

### **Coaches' Corner**

## Tip:

### Don't. Miss. Your. Serve.

One of the firmest pieces of advice you'll hear is to serve consistently and not miss.

Until you're ready, don't burden your serves with anything fancy or difficult. Just get the serve in, and if possible, hit it deep within the court. There is little path to victory if you repeatedly fail with your own serve <sup>(2)</sup>.

Author's note: The same statement is true for the return of serve. And remember, every missed Return of Serve actually gives your opponent a point simply for serving into the correct court.

### Quiz Time:

In a club game (without referees) one partner on the receiving side calls the ball "out" and the other calls the ball "in". What happens? Pick all that apply.

- 1. The ball is IN.
- 2. The ball is OUT.
- 3. The point must be replayed.
- 4. You can let the opposition decide.

#### Answer on Page 3



MPC Website and NEW Webmaster

# Mono Pickleball Club

For Fun For Fitness For Everyone

Have you noticed? The revised MPC website went live on April 10<sup>th</sup>, with improved layout and still all the important information. Thank you goes to our new webmaster Sophie Macdonald. Sophie joined the club as a new member in January and volunteered to bring her expertise to MPC by revamping our website. Sophie has been working together with Rod to give the website a more modern look with easier navigation. She will continue as the official MPC "webmaster" going forward.

#### THANK YOU Sophie!

### **Updated Policies and Procedures**

#### ALL MEMBERS:

MPC Policies and Procedures are in the process of being updated for the 2025 season. Please be aware of changes before going forward with such things as **Guest Policy, Evaluation** 

Procedure, etc.

Current Policies can be found on the website under "<u>Policies and Procedures</u>".



#### Issue #31

### NEW!! MPC 2025 League Play

-MPC is excited to introduce league play this season.

-League registration took place in March and April to start on May 5

-Players will be placed into 4 teams and play competitive matches against the other 3 teams each

Monday morning 9 - 11 AM

-Scores will be accumulated for 3 weeks with a play off in the final (4<sup>th</sup>) week.

-If this initial trial is successful, additional leagues can be added.

### The MPC Ladder RETURNS!!!

The MPC Ladder returns for 2025 on **Saturdays**, 9AM – 11AM. Ladder sign up will be part of the weekly SignUp Genius. See the SignUp Genius outline in this Newsletter for further details.

#### Format:

Players will play competitive games with the opportunity to move up or down courts (ladder rungs) to establish their ladder position. Weekly court assignment will be determined by the convenor.

Games will commence promptly at 9am – **don't be late**. If a warm-up is required, please arrive early.

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### **Coaches' Corner Pt. 2**

# Answers to the Pop Quiz on Page 2! How did you do?

#### Answer: **a)** and possibly **d)**

The line calls, by the receiving team, should always be unanimous to be called **"out"**. If there's any doubt, it's always **"in"** (see Official Rule 6.C.8).

The team that can't agree with each other has "an option" of deferring the line call to the opponent, but they do not have to defer. There will not be a replay (*thanks Taz*).





### Court Opening Prep!

#### Work Crew Needed ~ Saturday, April 26

Raindate: Sunday, April 27

Please put April 26 on your calendar! We need help prepping the courts for play to begin on MAY 1st!!

Bring your snips, ladders (if you can), gloves (if you want) and your muscles at 10 am!

Need more info? Contact Alex McComb at CourtMaintenance.MPC@gmail.com

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### This and That!

### **Court Entrance Code and Storage Box**

The code to the courts will be emailed to all members once the courts are officially open. Please do not share this code.

There will be a new on-court storage box to access balls and other materials necessary for scheduled programs.

### SignUp Genius (SUG)

Sign-ups for the first week of play (planned for May 5th - 11th ) will appear

#### in your SignUp Genius account (free) on Thursday May 1st at 6:00 PM

- Subsequent weekly Sign-ups will be available on the Thursday at 6:00 PM prior to play.
- You must sign up before attending any program indicated with "SUG" on the court schedule.
- Only the time slots (programs) that you are eligible for will appear in your SUG account.
- If you cannot attend a session you've signed up for you MUST cancel so another member can select that spot.
- All sign up slots have limited spaces. Most slots will have a waitlist.
- MPC has created a **User's Guide** to help you create and use your account.



#### **CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT!**

We still need more creative ideas to give our Monthly MPC Newsletter a catchy name!

Submit your ideas to <u>SM.newsletter.MPC@gmail.com</u> with "Newsletter Name" in the subject line!

.....and YES! There will be a prize for the winning entry!!

Peadline has been extended!! Submit your entry (or entries) by April 30th!!!

YOU, the membership will be voting IN PERSON, for the new name on May 3 at our Season Opening Celebration!

# Euchre, Eats & Epic Fun at MPC!

The Mono Pickleball Club was dealing out cards and good times at our Spring Euchre Tournament on Friday, April 11th — and we're thrilled to share that over \$750 was raised for MPC!

A big thanks to everyone who brought their appetites and delicious dinner and dessert offerings for our potluck feast. These were just as much of a hit as the cards! It was a fun filled night ofcatching up with familiar faces, and making new friends.

**Tournament Highlights** 

Top Card Shark: Cathy Thomson took first prize as Spring Card Champ!

Following at her heels: Edna Elford and Frank Liebman were close contenders.

Most Honest Player: Cathy Hardy won hearts with her smiles at the table.

Prizes included gift cards, lovely vino and a generous gift from our friends at **Black Birch Restaurant**.

Thanks to everyone who brought donations for the local food bank — your kindness goes along way. 73 lbs. of food and sundries were donated to the Orangeville Food Bank on behalf of MPC!

And of course, a **huge round of applause** to our amazing organizers: **Kathleen Dominey, Sally Cohen, Bob & Wendy Luffman and their team of volunteers**. Your hard work made the night a smooth, fun-filled success!





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