

# Town of Bourne Town Administration



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## Memo

**To:** Recreation Committee  
Katie Matthews, Recreation Director

**From:** Liz Hartsgrove, Assistant Town Administrator

**RE:** **Hard Court Survey Results**

**Date:** April 24, 2024

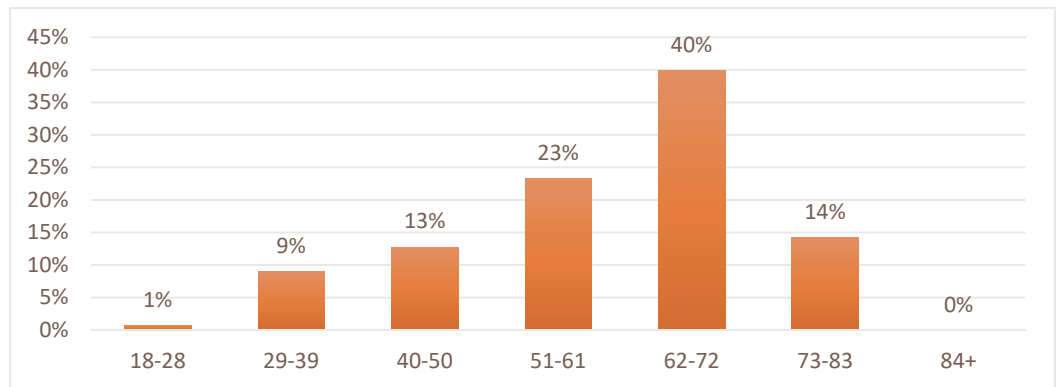
**Cc:** Marlene McCollem, Town Administrator

A survey was promoted and made available to the public between April 10 -23<sup>rd</sup> asking for input on court layouts and usage, in regards to the Hard Court resurfacing project. The survey was promoted through a press release, website and social media postings, BourneTV advertisements, and other means – resulting in a total of 135 responses received.

Below are the results from the survey.

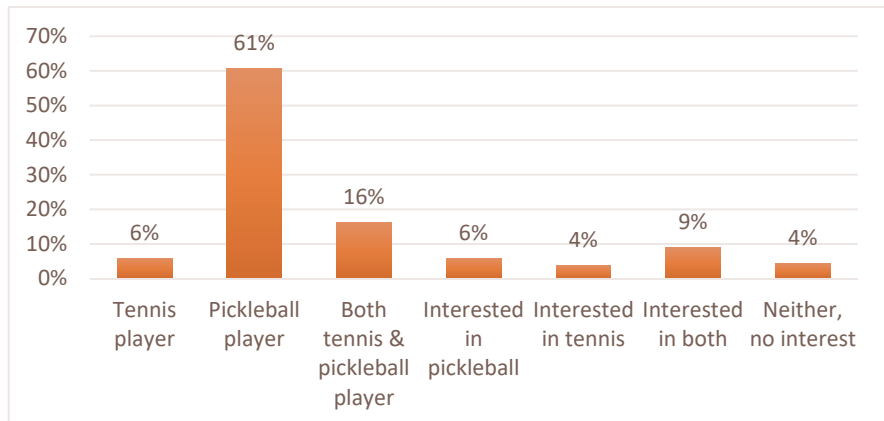
### Question 1: What is your Age?

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| 18-28           | 1   |
| 29-39           | 12  |
| 40-50           | 17  |
| 51-61           | 31  |
| 62-72           | 53  |
| 73-83           | 19  |
| 84+             | 0   |
| Total Responses | 133 |



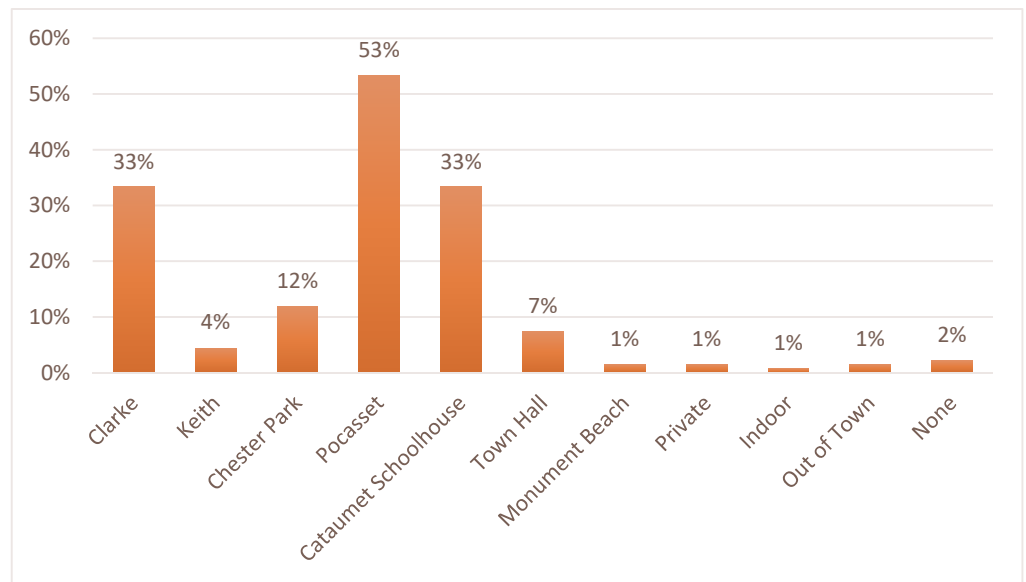
### Question 2: Currently, what would you consider yourself? \*multiple answers allowed

