Below you will find all the *suggestions/comments/recommendations* we received while collecting input regarding the new schedule. Some of these statements have been shorten or rewritten in a less curt fashion. We wanted everyone to see ALL of the input we got, and how we are responding to each one so that everyone can see that we did review and evaluate their desires. HOWEVER, you can also see, that some of it is conflicting. While we did receive some comments that said, “I like the new schedule”, or “I don’t think you could be doing any more than you are”, we received MORE input about making changes. So that was the basis for developing the entirely new schedule.

1) ﻿*The shadowy morning lighting on Courts 5/6 makes fast paced games for Advanced players difficult* – we have abandoned Leveled Play, so no fix needed

2) *Many Advanced players usually take a rest day on Monday after playing in tournaments over the weekend* - we have abandoned Leveled Play, so no fix needed

3) *Why are there dedicated days for Intermediate play when All Play is offered every day of the week? Can’t they play then?* - we have abandoned Leveled Play, so no fix needed

4) *Players are allowed to rack their paddles with others they want to play with. However, it is confusing when some paddles are placed in the holder, but not all four players in that group are ready to enter the court when it is their turn*. - we agree. All four players must be available and ready to go before paddles for the group are placed in the holder.

5) *There seems to be some negative feelings towards groups who rack their paddles together during All Play. How can we address that?* - Groups who choose to play amongst themselves during All Play are not doing anything wrong. This option encourages social interaction between all club members, while allowing everyone to enjoy playing at a level they feel comfortable. Please be kind to each other folks.

6) *The paddle holder guidelines say one person should remove all four paddles for a group. I don’t want anyone else touching my paddle* - we sent suggestions for alternative ways to address this individual’s health concern

7) *There used to be a time for a weekly ladies’ round robin. I would like to see that brought back. I would be willing to be the facilitator* - A weekly Ladies Round Robin has been added on Mondays from 2pm - 4pm on Courts 1-4. It will be available for up to 16 women who are community members making a reservation on the regular Sign Up Genius. Not separate link will be used. Dawn Kuhn will facilitate the group. You can contact her with any questions you have at dawnmarco@aol.com

8) *Can you change Sign Up Genius back to allow players to sign up for groups so we know who is coming to play?* - Sandra Lippy made this change the second week the schedule was out. Just to be clear, this is NOT A REQUIREMENT. Only one person’s name is needed to reserve that court for your group. But if you choose to have all players register, there is room for up to 6 names per court

9) *Socials - keep them monthly, but reduce the time to two hours. Music was great, but people did not use cornhole*. – the Social Committee will adjust to these suggestions

10) *Can you mix the times for All Play so it occurs at different times on different days?* – yes. The new schedule staggers days and times throughout the week

11) *All Play six mornings in a row is too much and forces all arranged games to be midday or afternoon.  I recommend staggering days to allow a balance of timing of arranged games and all play, (MWF/TTS) similar to the previous schedule* – we have done that

12) *The 4 courts open play and 2 courts leveled play doesn’t seem to be working.  Skill level players often aren’t playing on the back courts. This could be remedied by reducing All Play to always be just 4 courts, leaving 2 courts for arranged games* – we have done that. Courts 1-4 will be used for All Play. We are leaving Courts 5 & 6 open for walk-on play.

13) *I suggest All Play being on courts 1-4, to take advantage of more space for waiting and only using 1 paddle holder.  Two all play waiting areas at opposite ends of the courts is not working well* – we will try one paddle holder in the main social area. If there are a lot of groups waiting, we can always hang the two holders one after the other to allow for a larger number of groups waiting.

14) *Are we planning to upgrade/enhance any wind management options?* - yes. We will be adding wind screens to the new courts’ pool side fencing very shortly. Since the rest of the new fences are shorter, the old material would need to be resized if we add it to the other portions. Bob/Brad will decide what, if anything, is needed and take care of it.

15*) I think clinics are great but I think we need to market them more. Meaning make sure folks know what/when to sign up. I might have missed the memo*. - Clinics were originally offered on Tuesdays (for 2.5/3.0 level players) and Thursdays (for 3.5+ players) from 3-5pm. They will continue on these same days, but the new time frame will be 2-4pm on the new schedule. Ten slots per session will be available on Sign Up Genius 3 days ahead of time in real time. In other words, players can sign up for Tuesday spots as early as Saturday at 3pm and for the Thursday spots as early as Monday at 3pm. *Please only attend the group that is an appropriate level for you.* If you are not sure of your rating, contact Jose Galan for assistance at vjg66@yahoo.com. Clinic topics will be repeated. And yes, we can try to send eblast reminders as everyone is getting use to this format.

16*) I think that you should charge $5 for clinics. They are worth so much more than that* - we have always offered continuing player development in formats that were accessible for everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Keeping them free, continues that tradition.

