

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



Late Spring Edition



Spring Into Action: Outdoor Season Launch, New Board, & 2026 Events!

Welcome to the official launch of the 2026 Outdoor Pickleball Season!

With the weather finally warming up, our outdoor courts are officially open, and we are thrilled to welcome both our returning players and a fantastic wave of new members to the MPC family.

There has never been a better time to be a part of the **Markham Pickleball Club!** This issue covers the season's biggest updates and events, and our **2026 Season Events calendar** keeps everything at your fingertips! Remember to save the dates! A special thanks goes out to the editors who made this amazing newsletter. See you on the courts!

- Doris Tardibuono, President



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UPCOMING EVENTS



July 1st, 2026

Canada Day Celebration & Red vs. White!

Join us for our annual **Canada Day event** — one fun-filled session **capped at 128 players!**

- **When:** Canada Day, Wednesday July 1st
- **Time:** 10 am - 1:00 pm.
- **Where:** Cornell Community Park Pickleball Courts
- **Rain date:** Sunday July 5th

ABOUT THE EVENT:

- Learn rally scoring with coaches Andrew and Peter as we compete Red vs White!
- Free ice cream to all members 🍦
- Proudly wear your **Red and White!**

[Register here](#)





UPCOMING EVENTS



July 18th & 19th, 2026

5th Annual: Pickleball for Possibilities Event and Tournament

Members of our board and volunteer committees are working very diligently in preparation for our **5th Annual Pickleball for Possibilities Event and Tournament!** (We are super excited for a "fun-filled 2-day team tournament" scheduled for **Saturday, July 18th and Sunday, July 19th**.)

Last year our club surpassed our goal of \$25,000 and raised more than **\$28,500!!** This year we are rallying together to support our local **Markham Food Bank** and we have set an aggressive stretch goal of **\$30,000!** 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.

💖 Two MPC members 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!

[Donate Today!](#)

[Event Details & Registration](#)

"Every year, food banks across the country are setting new records. This year, they recorded nearly 2.2 million visits in a single month — double the usage from six years ago. This is Canada's new normal."
— Food Banks Canada, HungerCount 2025



SPONSORSHIP



We are so excited to announce our initial lineup of Sponsors for the 2026 Pickleball for Possibilities event!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our returning sponsors; your continued support of our mission to help the Markham Food Bank is truly inspiring.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR REPEAT SPONSORS:



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SPONSOR LOCAL PICKLEBALL. SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES.

5th Annual Pickleball for Possibilities

Charity Tournament in support of the Markham Food Bank

July 18-19, 2026







 **\$55,000+**
raised since 2023

 2026 minimum goal:
\$25,000

 Stretch goal:
\$30,000

WHY SPONSOR?

-  Local brand exposure
-  Event signage & outdoor court posters
-  Social media, email & newsletter recognition
-  On-site engagement opportunities

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BOARD UPDATE



Welcome to our new and returning Board members

Board Update: AGM Election Results

Following our Annual General Meeting on May 6th, we were thrilled by the high level of member participation and are pleased to officially introduce our board leadership for the upcoming term.

We extend a warm welcome to our newly elected directors and thank our returning members for their continued service and commitment to our club:

- Newly Elected: **Christine Wang, Debbie Panait, Jenn Parker, and William Quach**
- Returning Members: **Peter Milovanovic and Andrew Ng**



We are also proud to announce the appointments for our new Executive Committee:

President: **Doris Tardibuono**
 1st Vice President: **Helen Lau**
 2nd Vice President: **Ilene Hoang**

Treasurer: **Robert Seccareccia**
 Secretary: **Ben Seto**

We are incredibly excited to work with this talented team to continue growing our pickleball community!

Thank you to our Outgoing Board Members

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to outgoing Board members **Juliana Sin, Shama Ratansi, Chuck Mitchell, and Dane Gomez.**

Your hard work, commitment, and contributions to the club have left a lasting impact. **You will be missed!**





COURT OPERATIONS



A Season in Full Swing



MPC is off to a great start this season, and it's all thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers who keep everything running, from hanging out the shoe tags and organizing play to welcoming new members onto the courts. This season, we're excited to introduce a new face helping lead that effort: **Sean Barclay**, our new **Cornell Courts Manager**.

A member since the outdoor courts in Cornell first opened, Sean knows firsthand the game and the sense of community that make this club special. In his new role, he'll work alongside our team of court hosts to keep sessions running smoothly and help every player feel welcome.

"My goal is to support our volunteers, encourage participation, and make club sessions enjoyable for players of all skill levels," Sean says.