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| Tennis player                   | 8  |
| Pickleball player               | 82 |
| Both tennis & pickleball player | 22 |
| Interested in pickleball        | 8  |
| Interested in tennis            | 5  |
| Interested in both              | 12 |
| Neither, no interest            | 6  |



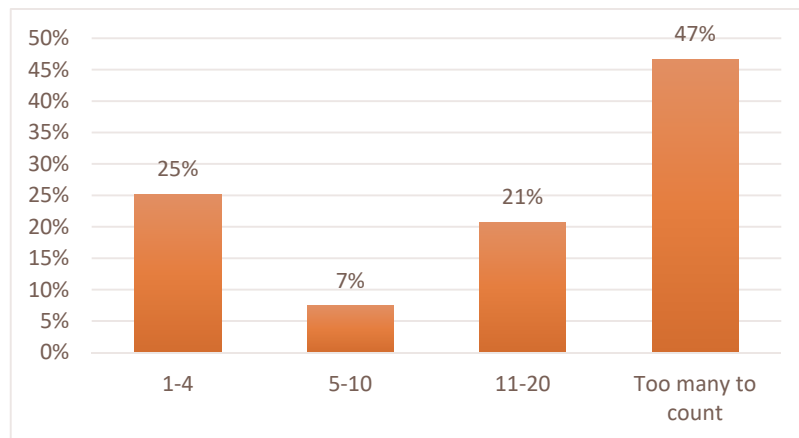
**Question 3: What Courts do you utilize the most? \*multiple answers allowed**

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| Clarke               | 45 |
| Keith                | 6  |
| Chester Park         | 16 |
| Pocasset             | 72 |
| Cataumet Schoolhouse | 45 |
| Town Hall            | 10 |
| Monument Beach       | 2  |
| Private              | 2  |
| Indoor               | 1  |
| Out of Town          | 2  |
| None                 | 3  |



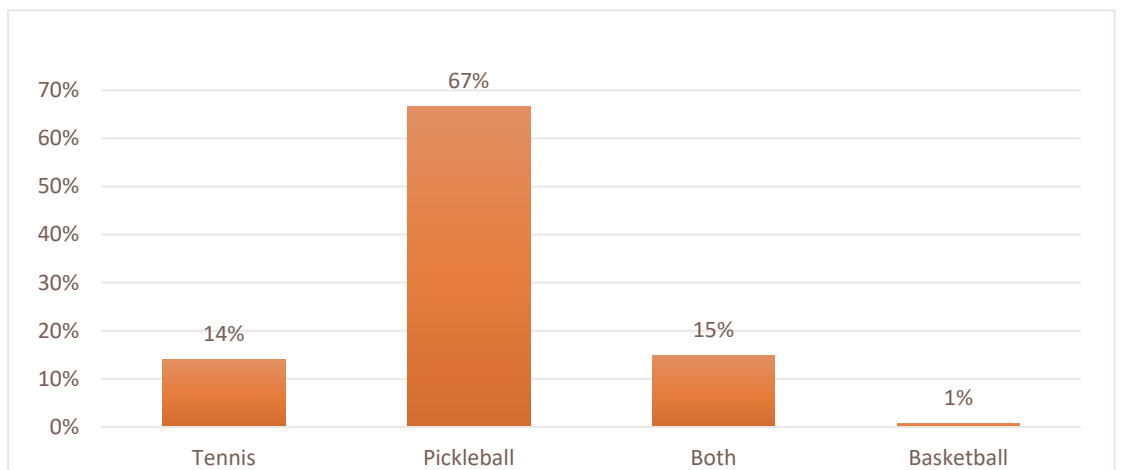
**Question 4: How many times have you played on Bourne Courts, in last year?**

