Parking is available on the west side of Edward T. Crowle Public School. Please enter through the side gym door, located right by the parking lot.

### **Equipment**

Indoor non-marking court shoes and Paddle (Loaner paddles available

upon request)

### Register Now - Continuing Learner 3-Week Pickleball Program

Led by Certified MPC Coaches, each session includes skill-building drills and guided games tailored to your pace and progress.

To register or learn more about the Continuing Learner 3-Week Program, please visit the official event page:

MPC - Edward T. Crowle Friday Program (December 2025)

### PREMIUM RACQUET CLUB (PRC) - RESERVED ROUND ROBIN PLAY

### **Details**

### Dates:

You may choose to attend on any Monday between November 24th and December 15th, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

- Monday, November 24thMonday, December 1st
- Monday, December 8thMonday, December 15th

Time: 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Format:** Games to 11, win by 2 with a rotation. **Location:** Indoor venue at Premier Racket Club

(PRC), 73 Wootten Way N, Markham **Fee:** \$16.65 (inc hst) per session

**Spots Available:** 16 participants max for each

session

### Parking & Entrance Info

Parking is on the North side of Reesor Public School and Play is inside a bubble.

## Registration & Payment Requirements

- If interested, please join the MPC
  WhatsApp Group for PRC on
  Mondays by clicking on the
  following invite link and more
  information about Registration and
  Payment will be provided.
- MPC's WhatsApp PRC Monday Group



## New Membership Tiers for 2026!

As Markham Pickleball Club enters its 5th season, we're excited to introduce a simplified and enhanced membership structure to help make 2026 our best year yet. **Current 2025 members receive priority renewal and discounted rates throughout December**. What's new: you'll select a membership tier that best suits your pickleball needs.

### **Renewal Timeline**

Period	Dates	Notes
Early Renewal	Dec 1–31, 2025	Discounted pricing for current members
Regular Pricing	Begins Jan 1, 2026	Applies to new and returning members
Capacity	Limited	Tiers have caps — renew early to secure your spot

### **Here Are Your Options:**

Bronze	Silver	Gold
<ul> <li>Annual membership in MPC</li> <li>Option to play at club events</li> <li>Option to purchase daily passes</li> <li>Opportunity to utilize MPC partner discounts</li> <li>New:         <ul> <li>Bronze membership shoe tag</li> <li>Option to play in club hours on weekdays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>One Franklin ball</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cost:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ALL features of the Bronze Membership</li> <li>Weekday play in club hours from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>New: <ul> <li>Option to play in club hours on weekends from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>Two Franklin balls</li> <li>SILVER membership shoe tag</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cost: <ul> <li>December renewal \$70.00</li> <li>January 1st 2026</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ALL features of the Bronze and Silver Memberships</li> <li>Unlimited play during ALL club hours</li> <li>New:         <ul> <li>Gold membership shoe tag</li> <li>Three Franklin Balls</li> <li>Enhanced discounts to special events</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cost:         <ul> <li>December renewal \$140.00</li> <li>January 1st 2026 renewals and new members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>December renewal \$25.00</li> <li>January 1st, 2026 renewals and new members \$35.00</li> </ul>	renewals and new members \$80.00	\$150.00

### Additional Notes

- All members must join Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada for insurance purposes.
- HST and service charges apply to all memberships.
- Free Franklin balls must be picked up no later than May 31st, 2026
- Early renewal closes December 31 at midnight don't miss the deadline!

# INTER-CLUB LEAGUE



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



The inaugural season of the inter-club play was a resounding success. Clubs from Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, and Pickering participated in weekly matches over a 6 week period.

It was very competitive, well organized, and full of great energy and sportsmanship. Hopefully next season it will expand to other age groups. Markham team came in 3rd place with 202 points. Considering we had the largest team we did very well for the pilot season. It was a great learning experience for all. Our team bonded together very well.

The inter club play introduced us to other members that we may or may not have met or played with during club play. Our team capped the season with an outing at a local Pub.

### **Final Scores**

Team	Pts
Richmond Hill	263
Newmarket	213
Markham	202
Pickering	139







## Building Stronger Players

This summer, MPC made a strong commitment to skill development, responding directly to feedback from our member survey. We continued to offer our ever-popular Level 1 and Level 2 *Play Better Pickleball* clinics, helping players strengthen their fundamentals and elevate their game.