He's also keen to hear from members directly, whether you have a suggestion, a question, or an interest in becoming a court host yourself. **Be sure to say hello when you see him on the courts.**



Opening Weekend!

Braving the Cold: Setting up for success!

Our season is officially in full swing, **thanks to our incredible volunteers!**

Ahead of our May 2nd and 3rd opener, a dedicated team braved the cold to get the courts ready, installing windscreens to block those spring gusts. Our opening weekend crew then kept the momentum going by greeting members and handing out new MPC shoe tags and Franklin balls. We are so grateful to everyone who helped kick off the season with such energy!





UNIONVILLE FESTIVAL



Marching with MPC Pride!

MPC was excited to return and participate in the **Unionville Festival Parade** at historic Main Street Unionville with paddles, energy, and MPC spirit.

Marking our second year in the lineup, our members marched with pride, showcasing the vibrancy and growth of our club.

MPC also hosted **Pop-Up Pickleball Clinics** during the festival for many new to the game.



We were honoured to have **Mayor Scarpitti** join some of our MPC crew for a photo opportunity!

Having local leadership celebrate with us highlights the strong support for pickleball growth across the City of Markham.





INDOOR PLAY



New Venues, More Courts, More Play!



UBCOMPLEX



We had an incredible winter season of pickleball! Our indoor sessions were a hit returning to **Unionville Badminton Complex (UBC)** and **KSSC**.

This year, we introduced exciting new venues: **Premier Racquet Club Markham** and **Mount Joy Sports Dome**.

From November 2025 to April 2026, MPC organized 3-hour weekly play at PRC, regularly filling up 10 courts on Saturdays and Sundays and 6 courts on Mondays, 2-hour weekday programs at KSSC, utilizing three courts.

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.



KSSC



MOUNT JOY



PRC





COMMUNITY EVENTS



Over \$4,700 Raised for Markham Stouffville Hospital

On January 31, the **Markham Pickleball Club** teamed up with **Bayshore ICS** for an unforgettable Charity Pickleball Tournament at Cornell Community Centre.

72 players took to the courts for 90 action-packed matches, **raising vital funds for mobility equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches) for patients in need.**

The tournament's incredible community turnout and success caught the attention of local media, earning a feature recap of the event's success in the ***Markham Review***. [Click here!](#)

A massive thank you to our amazing co-hosts, volunteers, and everyone who played or donated. You made a tangible difference in the lives of patients in our community!



OUR VOLUNTEERS





MPC Day at Pickleplex Aurora

On March 5th, **Pickleplex Aurora** generously invited our members to their brand-new facility for MPC Day.

Our players experienced their stunning courts and play for free!

A **huge thank you to Pickleplex Aurora for the warm welcome** and for making it such a memorable outing for our club.



3rd Annual: Learn 2 Play with Markham City Councillors

Members of our MPC Board had a wonderful time with our Markham City Councillors at our 3rd annual pickleball session held on April 2nd at Rouge Park P.S. This year, we were joined by **Alan Ho, Joe Li, Karen Rea and Mary Creighton** for a fun 2-hour gathering.





CORPORATE FUN



MPC introduces pickleball to RCMS and Smucker groups



This year, the Markham Pickleball Club (MPC) took our passion for the game into the corporate world! Our amazing coaches and volunteers hosted two highly successful corporate introduction events at KSSC, bringing team building, high energy, and a lot of laughs to local businesses

A Huge Thank You!

These events would not be possible without the dedication of our fantastic MPC coaches and volunteers. Thank you for giving your time and representing our club community so beautifully!

SMUCKERS & MPC CREW - MARCH 26TH



We kicked off our corporate sessions in March by welcoming the **Smuckers** team to the courts. MPC coaches walked the group through the fundamentals of the game before letting them loose for some friendly, competitive play. Judging by the smiles in front of the KSSC backdrop, we definitely minted a few new pickleball fans!

RCMS GROUP & MPC CREW - JUNE 3RD



On June 3rd, a large RCMS group descended upon KSSC for a bustling day of drills and gameplay. The team brought phenomenal enthusiasm, and the event wrapped up at the presentation tables with gift bags, prizes, and well-earned medals to celebrate the day's best rallies.



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT



Building a Culture of Growth: MPC's Skill Development Story

From a handful of clinics to a full development pathway, the momentum is real, and it's only getting started.

200+ Players Served Since Fall	50+ Clinics Delivered	40+ Repeat Registrants	4 Clinic Locations
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🌟 A Program Built on Listening

Since the fall, MPC has offered an over-expanding state of indoor clinics and the response has been nothing short of overwhelming! When April's Learn 2 Play series **filled to capacity** with over 40 players on the waitlist, we didn't turn them away - we found them a court. **William Berczy Public School joined** Rouge Park and Edward T. Crowle as our third clinic location. More courts. More access. More pickleball.