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| 1-4               | 34 |
| 5-10              | 10 |
| 11-20             | 28 |
| Too many to count | 63 |



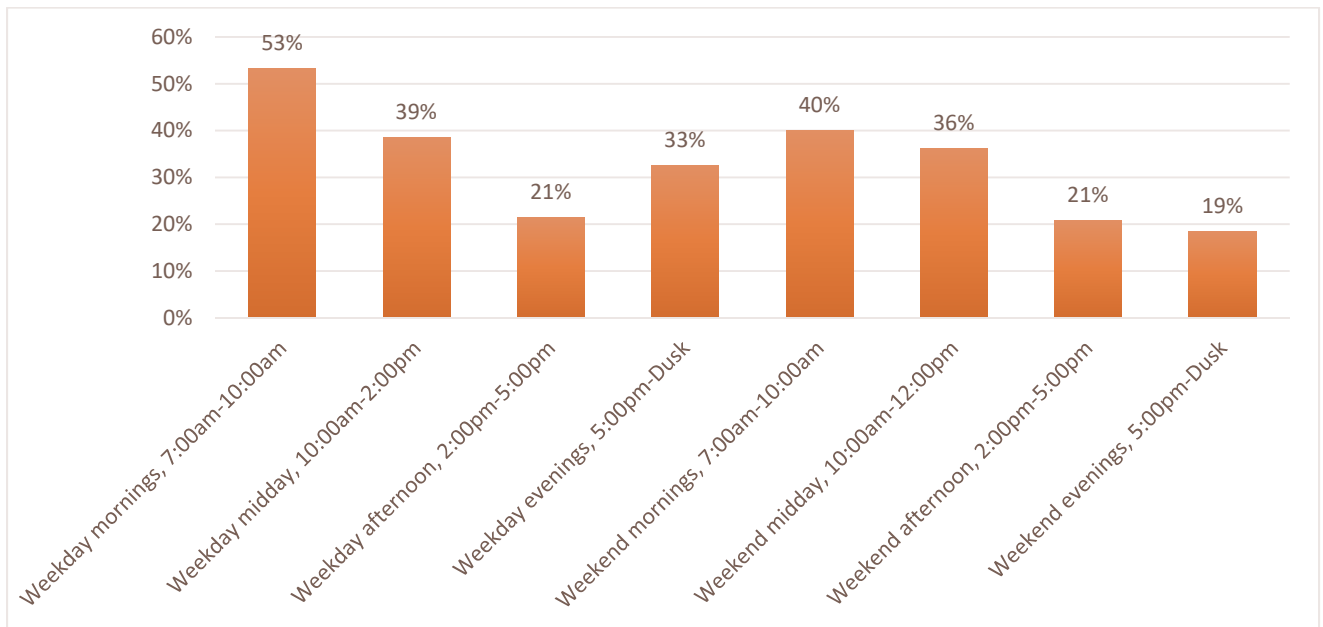
**Question 5: How do you utilize the courts in Bourne?**

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| Tennis     | 19 |
| Pickleball | 90 |
| Both       | 20 |
| Basketball | 1  |



## Question 5: What time do you prefer to play on the outdoor courts?

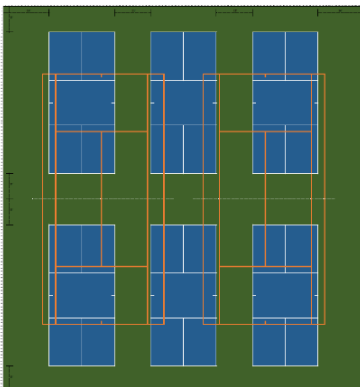
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| Weekday mornings, 7:00am-10:00am | 72 |
| Weekday midday, 10:00am-2:00pm   | 52 |
| Weekday afternoon, 2:00pm-5:00pm | 29 |
| Weekday evenings, 5:00pm-Dusk    | 44 |
| Weekend mornings, 7:00am-10:00am | 54 |
| Weekend midday, 10:00am-12:00pm  | 49 |
| Weekend afternoon, 2:00pm-5:00pm | 28 |
| Weekend evenings, 5:00pm-Dusk    | 25 |



