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A proposal has been made that the rooms currently used for Archery and Shuffleboard at CH1 be used for Table Tennis.

To investigate the suitability of such a proposal, on April 24, 2024, three representatives from the table tennis club leadership toured the CH1 facility with Director Andy.

We discovered the following:

1. The floors of both rooms were covered with shuffleboard lanes made of slate or granite material about 2-3 inches thick. The lanes all curve down in the middle and are not level. These lanes will have to be removed and the floor made completely level before it can be used for TT.
2. The foundation of the rooms is concrete. To make the playing surface suited to elderly players, a wooden foundation needs to be laid before a wood or PVC playing surface can be laid on top.
3. The rooms are very dark. Far more lights will have to be installed to meet the official 1000 Lux brightness standard.
4. The ventilation system is grossly inadequate. In both rooms, the only ventilation is provided by a Swamp system which is a device that cools air through the evaporation of water. Here is an excerpt from an article regarding Swamp coolers: **"In coastal areas of California, where humidity is often high, their effectiveness can be limited. However, in inland areas like Sacramento or Palm Springs, where it's hotter and drier, they can be a cost-effective cooling solution"**.

According to the members of the archery and shuffleboard clubs, the rooms get very hot in the summer to preclude activity except in early mornings.

Seniors playing a fastmoving sport like TT in such an environment would be at risk for heat cramps and heat exhaustion leading to falls, and even heat stroke which is a medical emergency that maybe fatal.

Conclusion:

Having considered all the pros and cons, the TTC board unanimously concluded that the proposed archery and shuffleboard rooms at CH1 are unsuitable for the game of table tennis.

Even after costly renovations to make them functional, including the installation of a new air-conditioning/heating system, it would be very expensive to operate and maintain such a facility.

We do not wish to kick out archery and shuffleboard.

It is also unwise for us to abandon our current facility which is a dedicated structure for table tennis, in operation for over 20 years, and used 30,000 times annually. To discontinue its use and move into another facility that needs to have all the desirable features rebuilt once again from scratch, would not seem to be the best management of resources.

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