17) *How about a pickleball social with a band at the clubhouse?* - the Social Committee may consider this during the winter months when it is harder to hold an outside event. It possibly may be combined with the annual Chili Cookoff (if we hold that again in Feb)

18) *There seems to be confusion during All Play about who should be playing where. Somehow people need to know what level they are*.- although we are abandoning Leveled play, we currently have two evaluators who can help people know and understand their rating/level for their own personal use. They are Mike Wiltsek and Todd Metcalfe. You can also google ratings on the USAPA website to see the written standards. If you have questions regarding what level player you are, please work with Jose Galan and his Player Development committee at vjg66@yahoo.com

19) *When the 4.0 players are playing together and not mixing in during All Play it caused tension. It would be great to be able to have them mentor others during games. I would appreciate learning from them* - players of any level are always allowed to rack their paddles together as well as mix in during All Play. If you would like to be mentored, try approaching a higher-level player and kindly asking if they would have the time today to do that. If not, ask if there would be a better day and time for that to happen. You are right, we all learn from each other. Even the best of players had mentors and coaches along the way. Jose Galan is also offering the opportunity to attend your games, watch you play and provide constructive feedback for improvement. You just need to contact him directly to set that up at vjg66@yahoo.com

20) *I think having All Play every morning from 8-11am is too long and should only be 8-10am. I think that only 4 courts are needed for All Play. And I wish I could reserve a court for 8am for a private group* – the new schedule allows for all of this to happen

21) *It might be nice if there was open play where folks could sign up to play with others, maybe by level* –you can always make an individual court reservation on Sign Up Genius and simply write in the comment box “looking for other 3.0 players” (or whatever level you want). Then others are free to sign up to play with you because you have asked them to join you. Up to 5 others could sign up to play.

22) *Do we need a sign saying “damp courts can be slippery, play at your own risk”* – we have A LOT of signs on our fences already. Although this is a true statement, we don’t feel that another sign is needed. It should be something that is understood already by everyone on the courts. However, we will be addressing the multiple sign issue and possibly ordering some larger metal signs through the POA to list multiple rules/guidelines all in one place

23) *If All Play people are on a walk-on court (5 & 6) at the end of that session, and new players come to play, do the All Play folks yield the court to the players who just came?* – yes. The All Play group that is currently in the middle of a game should finish playing and then give up the court to the walk-on group. The new group’s 2-hour time frame starts when they enter court 5 or 6 to warm up/play

24) *Sometimes All Play isn’t as fun because not everyone there is there to have competitive games* - Everyone in our club has their own reasons for playing pickleball. Some people play to be social and get exercise. Others play for the competitive nature which makes it fun for them. Some people are satisfied with their level and just want to enjoy their time on the courts. Others are always trying to progress and move to the next level. **Since we are a community amenity, WE NEED TO BE ACCEPTING OF ALL OF THESE DIFFERENCES and encourage and support each other on and off the courts.** We do feel that Covid has definitely left a lasting impact that is still being felt today. During periods of mandates, people had to isolate and only play with others they felt comfortable interacting with. The only way to play pickleball for a long time was in privately arranged games. In some ways, that has caused splintering within our club. All Play is one bridge and opportunity to help build back a feeling of community. Not all members are ready to participate for a variety of reasons. And that is fine. If you feel comfortable mixing with others, great, come join in. If you feel you still want to only interact with others you know well, by all means, set up your arranged games. **Just remember, this amenity if open to ALL and we hope THAT EVERYONE will help continue to expand the CF legacy of being a welcoming place to play**

So as you can see from the attached chart and the above discussion points, everything that was sent to us has been addressed. There is one more topic that has changed. The Board made this change without anyone suggesting it. *We are going to make 4 courts reservable when community play is not in session and only have two walk-on courts*. That means that Courts 1-4 can all be reserved on Sign Up Genius and Courts 5 & 6 will always be walk-on. We decided to do that because many of the larger groups that play on a weekly basis utilize 2 courts for their groups. That being said, we are asking that NO ARRANGED GAME GROUP RESERVE MORE THAN TWO COURTS FOR THEIR OWN USE on the same day at the same time. As always, we will continue the practice that no group or individual should reserve two courts in a back-to-back time frame. If you have questions regarding these guidelines, please reach out to Cheryl Manzone.

WOW!!!!!!!! I know this is a lot to absorb. Take some time. Reread this document a couple of times. Look at the attached chart. Watch Sign Up Genius for the changes.

As always, thank you to the amazing Sandra Lippy for **once again**, redesigning the entire contents of Sign Up Genius. That is what makes all of this run smoothly. The new schedule will be rolling out beginning on sign up for **Sunday, August 14th**. In the meantime, if you have any questions, as always reach out to Cheryl Manzone at 410-812-4664 or [cherylmanzone59@gmail.com](mailto:cherylmanzone59@gmail.com)