## Question 6: Of the four layouts, preference is...?

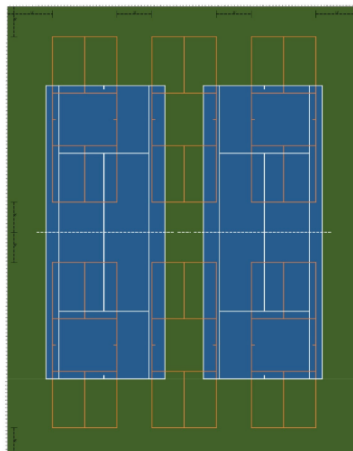
### OPTION A

2 orange lined tennis courts over 6 white lined and blue filled pickleball courts



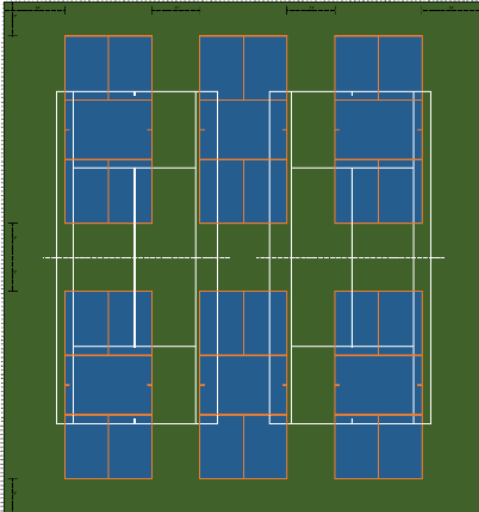
### OPTION B

6 orange lined pickleball courts over 2 white lined and blue filled tennis courts



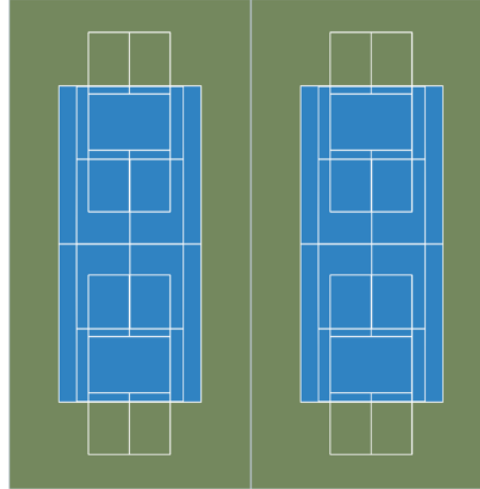
## OPTION C

2 white lined tennis courts over 6 orange lined blue filled pickleball courts

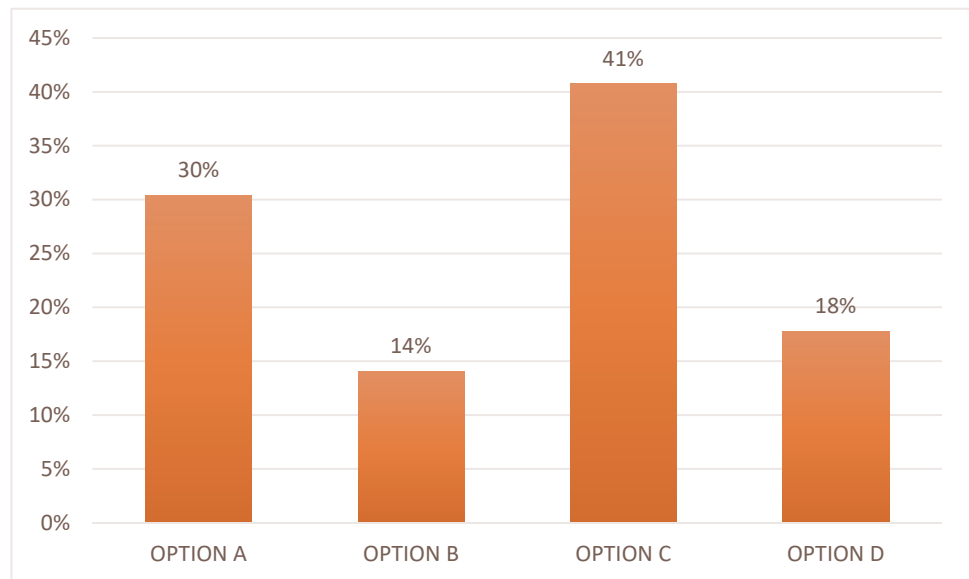


## OPTION D

Maintain the existing layout (4 white lined pickleball courts over 2 white lined blue filled tennis courts)



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| OPTION A | 41 |
| OPTION B | 19 |
| OPTION C | 55 |
| OPTION D | 24 |



### Question 7: Any comments, suggestions or other feedback?

There is one tennis court at Barlows/Pocasset and 4 yellow pb courts. The tennis court runs East to west, the pb courts run north to south which is preferred. I can't understand how another tennis court and 2 more pb courts can fit there. Is there a plan to enlarge the existing footprint to accommodate it? Also why not do pb lines in yellow not orange.? Nowhere have I seen any measurements of the proposed courts so how would one know how "legal" they will be? My option would be to put down the tennis court first and add the pb lines second going north to south with legal measurements for both.

