# Think Pickleball at Del Mar Won't Affect You? Think Again.

Neighborhood quiet, tennis access, and members' money are at stake.

On October 24, the Board will consider **Resolution 626: permanent striping for two pickleball layouts within Del Mar Court 2**, plus fencing, acoustic screening and other changes. Members have not been given the **28-day advance notice required for changes to court-use rules**, including the proposal's new reservation priorities. [6]

## 1 Make better use of underutilized Moonraker before expanding pickleball to Del Mar

A recent analysis found **68% of Moonraker's court hours still available to book the night before.** Improve access at the existing facility, less than a ten-minute drive away, before imposing more noise, competing court markings and expense at Del Mar. [1] An unaddressed access issue at Moonraker should not become an ongoing noise and enforcement problem at Del Mar.

## 2 Permanent striping is directed; protection remains conditional

Acoustic screening and other improvements depend on staff time and resources. The proposal does not require proof that homes and adjacent tennis will be protected before striping. With homes within 350 feet, neighbors deserve an independent professional acoustic assessment before permanent changes. [2, 6]

## 3 No past complaints does not mean no future problem

A complaint log does not measure noise or predict future impacts. Indian Wells commissioned a professional study with the nearest homes about 500 feet away, across a highway; Del Mar has closer homes in a quiet coastal neighborhood. [3]

## 4 Neighbors and volunteers should not have to police the courts

Buying quiet loaner paddles and balls does not establish mandatory use or reliable enforcement. Neighbors, Del Mar volunteers and other facility users should not become equipment inspectors and pickleball police. [6]

## 5 All members could pay for costly fixes

Sound-barrier retrofits can reach six figures. Preliminary estimates in the packet exclude special structural and permitting costs. The full cost of installation, maintenance and enforcement is still unknown. Disclose a complete budget and funding plan before committing members' money. [4, 6]

## 6 The solar panel debacle should have been a warning

TSRA's records show the Board committed members' money to the solar project while key feasibility questions remained unresolved. Members should not fund another project before the Board establishes whether it can work and what it will cost. [5]

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**October 24 Board meeting: 1 p.m. Pacific. Ask the Board to defer Resolution 626.**

Evaluate neighborhood noise, tennis impacts, Moonraker capacity and the full cost before approving permanent changes.

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Pickleball item expected at 1:30 p.m.; times may change. Join at the start. Email comments to the Board and staff.

[1] Moonraker study: 325 of 477 hours (68%) available in night-before checks, October 6-20. Availability is not attendance or proof that every preferred time can be accommodated.

[2] Del Mar distance exhibit. National Task Force on Pickleball Noise guidance. [3] Indian Wells staff report and acoustic study.

[4] Municipal retrofit estimate: $120,000-$130,000; not a Del Mar quote. [5] TSRA December 2022 report, p. 4.

[6] Resolution 626; October 24 packet (original pp. 34, 55-56, 89-96); Civil Code section 4360.

Concerned Sea Ranch Homeowners