



MPC DROPSHOT NEWS

October 22, 2021 Edition

Dropping News from the Meaford Pickleball Club into Your Kitchen!

Drop Shots!

Wait List on Ezin.

If a session is full you can sign in to that game to be put onto the Wait List. When a space comes available you will be notified you can join that game by email.

Club Membership:

Currently we are at 102 members.

Ezin Attendance:

Attendance is now linked to our EZin sign up system so if you don't show up for your session you will be charged the court fee.

Please cancel as early as possible by checking yourself out from the game Invite Email.

MPC Adds More Sessions at Community Centre:

Upcoming Schedule Changes: Starting Monday, November 1.

- See Schedule Chart Below - notice new times and days.
- All sessions will now be 2 hours, 12 person capacity
- All indoor sessions require proof of vaccinations
- Please only sign up for one session per day in Nov & Dec. If all sessions each day are **not** full, you may sign up no sooner than 2 hrs prior to another session with space on the same day, if you already have another time slot booked that day. This allows for as many participants as possible. Thank you!
- Evenings are meant for those who cannot make day time games. Please be generous about this if you are able to play during the day.
- Intermediate means - more competitive play. With limited spots, please recognize that these sessions are for higher levels of skill. See self-assessment tool - page 2. Intermediate means 3.5 or higher.

New Court Fee Rate:

- **Due to rental rates and capacity issues the rate for indoor games will go up to \$4.00 per 2 hr session as of Nov. 1, 2021**
- \$2.00 court fee still applies to Pavilion games.

Hurry, Hurry - see the latest issue of the Meaford Independent - we have front page coverage: <https://themeafordindependent.ca/meaford-pickleball-club-founder-honoured-with-award/>

Check out our MPC website!

www.meafordpb.ca

Contact us at meafordpb@gmail.com

Wall Balls at the Community Centre: A Reminder

- ☼ Given the narrow dimensions of the court space we remind all players that we need be to flexible and recognize that if the ball is hit too close to the wall on either the serve or return of serve, a re-serve can be called by either side.
- ☼ Other "too close" wall shots during the rally need to be resolved on a friendly basis. The goal is fun and friendly. :)

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs *	Fri
10-12 Indoor	10-12 Outdoor	10-12 Indoor	10-12 Outdoor Indoor see below!	10-12 Indoor & 10-12 Outdoor
1:00 – 3:00 Indoor	1-3 Indoor	1:00 – 3:00 Indoor		
6:30 – 8:30 Indoor Intermediate		6:30 – 8:30 Indoor	* Oct 28 indoor session 10-12 Only!	

New indoor sessions in RED. Outdoor Play if weather permitting only.

All indoor sessions now at the Community Centre, 151 Collingwood St, Meaford. East doors.

MPC Rating Definitions

(Modelled on Regina Pickleball Club's Format)
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These are the rating definitions used to help players to self-rate. MPC also provides assistance in self-rating. If one over estimates their rating – MPC may need to address that in order to be fair to all players.

New Player 1.0

- Can hit the ball back and forth a bit
- Learning to serve
- Fails to hit easy balls frequently
- Beginning to learn the basic rules such as scoring, lines, side outs, etc.

Rating 2.0 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Sustains short rallies
- Makes basic strokes such as forehand, volley, and can serve the ball
- Understands court positioning and doubles rules.
- Backhand stroke is still a challenge.

Rating 2.5 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Can sustain longer rallies but not a fast pace
- Makes most easy shots including backhands, but still needs some work
- Able to approach the non-volley zone and hit volleys.
- Aware of dinks
- Good understanding of the rules
- Struggles to cover the entire court

Rating 3.0 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Has a consistent serve and returns medium-paced balls reliably.
- Able to make all basic strokes. Lacks control when trying to place the ball.
- Attempts lobs and dinks with limited success.

Rating 3.5 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Consistent control and placement of medium-paced shots. Able to return fast-paced shots with slightly less success.
- Improved control and placement of the ball.
- Needs more shot variety.
- Can play aggressively at the non-volley zone.
- Anticipates opponent's shots.
- Learning the strategy of doubles play.

Rating 4.0 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Consistent both forehand and backhand strokes.
- Can use spin with some success.
- Can occasionally force errors when serving.
- May lose rallies due to impatience.
- Uses the dink and drop shot successfully.
- Demonstrates 3rd shot strategies.
- Aggressive net play in doubles.
- Full understanding of the rules.

Rating 4.5 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Beginning to master placement and spin.
- Beginning to master 3rd shot choices.
- Good footwork and positioning.
- Adjusts game style to account for opponent's strengths/weaknesses and court position.
- Good shot selection. Does not force shots.
- Serves consistently and can vary speed and spin.
- Good court positioning. Anticipates opponent's shot.

Rating 5.0 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Mastered all shot types.
- Excellent shot anticipation.
- Accurate shot placement.
- Forces errors. Limits their own unforced errors.
- Mastered dinks and dropshots.
- Mastered 3rd shot strategy.
- Mastered different strategies and can vary play style.
- Raw athletic ability is often what separates 5.0 players from the rest.

Interested in Court Hosting?

Easy to set up and run the sessions - plus 50
% discount on all court fees!
Please contact **Susan Pearson** at
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Need help with Ezin?

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