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| Thanks for making this a priority!   |
| What are the layout options for a single tennis court and four pickleball courts like at Pocasset?   |
| I was surprised that I didn't receive this survey as the identified coordinator of pickle ball with Bourne Newcomers and Neighbors, A friend sent this to me. As I've mentioned at Rec committee meeting, we play a lot in Pocasset and would like to have input to the improvements. I will forward survey to group. Thanks for soliciting input! Please let us know the plan for resurfacing so that we can arrange our play accordingly. Many thanks. |
| Can't wait for resurfaced courts!!!  |
| It would be great to have porta potties for use on these premises!   |
| Thank you for making this project happen!  |
| How about lining courts at high school for pickleball. Those tennis courts are hardly ever used in the summer  |
| Multi-colored looks too complicated and possibly an issue for those who might be color challenged.   |
| I agree court maintenance and resurfacing is necessary. I don't like the idea of one group ruling over the other. Seems like the pickle ball players have the say while they aren't year round residents.  |
| Very happy that Bourne has appropriated money to fix the courts.   |
| I prefer Opinion D. But I suggest the pickleball courts be lined with orange paint. Can not have the Tennis and pickleball lines painted the same color. Thank you.  |
| The Clark Road tennis courts need to be resurfaced. Do to the dampness of the last few years the surface of the court have become extremely slippery and has developed a mold type film on the surface. This developing slippery surface along with the preexisting cracks in the surface makes these courts susceptible to personal injuries. Thank you.  |
| Appreciate all the time and effort everyone is putting into this important project!  |
| Thank you for putting these option forward and all your hard work - much appreciated   |
| Why can't Monument beach courts be added to be repaired. The town keeps on providing pickleball lessons etc...Why not provide permanent courts like Mashpee and Sandwich.  |
| Option A could be good also, but I think Option C would be easier for both Pball and tennis players to play on and have a sense of space.  |
| Option A is also a good option.  |
| The cracks need repair prior and a toilet would be helpful   |
| It would be great if town could provide pickleball nets  |
| Tennis courts get no use. Eliminate them. Also repair cracks in pocasset courts.   |

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| <p>Thank you for soliciting input. I would like to see dedicated pickleball courts with fixed nets, Maybe option D with two fixed net pickle ball courts in blue with orange lines and next to it a tennis court with white lines and 2 pickle ball courts with orange lines to bring your own nets.</p> |
| <p>No mention of nets. Different heights for nets</p>  |
| <p>It may be time to commit to several sets of pickleball-only courts around Bourne with permanent nets. Mashpee has a successful model to consider.</p>   |
| <p>All options are valid and useable. it will be impossible to please everyone. The most important thing is that the resurfacing is completed.</p>   |
| <p>Whichever layout is done depending on the size of the courts for pickleball players a blue court with white lines is what works best.</p>   |
| <p>Please fill cracks first and add toilet</p>   |
| <p>Please fill the large cracks prior to this. Also add porta potty, but please consider fencing between tennis nets like forges field. Thank you</p>  |
| <p>6 pickleball courts is too busy</p>   |
| <p>There are cracks that have to be filled before resurfacing</p>  |
| <p>Thank you</p>   |
| <p>Please make pickleball friendly</p>   |
| <p>excited for the renovations to begin and our tax dollars are being put to good use!!</p>  |
| <p>Need portable wall between the back to back pickledball courts at the center court of the tennis courts</p>   |
| <p>Make a space for blading</p>  |
| <p>Any way to get 1/2 courts for pickle and 1/2 for tennis thus making them exclusive for those sports for less distracting line set up? Similar to Oak Crest Park in Sandwich?</p>  |
| <p>There should be certain days for sign ups for pickleball and tennis.</p>  |
| <p>Thank you for requesting input on this project. Only other suggestion is more practical trash and recycling bins at Clarke, which tend to overflow , or perhaps additional pick ups?</p>  |
| <p>We need more courts. Some towns are building new courts specifically for pickleball</p>   |
| <p>while the project is under way, will the gym in BB be available for pickleball? Thanks</p>  |
| <p>We tried playing on the Momument Beach but the surface was too cracked to play safely on. My pickleball friends go to other towns such as Mashpee, YMCA in Wareham , etc because they have well maintained courts. Would prefer to play locally in Bourne as it is more convenient"</p>               |