

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

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

Through Resolution 616, TSRA's Board has designated Del Mar's tennis courts for permanent shared use with pickleball. It made that commitment before establishing the neighborhood impacts, the full costs, or whether existing pickleball courts at Moonraker could meet demand. ^[1]

1 Existing capacity could spare tennis and nearby homes

Moonraker pickleball is less than a ten-minute drive from Del Mar, and a recent analysis found **about 70% of its court time still available to book the night before**. Before compromising tennis and neighborhood quiet at Del Mar, the Board should address current underutilization at Moonraker. ^[5]

2 Neighbors could lose quiet enjoyment of their homes

Preliminary estimates suggest that repeated paddle pops (around 1,800 pops an hour) could remain noticeable up to 800 feet away from Del Mar. The Board should obtain an independent professional acoustic assessment before residents are left coping with the noise pollution. ^[2]

3 No past complaints does not mean no future problem

A complaint log does not measure noise or establish that permanent use will be compatible with nearby homes. A few years of interim play authorized on a temporary basis cannot substitute for evaluating the permanent commitment now being made.

4 Neighbors, Del Mar volunteers, and others should not have to police the courts

Waiting for noise complaints before addressing pickleball noise nuisance requires documenting the disturbance and pursuing relief. Quiet paddle and ball rules are ineffective without reliable enforcement and turn residents, Del Mar volunteers, and other facility users into equipment inspectors and pickleball police.

5 All members could pay for costly fixes

A substantial sound-barrier retrofit at Del Mar **can cost six figures** when wind loads require stronger fencing, deeper footings, and engineering. Tall, solid barriers could also change Del Mar's appearance, while their costs, approval requirements, and effectiveness remain unresolved. ^[3]

6 The solar panel debacle should have been a warning

TSRA's own records show that the Board committed members' money to the solar project while key questions about whether and how it could proceed remained unresolved. Members should not be asked to fund another project before the Board establishes whether it can work and what it will cost. ^[4]

Speak up at the October 24 Board hearing

The Board is committing to permanent pickleball before establishing the neighborhood impacts, the potential costs, and whether Moonraker's existing capacity could meet demand. Members need to understand why they could be left paying for avoidable mistakes while neighbors are left living with the consequences.

Please attend the October 24 Board hearing and speak up for neighborhood quiet, tennis, and responsible use of members' association dues. Ask the Board to pause further permanent pickleball changes at Del Mar until impacts, alternatives, and costs are evaluated, and demand that underutilized Moonraker courts be used instead.

[1] Resolution 616, April 25, 2026. [2] Preliminary Del Mar acoustic screening, October 9, 2026.

[3] Municipal barrier estimate of \$120,000-\$130,000; not a Del Mar quote.

[4] TSRA Community Manager report, December 10, 2022, p. 4.

[5] Preliminary study of October 6-13: 24 court-days; 179 of 255 hours available, counting drop-in as reserved on all three courts. Measures advance availability, not actual attendance or proof that all preferred times can be accommodated.