

# JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



Spring Edition



## Welcome Letter from the President

Welcome to the Spring Edition of our June 2025 newsletter! With the season in full swing, we're excited to share updates, upcoming events, and club highlights. Whether you're a returning member or joining us for the first time—welcome!

As your newly elected President, I'd like to personally welcome you to what promises to be a fantastic season! It was a pleasure meeting many of you at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 30. We're looking forward to great games, new friendships, and plenty of fun throughout the months ahead.

Since this is my first message as President, I thought I'd take a moment to introduce myself and share a bit of my pickleball journey with you.

I retired over 13 years ago after spending 32 years teaching Math and Computer Science at Toronto's French public high school, Étienne-Brûlé.

For the past 7½ years, my husband and I have been avid pickleball players—we absolutely love the game (some might say we're a bit obsessed!).

We even played outdoors through much of the pandemic thanks to a mild winter.

Over the years, I've competed in several tournaments and have proudly earned 11 medals. My most memorable moment was winning gold—1st place out of 24 teams!

When we first joined MPC, we were playing on what we fondly called the best parking lot pickleball courts in Canada. I began volunteering as a host, eventually became host manager at Cornell Community Park, and joined the Board of Directors. It's an honour to now serve as your President, and I'm grateful to work alongside a fantastic team of directors and volunteers.

Here's to a wonderful season ahead. See you on the courts!

Warmest regards,



*Doris Tardibono*

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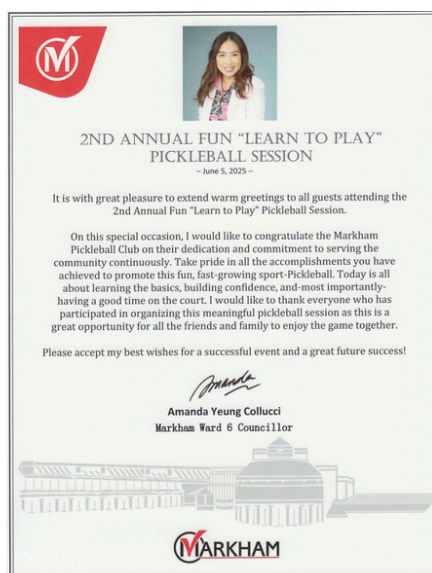
# EVENTS



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual: Learn 2 Play with Markham City Councillors

Members of our MPC Board had a wonderful time with our Markham City Councillors at our second annual Learn 2 Play session held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Rouge Park P.S. This year, we were thrilled to welcome Andrew Keyes and Alan Ho, along with their spouses, for a fun 2-hour gathering. Adding to the excitement, Mayor Scarpitti and Councillor Amanda Collucci made special appearances, sharing words of encouragement and presenting us with certificates of recognition.

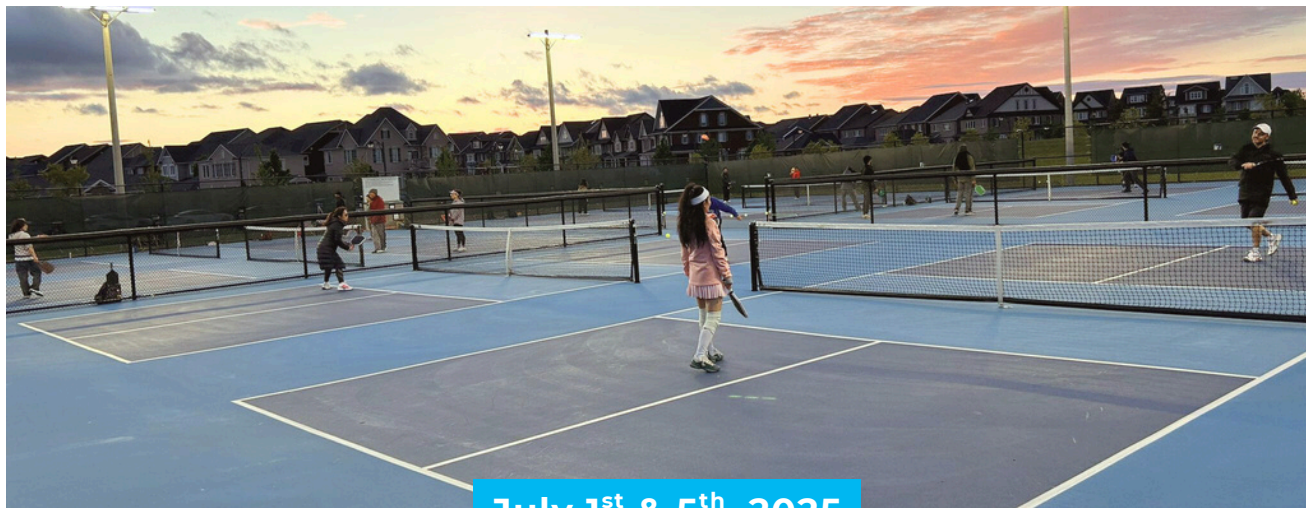
From friendly competition to meaningful conversations, the event was a true celebration of community spirit and leadership. Looking forward to making next year's session even more memorable!