In addition, we introduced a brand-new series of focused **5-week specialty clinics** designed to build confidence and refine the mechanics needed for smarter, more strategic play.

### Clinic topics included:

- Forehand fundamentals
- Forehand & backhand consistency
- Drops & volleys at the net
- Overheads & smashes
- Mid-court resets & lobs

Each session was led by one of our amazing pro coaches Coach Mike Wang or Coach Andrew Ng – with support from certified coaching assistants for larger groups, each clinic targeted specific areas of the game. This format allowed participants to personalize their training journey by selecting sessions aligned with their individual goals and interests.

To ensure a consistent and controlled training environment, we shifted from our usual outdoor venue to the indoor courts at UBComplex - no more weather surprises!



### \* Learn 2 Play (L2P): Season 2 Success

We also wrapped up our second season of the ever-popular Learn 2 Play (L2P) program at the Markham Civic Centre, welcoming dozens of new players to the sport. Under the passionate leadership of our President and coach Doris Tardibuono, along with her dedicated team of instructors, over 100 new pickleball enthusiasts were introduced to the fundamentals—and many discovered a lasting love for the game.

Did you participate in any of our summer clinics or Play Better Pickleball sessions? We'd love to hear about your experience! Your insights help us improve and tailor future programming to better serve our members.

Please share your thoughts by emailing us at <a href="mailto:lessons@markhampickleballclub.ca">lessons@markhampickleballclub.ca</a>. Whether it's something you loved or something we could do better, we're all ears!









## **Solution** Congratulations to Our New Certified Instructors!

MPC is proud to announce that several of our members have reached new coaching milestones through Pickleball Canada's NCCP Certification Program this summer.

Your commitment to professional growth ensures MPC members benefit from worldclass coaching right here at home.

Bravo! 👏

- NCCP Level 1 Instructor Certification Raymond Koo
- NCCP Level 2 Advanced Certification Ilene Hoang Helen Lau Linh Trinh Myra Ha



Congratulations to coaches Myra, Linh, Raymond, Helen, and Ilene!



## Sponsor Spotlight – Thank You!

This summer's success wouldn't have been possible without our incredible sponsors and partners.

Your support makes tournaments, socials, and development programs possible.

Your generosity strengthens our community and helps us grow the game we love.

### 🌟 Major Partners

- Amica Club Championship Sponsor
- Impact CPA LLP Championship Partner

### **\* Event & Program Supporters**

 Local businesses, food partners, and generous donors who contributed to our events and prizes







## Pickleball for Possibilities

This summer, our **4th Annual Pickleball for Possibilities** charity event truly lived up to its name. Thanks to your generosity and community spirit, our final tally was **\$28,374 donated to the Markham Food Bank** - surpassing our \$25,000 goal!

From the high-energy rallies to the overwhelming show of support, it was a reminder of how powerful pickleball can be in bringing people together for a greater cause.

Your contributions turned a weekend of pickleball into something truly impactful for our community. •

Day 1 Photos

Day 2 Photos

### **Special Thanks to Our Sponsors & Donors:**

- Event Sponsor: Impact CPA LLP
- Title Sponsors: Centennial Food Group, MNP, Physio for Surgery, Pro Edge Management, York Digital, TAR Team, Wrap ID
- Team Sponsors: Markham Porsche, George's
   Tastee, Pro Edge Management, Dena K. Mortgage
   Consultant, Banh Mi House, TAR Team Real Estate,
   York Digital Consulting, Richmond Hill
   Community Management Services, CI Assante
- Community & Prize Supporters: 247 Athletic, Aethos, Pickleball Depot, Racquet Guys, Village Grocer, Zoom Optical, Unionville Main Street, and many more local businesses & generous members



# SPECIAL THANKS



## Volunteers – Special Thank You!

This summer's success wouldn't have been possible without our incredible volunteers.

This year, we had the largest volunteer pool yet! Your support means so much!

From court operations to tournaments, socials, media, comms (includes our newsletters!), and development programs, our volunteers make the impossible possible.





















## Volunteers – Special Thank You!





















## **RESOURCE CENTRE**



### REMINDER - 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 outdoors?

When the time comes, check out our club Court Hours & Hosted Times calendar on our website (main page) to view scheduled play times. For now, keep up with Latest News for indoor options!



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

Our website 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>



**Facebook** 



**WhatsApp** 



**MPC Website** 





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