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**YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase Hosts Pickleball Pro Exhibition Event on**

**June 7th with #1 Ranked Pickleball Player in the World**

Clinic, pro-amateur round robin play, and exhibition highlight the event celebrating the nation’s fastest growing sport

**WASHINGTON, May 27, 2021** – Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States and combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.  To serve members of all ages in this easy-to-learn sport that brings all people together, the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington has set-up pickleball courts at YMCA’s across the DMV.  YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase (9401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814) currently boasts 14 courts and will host a Pickleball Exhibition event featuring **Ben Johns, number one player in the world**, and his brother **Collin Johns, who plays with Ben on the number one doubles team in the world**.  Local pickleball pros Sonny Tannan and Eric White will join the Johns brothers in this event on Monday, June 7, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A two-hour clinic will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. where participants can sign up to hone their skills with the pros. There are 32 spots available. The cost is $150 for members and $175 for non-members.

A two-hour Pro-Amateur Round Robin will take place from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with room for up to 32 participants to play with the pros. The cost is $40 member and $50 non-members.

The evening concludes with an exhibition doubles match featuring Ben Johns, Collin Johns, Sonny Tannan and Eric White from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m; and this is then followed a Q & A session with the pros. The exhibition doubles match is FREE to all who register to attend.

“The response to Pickleball has been overwhelming by our members. Pickleball is an inclusive and social sport where you do not need to be athletic but still challenges you physically. There are less injuries for adults and it improves eye-hand coordination for children. We are proud that the Y will have a dedicated space that allows for individuals to meet other people and families to connect more. Pickleball is the perfect pandemic sport since people can still socially distance and get great exercise both outdoors and indoors at an extremely affordable price” said Pamela Curran, executive vice president and COO for the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington.

To purchase a spot in the clinic or the Pro-Amateur Round Robin (or both!), or to register to attend the FREE exhibition, please visit the event information page at [www.ymcadc.org/pickleball](http://www.ymcadc.org/pickleball).

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**About the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington**  
The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington is a not for profit 501(c)3 charity organization that has been serving the communities and families of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia in the areas of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility for nearly 168 years. Through opportunities in wellness, aquatics, youth sports, summer camps, childcare and more, the Y engages more than 250,000 individuals and families. Visit [www.ymcadc.org](http://www.ymcadc.org) for more information.