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July 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual: Pickleball for Possibilities Event and Tournament

Members of our board and volunteer committees are working very diligently in preparation for our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pickleball for Possibilities Event and Tournament!** (Not 3<sup>rd</sup> as stated in our sponsorship package) We are super excited for a "fun-filled 2-day team tournament" scheduled for Canada Day, **Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Last year our club raised an astounding **\$21,500**. This year we are rallying together to support our local **Markham Food Bank** and we have set an aggressive goal of **\$25,000!** We have already raised over \$10,000 in sponsorships to date but we need your help! Every donation, big or small, will help put food on the tables for families in need. Let's make a difference together.

We have 2 anonymous donors that have generously agreed to **match your donations up to \$5000!** So please make your donation count! Check out our **CanadaHelps fundraising page** link below and donate today!

*Register for Day 1 on the next page. Registration and full event details for Day 2 will be coming shortly.*

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"While food banks are doing their best to keep doors open and shelves full, the unprecedented need for food bank support has outpaced their capacity and the resources available to deliver these services," the report says.

— Sarah Petz · CBC News Updated: December 4, 2024



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## Day 1: Canada Day Celebration & Red vs. White!

Join us for our annual Canada Day event — one fun-filled session capped at 96 players! Wear red or white, grab a team wristband on arrival, and enjoy FREE ice cream! 🍦

🎾 Learn rally scoring with Coach Andrew as we compete in a tournament of Red vs. White!

📋 All MPC Members are invited!

[Register here](#)

[Donations](#)

💰 A minimum \$25 donation to Markham Food Bank is required to participate. Tax receipts will be provided.

🇨🇦 Two anonymous donors will match top donations up to \$5,000!

Spots are limited — don't miss it!

**Come join the fun!**







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## Day 2: Fun Competitive Tournament

Following last year's incredible success, the **Pickleball for Possibilities Competitive Tournament** is back and better than ever! Get ready to witness top-tier teams vying for the ultimate title while raising funds for the **Markham Food Bank**.

Inclusivity is key—each team must have **at least two female players** and **one player aged 65 or older**. Plus, to keep the competition going strong, every team must include **two spare players** to step in if needed.

We're thrilled to have **Team Sponsors** supporting the tournament! Some have already committed to contributing funds to the **Markham Food Bank** and providing **customized logo t-shirts** for their players.

If your team isn't sponsored, no worries it's **not required**, but you can be creative! For example, color coordinate your team's clothing.

If you are interested, MPC has arranged a special discount for custom t-shirts with Sportika. You can get your team name on a t-shirt for as little as \$5 for 1 colour, \$10 for 2 colours or \$15 for 3 colours.

Are you ready to play for a purpose?

**Register as a team or individually** and we will get you on a team! Let's make this year's **Pickleball for Possibilities** tournament the best one yet! Registration details coming soon!

### Each team must consist of a diverse mix of skilled players:

- Two 4.0 players
- Two 3.5 players
- Two 3.0 players
- Two 2.5 players

### Fundraising & Prizes

The **minimum team donation** to enter is **\$300**, but here's the twist—the team that raises the **highest amount** will be awarded a special prize! Rally your teammates, spread the word, and make a meaningful impact while enjoying the sport you love.

For more details or to secure your custom team shirts:

[Contact Us](#)



# SPONSORSHIP



Markham is a community that thrives on generosity, and MPC is incredibly grateful for the sponsors who have supported our charity events, both past and present. We also deeply appreciate the dedication of our members in securing sponsorships, donations, and raffle prizes that make these events possible.

This year, several sponsors have already stepped up, committing donations of \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,500 to help make our event a success!

A special toast goes to our repeat **Event Sponsor, Impact CPA LLP**, for their continued generosity and support.

Explore more about our sponsors by clicking the links below—and support them whenever possible!



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**We need more Sponsors. We need your help** to reach our goal. If you or your business can sponsor, we encourage you to do so. If you know someone who might be able to help, please share our **Sponsorship Package** and the donation form with them.

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## SPONSORSHIP



### Raffle & Silent Auction: Call for Donations!

We're now collecting raffle and silent auction prize donations for our upcoming events!

If you'd like to contribute an item, we'd love your support.

Thank you for helping make our events a success!

