



MANOTICK TENNIS CLUB

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BACK TO TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL EDITION – JUNE 2020

Hi everyone!

Welcome to the June newsletter which is our first of the season. First and foremost, we hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that you are starting to get out and about now that the Province of Ontario has implemented stage 1 of its 3 stage re-opening plan.

As you know, tennis and pickleball are now allowed albeit with restrictions but all designed to ensure that we get exercise while doing out utmost to remain safe – we wholeheartedly support this. Tennis and pickleball are one of the few organised sports that have been allowed to operate in the province so far and so we are still very much in ‘test case’ mode. This means that it is so important that we continue to keep to the essential practices such as physical distancing and ensuring restricted numbers in social gatherings.

What we do know is that you have embraced the return as we have already surpassed 50% of member sign up’s compared to last year’s total number of members. This is quite an achievement in just a couple of weeks since opening.

We are also delighted to announce the lifting of the ban on doubles play even though this comes with some caveats so, let’s start here.

DOUBLES PLAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE SAME HOUSEHOLD

With immediate effect, we are allowing doubles play from 12-5pm daily, **if each doubles pair is from the same household**. We are trialing this measure for the next two weeks to ensure that things work within the safety guidance rules. Here is a full summary of the rules, or you can read about it at <https://www.manoticktennisclub.com/faq>

1. Singles play only from 7am to noon and 5pm to dusk.
2. Courts can only be booked for doubles from 12 to 5 pm.
3. Each doubles pair must be from the same household.
4. Each double pair must have their own set of tennis balls and refrain from touching their opponents balls other than with their shoes and racquet.
5. Pairs must change ends at opposite ends of the net – i.e. rotate clockwise
6. Pairs must leave their equipment at opposite ends of the court. If they bring chairs to sit on, the chairs must remain at opposite ends and players can only sit on their own chairs.
7. Bookings are limited to one hour (last booking for doubles is 4 -5 pm)
8. Adjacent tennis courts cannot be booked for doubles. Please check when you are booking a court to ensure the court next to you is not already booked for doubles.



9. Only one pickleball court can be booked for doubles at the same time. Please check when you are booking a court to ensure the other pickleball court is not already booked for doubles at the same time.

USING THE BACKBOARDS

Members are allowed to book the backboards but **not in prime time**. All you have to do is to book the court as normal in your own name and choose 'backboard player' as the second player. As a reminder. Prime time hours are Monday-Sunday 8:00-10:00 am and Monday-Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm

EXISTING AND CONTINUING CLUB OPERATING RULES DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION

The following reflects the guidelines that the City of Ottawa provided to the Club and other "best practices" that the Club believes are necessary to ensure your safety.

OUR CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse remains closed with entry forbidden to everyone except where the City has given express permission to enter in exceptional cases. We know that this can be inconvenient but we need to follow the guidelines and practices that keep us safe. To be clear, there are still no washrooms available, so remember to plan accordingly.

Access to the courts is through the large gate to court 1 only and all members have been given the combination for the lock on the gates in their payment confirmation email. Please note we will change the combination from time to time so ensure you are

LESSONS AND CLINICS

The City's guidelines prohibit any lessons and clinics. Additionally, leagues will not operate for the time being.

SUMMER CAMPS

The City of Ottawa on Monday this week cancelled registration for its summer camps originally scheduled to run from June 29 to Aug. 28, and is now currently rethinking the program to conform with public health measures. This of course impacts our own Summer Camp.

While we do not know whether we will be able to go ahead, we welcome the opportunity to gather opinion from our members and the community to guide our summer children's programming and, as a result, we will shortly be setting up a survey online to canvass opinion.



MEMBERS AND GUESTS

We want to remind you that for continuing safety only member play is permitted. At this time, no guests are allowed on court. We are also limited to having a total of 14 players on our courts at any one time.

COURT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

For those of you who have played on the courts in the last week or so, you will have noticed that the fences have been repaired to ensure that there are no longer any holes where balls can get through. We apologise that this work has taken so long but it is certainly much-welcomed. We also anticipate the imminent removal of the large cans in the corner of court 1.

Now on to the major Court repair work that the members approved at the last AGM. To remind you, it was approved that:

The Board be authorized to spend \$25k (plus HST) to repair courts 5 & 6, including: pressure wash courts thoroughly of loose dirt and debris; supply and install elastomeric crack filler; supply and install 2 heavy coats of color acrylic to the playing area of the courts; supply and install 2 heavy coats of color acrylic to the outbound areas of the courts; and layout and paint court lines as directed by the club.

We have now received quotes from two suppliers and we are in the final stages of choosing who we want to do the work. We hope that the work will be completed within the next six weeks. There will be some inconvenience caused by having to close certain courts once the work starts and we will try to keep this time to a minimum.

We'll keep you posted on the dates and let you know plans to accommodate play while the work is carried out.

AND FINALLY

As you know, the situation continues to change by the day and we promise to keep you updated by emails and via our web site (www.manoticktennisclub.com) and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/manoticktennisclub/>. In the meantime, do try to get out on the courts to get some exercise and have fun!