

Comment on Pickleball Member Feedback

The Courts

There are questions about the selection of courts 8 for pickleball. Court 8 and 9 are not lit. Courts 10,11 and 12 have lighting enabling social and interclub play at a time when RTCs tradition member base make most use of the club during weekdays.

Alternate ideas for daytime court usage

Our hard-court surface determines the kind of player and the kind of games that can be played on them. Older players in the region, i.e. those who are free to play during the day, tend to prefer astroturf. This can be illustrated by the difference in weekday usage between Hope TC and RTC. Pickleball is a game that HAS to be played on a hard court but is easy on the body.

Loss of courts to Junior Tournaments

There are 10 courts available to NBTA for Junior tournaments. Frequent use has been made of Hope Tennis Club and it is expected that this arrangement will continue, the extent depending on tournament entry numbers.

Use of semi-permanent pickleball court surfaces

Semi-permanent court surfaces are not intended for frequent use. They are also very expensive, extremely heavy and are not sold in NZ. Our aim is to make extensive use of these courts and permanent resurfacing is the cheapest and most durable court surface available.

The future of Pickleball

The organisers of pickleball in the Richmond Badminton Hall report that in the last few months enquiries about Pickleball have grown enormously. They have 80+ members and are now telling people they can't take on any more players. They believe our proposal will greatly enhance the sport in the Nelson Region and we intend to make sure it does!