#### Raffle Draw:

- July 5<sup>th</sup> at noon
- Tickets will be sold at the courts before and during the events

#### Ticket Prices

##### Cash

- \$5.00 for 1 ticket
- \$10.00 for 3 tickets

##### E-Transfer (cfo@markhampickleballclub.ca)

- \$4.99 for 1 ticket
- \$9.99 to for 3 tickets



## TOURNAMENTS

### Saturday Night Ladder League – Let the Games Begin!

Mark your calendars and bring your A-game—our **Saturday Night Ladder League** is back starting **Saturday, June 21st!** This high-energy weekly event is your chance to compete, climb the ladder, and have a blast with fellow pickleball enthusiasts. With dynamic matchups based on skill level, every game is a new challenge and a ton of fun. We'll be using the **DUPR rating system** to ensure fair, competitive, and balanced play each week. Spots are filling up fast, so **don't wait—sign up now** and be part of the action!

#### Early Bird Special: \$15.00

- Exclusively available to MPC members who have purchased a **FULL SEASON PASS** (those with a red shoe tag).
- Register by **Friday, JUNE 13** to receive the **discounted rate**.
- Starting **June 14th**, any remaining spots will be opened up to all Basic MPC members (with or without an Outdoor season pass) at the **regular price of \$35**.
- HST and small processing fee will be applied.



REGISTER BY JUNE 13th

Don't miss out! Be sure to register by JUNE 13th to take advantage of your FULL SEASON PASS DISCOUNT!

Whether you're looking to level up your game or just love great pickleball energy, this is your night!

[Register Here!](#)



## COURT OPERATIONS



### MPC is off to a Smashing Start!

The opening of Markham Pickleball Club is going really well so far! The hosts are doing a great job keeping everything running smoothly. It's been great to see the courts getting more active each day. Thankfully, the weather is finally starting to cooperate, which is making it even easier for everyone to get out and enjoy the game.

Please remember the hosts are volunteers and are giving up their free time to ensure that our club has organized play. Please treat them with respect and remember to follow the club rules. Here are some photos of them in action!

Looking forward to a strong season ahead!



## INDOOR FACILITIES & PLAY



We had an incredible winter season of pickleball! Returning to King Square Sport Centre (KSSC), our indoor sessions were a hit. This year, we also introduced exciting new venues: **Unionville Badminton Complex (UBC)** and **The Bridge Community Church**.

From November 2024 to April 2025, MPC organized four 9-week, 2-hour weekday programs at KSSC, utilizing three courts. We also held 9-week, 2-hour programs on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at UBC, and an 8-week, 2-hour program on Wednesday evenings at The Bridge. Our participants loved the sessions at UBC and The Bridge, giving us fantastic feedback.

With the opening of our outdoor courts, the number of indoor programs has decreased. However, for May-June, we continue to offer an 8-week program at KSSC for novice players and 8-week programs on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at UBC.





# SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & CLINICS



The Markham Pickleball Club's Skills Development Committee has been hard at work! With a growing pool of qualified coaches and an even more dedicated team of Directors and instructors, MPC is proud to continue offering quality programming for players of all levels.

Over the winter and spring seasons, MPC ran successful clinics at Rouge Park and King Square Sports Centre (KSSC), helping dozens of players sharpen their skills and boost their confidence on the court.

What's coming this summer?

Our team is exploring the return of Thursday outdoor clinics, similar to last year's popular sessions. However, we're also considering indoor options to reduce the chances of cancellations due to unpredictable weather. Stay tuned!

Even better—MPC has once again received the City's approval to run **Learn 2 Play clinics** at the Markham Civic Centre courts. These introductory programs have helped many new players fall in love with the game, and we're excited to bring them back.

For the first time ever, MPC will also be launching a **Junior Development Program** starting in July. See details below —this is a big step forward for our club!

To ensure our clinics meet your needs and interests, we've issued a member survey. Your input is vital as we plan a new 5-week skill-specific clinic series for players looking to level up beyond the Learn to Play stage.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you on the courts this summer!

[Fill Out Our Survey!](#)

## MPC's Junior Development Program

**Perfect for young players (ages 10 - 14) looking to level up their skills while having fun!**



**Skill-Building Focus:** Develop advanced pickleball techniques including serves, drops, drives, and net play in a structured, supportive setting.



**Social & Inclusive:** Connect with peers in a fun, team-oriented environment that encourages friendship, sportsmanship, and confidence.



**Expert Instruction:** Learn from qualified leaders with professional teaching and coaching backgrounds dedicated to youth development.



**Active & Engaging:** Each session combines warm-ups, focused drills, and gameplay to keep kids moving, learning, and loving the sport.



