Exciting News on Court Repairs. Last week, a few members of the Pickleball Club board met with the contractor who constructed our eight courts to discuss the numerous cracks and rust spots that have appeared. The CA was instrumental in coordinating this meeting and is firmly supportive of repairs as soon as possible. The contractor has agreed to refurbish all eight courts at his company's expense. The cost to do the refurbishment is around \$20,000, but there will be **no cost to the Pickleball Club**.

We also have the opportunity to make modifications to the existing color scheme of our courts since the courts are going to be completely repainted, so the board has made the decision to keep the color scheme of the court itself the same but change the gray color outside of all the courts to green. The main reason for this change is that the light gray we have now shows stains and wear and tear a lot more than a darker color.

In order to make these repairs, four courts will be closed at a time. The Board worked diligently to make sure that the other courts will be available for play as this work progresses. The contractor will put down a fiberglass overlay and then re-paint the courts with the light blue/blue and green color scheme. This work will take about one week (depending on the weather). Once the first four courts have been completed, the other four courts will be unavailable for play for a week to do the same work. The board has asked for this work to start as soon as possible but we at this point do not have a scheduled start date. While it would be more convenient to do this work later in the year, there would be no guarantee that the work would be accomplished, so the sooner the better.

With the high number of players who have come out recently, we are all going to need to exercise some patience during this process. Be considerate of others who are waiting to play (you should be doing this all the time anyway) so that no one group, or individual dominates court time. For the minor inconvenience over a two-week period, the club will see a significant improvement in all eight of our courts.

The contractor has also agreed to repair and/or replace several of the gates that are not working properly. It is important that all players close the gate once play is completed so that they don't swing on their own and damage the hinges. Let's all do our part to keep these courts in the best shape possible.