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Aloha Mary,
I appreciate your comment in the recent 'Pickleball Rising' article in the Maui Times by Jacob Shafer.

<https://mauitimes.news/pickleball-rising/>

In your comment, you mentioned that there are demands from other sports other than pickleball. While that may be true, there is no sport that has experienced a meteoric rise in growth than pickleball.. I am attaching a pic from last Thursday night at the two upper courts at War Memorial where 34 pickleball players came to play.

We see up to 8 - 10 new people each time there.

After numerous appeals over the last 2 years, we still do not have dedicated pickleball courts in central Maui, the most densely populated area in Maui where the most players reside. .

Even after the 4 new designated pickleball courts were added to Waipuilani Park in Kihei, there is a documented increase in the daily average of 70 players there. . I believe you have plans to expand in Kihei.

We should not have to wait for 3 - 4 years for designated pickleball courts in Central Maui. . The solution, on a temporary basis, is to resurface the War Memorial two upper courts and put 4 - 6 pickleball court lines leaving the tennis court nets intact. It is not necessary to install pickleball nets, especially if on a temporary basis, as most of us have our own portable pickleball nets..

Also, as it stands now, only Tues and Thurs evenings are reserved at the War Memorial

I have appealed to Karla Peters, Parks and Rec director months ago about this issue and she has not responded to me.

It has, in my and the opinion of many others, reached a crisis.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you, Ann Pitcaithley, Wailuku
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