**EVERY THURSDAY:**

July 3, 10, 17, 24  
1:30 - 3:30pm  
(rain date: July 31)



\$60 for all 4 sessions



**Click here to register today!**

Email us with the subject line:  
Junior Program Registration



## Congratulations to the 2025 Inter-Club Team Members!

### Come Cheer them On!

Our first Inter-Club competition began this past weekend and what an exciting time! We invite all MPC members to join us courtside and cheer on our team! Home matches will be played right here at MPC, and your support makes a huge difference. Bring your energy, your enthusiasm, and let's show our team what club spirit is all about!

### Women

Susan Desa  
Karen Nageleisen  
Jenn Parker  
Shamira Ratansi  
Joelle C.L. Mak  
Doris Tardibuono  
Winnie Chan  
Dena Katsis  
Karen Ling  
Dharshy Sutharman

### Men

Ken Akai  
Gordon Chung  
Sid Zelewicz  
Michael Clayton  
Brian Ling  
Paurev Sheth  
Raymond J. Chan  
Fred Hakimi  
Doug Dey  
John Morra



### Match Details & Schedule

This year's league will include four clubs:

**MPC:** Markham Pickleball Club

**NPC:** Newmarket Pickleball Club

**RHPC:** Richmond Hill Pickleball Club

**PPC:** Pickering Pickleball Club

Note: Since PPC home courts aren't ready yet, they will be using our MPC courts for their "home" games.

Matches will take place **Sunday Evenings** from **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**, starting **June 8th**.

If there are no rainouts, we will wrap up the league with a celebration on **Sunday, July 27th**.

Thanks again to all those who tried out, and best of luck to our team. Let's make this an exciting season of sportsmanship, competition, and community spirit!

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





## 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 club-wide 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!



[Instagram](#)



[Facebook](#)



[WhatsApp](#)



[MPC Website](#)



# SPECIAL THANKS



## Thank you to our Volunteers!

As we embark on a new season, we want to take a moment to celebrate and thank our incredible volunteers. To those returning, we deeply appreciate your time, dedication, and generosity. Your commitment is what makes our club truly special; bringing smiles, fun, and a sense of community.

To our new volunteers, a warm welcome! We're thrilled to have you on board and can't wait to see the impact of your enthusiasm and support in the months ahead.

## Get Involved!

The Social Committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with exciting events like Canada Day, Pickleball for Possibilities, the MPC Championships, and more!

We'd love to have you on the team!

[Join Our Team!](#)



## Past President

A heartfelt thank you to our outgoing President, Peter Milovanovic. We are so grateful for all his contributions to the club. He was one of the founding members in 2018 and has presided over MPC since the beginning.

He was instrumental in getting our 8 outdoor lighted, dedicated pickleball courts at Cornell Community Park. It involved endless meetings with the City of Markham staff but finally, in 2023, our outdoor courts opened. He introduced a very successful Ladder league to our members last year.

This year, he has created an INTER-CLUB league, including Pickering, Newmarket and Richmond Hill. He is also creating a Youth Program for the month of July. Luckily, Peter is still on the board of directors this year to guide us with all his wisdom in the right direction.

What a legacy! Hard act to follow!







# SPECIAL THANKS



## Thank you to Deanna Gottschalk & Cita Wong

As they step down from their board roles, we want to express our deepest gratitude to Deanna Gottschalk and Cita Wong for their incredible contributions to MPC.

As a founding member, Deanna has been the backbone of our organization, meticulously handling board minutes and ensuring a strong foundation. Though stepping down as Executive Director, we're delighted she'll continue as our Executive Admin, keeping MPC running smoothly with her expertise and commitment.

Cita has been the heart of our social events, making every gathering special with her lively energy and thoughtful planning; especially when she saved Canada Day by securing ice cream for our members just in time! Her warmth and dedication will continue to brighten MPC as a valued volunteer.

Though their roles are changing, their impact remains immeasurable. Thank you, Deanna and Cita! You are truly appreciated!



## BOARD MEMBERS

### Thank you for everything you do!

Our club thrives because of the dedication, passion, and countless hours of hard work from our incredible board. Each of them plays an essential role in shaping the experiences of our members, ensuring that every initiative, event, and opportunity is carefully planned and executed; all on a volunteer basis.

**Exec Board** – Doris Tardibuono, Ben Seto, Helen Lau, Ilene Hoang, Robert Seccareccia

**Directors** – Andrew Ng, Chuck Mitchell, Dane Gomez, Juliana Sin, Peter Milovanovic and Shama Ratansi

Welcome Dane and Welcome back Chuck (founding member). To our returning board members, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment and leadership. Together, this team is the heart of our club, ensuring that we create the best possible experience for all of our members.



*THANK YOU FOR READING! UNTIL NEXT TIME!*