🏠 Our Clinic Locations

- Rouge Park Public School
- Edward T. Crowle Public School
- William Berczy Public School*
- Mount Joy Sports Dome*

*New in May

🌱 The Beginner Development Path

What makes this season truly remarkable is not just the number of clinics; it is that the demand from our players shaped what we built next. A complete three-step path has emerged, taking a first-time player all the way to confident, game-ready performance on the court.

Your complete pickleball journey, from day one to game day!



● Learn 2 Play | 3-Week Series

Led by Coach Helen Lau | Thursdays at Rouge Park | Tuesdays at William Berczy

The perfect starting point for anyone new to pickleball. Three structured sessions build foundational skills – grip, rallying, serving, dinking, and scoring. Sessions fill to capacity every round.

● Continuing Learners | 3 & 4 Week Series

Led by Coach Ilene Hoang | Fridays at Edward T. Crowle Public School

The natural next step after mastering Learn 2 Play. Deepens skills, builds the confidence to step into drop-in play. The number of repeat registrants this season has been one of our most encouraging signs.



GAME READY

New for this year! Our coaches were here to make you Game Ready, with real-world scenarios, live match play, and expert feedback designed to build confidence and sharpen participant's skills on the court.



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



🎯 Signature Clinics

Led by Coaches Mike Wang & Andrew Ng | For 2.5-3.0+ players

Our signature single-focus clinics continued to sell out across all levels this past season. Did you take advantage?

🎨 Play Better Pickleball - Level 1 & 2, Mixed 1/2

The focus was building consistency and shot quality (Level 1) to mastering transitions, dinking strategy, and competitive thinking (Level 2).

🏆 Game Play Edition for 2.5 – 3.0

Intensive 2-hour live match scenarios with strategy coaching and expert feedback.

🌟 The Team Behind It All

Programs this good don't happen by accident. Our coaches pour their passion into every clinic, from developing outstanding session plans to post-clinic communications that keep players progressing. Their commitment goes far beyond the court.

👥 The Amazing Coaching Team & Volunteer Coaches

Andrew Ng - Ben Seto - Doris Tardibuono - Ilene Hoang - Helen Lau - Linh Trinh - Mike Wang - Myra Ha - Raymond Koo
William Quach - Jenn Parker - Kelvin Ho - Isaac Chen - Jerry Liu - Ricky Tong

💙 — A Message from Your Coaches

From First Hits to Real Progress: A Season to Remember

As we move into the final stretch of our indoor clinics, we want to sincerely thank all participants for your dedication, energy, and love for the game. We have seen real growth in your skills, confidence, and court awareness. You should feel proud. We are thrilled to see so many of you joining MPC as members, and we look forward to continuing this journey together at Cornell Pickleball Park and beyond.

— MPC Coaching Team 🌟🏆

👉 And This Is Just the Beginning

Whether you are stepping on court for the first time or returning to sharpen your game, MPC has a program built for exactly where you are.

For more information on our current clinic offerings. Click [here](#)

🏆 Questions?

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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



CONTINUING LEARNERS



MIXED LEVEL 1 & 2 PLAY BETTER



LEARN 2 PLAY



LEVEL 2 PLAY BETTER



CONTINUING LEARNERS



GAME READY





SPECIAL THANKS



Thankful for MPC Volunteers

As you flip through this newsletter, you'll see some of the 50+ amazing volunteers who make MPC possible. We are so proud of our biggest team yet! As we launch into the new season, please keep capturing the action. We love seeing your photos, so please continue to share them with us.

Interested in joining our team? Reach out to us at info@markhampickleballclub.ca.





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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. Be sure to check out **2026 SEASON EVENTS** calendar.



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 outdoors?

When the time comes, check out our club **Court Hours & Hosted Times** calendar on our website (main page) to view scheduled play times.



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 Hub tab on our website and click "**Join MPC Info Centre WhatsApp**" to access both groups. You must login to access.



Members Hub - Refreshed!

Explore the **Members Hub** to make the most of your membership.

New to MPC? Check out **Getting Started at MPC (Quick Reference)**.

Click on **Information You Can Use!** to learn the benefits of your MPC membership.

Click on **Day pass for Bronze Members** - for instructions on how to pay for your day pass.

You'll also find:

- **Court Etiquette & Rotation:** Important reminders for fair play
- **Tag Tips:** Handy how-tos and a cool video hack!
- Updated **Club Policies**
- And more!

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



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MPC Website



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