



PICKLEBALL CANADA

*The fastest growing sport in North America.
Le sport croissant le plus rapide en
Amérique du Nord.*



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Our V.P. Marcel Lemieux - extraordinaire

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Marcel Lemieux, born on the 16th of the 23,322th month A.D.; raised in the greater Montreal area; schooling up to 12th grade.

Worked for the Federal government for over 38 years, mostly in the Intelligence world of Canada Customs.

Favourite practiced sports: Hockey, Tennis, now pickleball.

Retired the 1st of the 24,005th month A.D.; then started traveling with Louise. In our travels we learned to juggle solo and together, and gave shows in Arizona and California (No talent show); we also became magicians and clowns; we offered performances in California, Arizona, Texas, Florida, Guatemala, Belgium, France, Chek Republic,

and of course in Québec.

Being a good B class, mixed doubles tennis players, we discovered Pickleball in California where we started playing (24,062th month A.D.); we were fortunate enough to be able to play in California, Arizona, Texas, Alabama, Florida, New York State, Mock up version in the Check Republic, in B.C. and in Québec.

We became a founding member of Pickleball Canada; and a member of the Board of directors as V.P., on the 24,125th month A.D.

Am presently working on the first Annual friendly get-together for Québec Pickleball players to be held on the 17th of this month; the object is to bring players to know one an-

other, as they are spread out in the Province and do not know who plays or where it is played. I invite you to visit the following blog (FRENCH) that I have set up:

www.pickleballquebec.blogspot.com

This was written on the 1st of the 24,128th month A.D.

ENJOY PICKLEBALL



**Marcel Lemieux VP
Yes, that is a top hat.**

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PICKLEBALL IN INDIA by AIPA by Sunil Valavalkar

At recent demo at the prestigious SNDT Women's University in India. 75 young women from Mumbai experienced Pickleball for nearly 3 hours for the first time.

All were thrilled but some disappointed at the end because they did not get a chance to play.

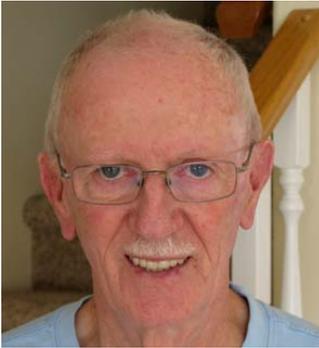
It was decided by their sports director that systematically SNDT

will officially include Pickleball in their curriculum.

Based on our calculations using 15 minutes average per game, that means only 48 players would get a chance to play in 180 minutes. We use this number for tournament play but in recreational play this can be longer.

Keep up the great work, Sunil





Message from our President - Bill Canning

As I write this, it has been just over two months since the Board of Directors was formed and took over the operations of Pickleball Canada. It has been a challenging, yet exciting time. With the tremendous help from the Board Members, some of the Founding Members, and some important friends of Pickleball Canada, we have accomplished a number of very important things.

We now have a Constitution & Bylaws. This document will be bundled with other necessary documentation, and sent to the authorities so that we may gain federal designation as a registered, non-profit organization. When this is achieved, it would then be relatively easy for provincial organizations to be formed, using our constitution and bylaws as a starting point, and also become registered as non-profit organizations. They could then apply for provincial grants.

With the Constitution & Bylaws, we were able to obtain liability insurance for your Board members. Being that the Board is made up entirely of volunteers, the insur-

ance was a necessity.

Your Board has finally been able to obtain the transfer of the website www.pickleballcanada.org. Our webmaster, Jim Dixon, will now be changing the face of the website, and reorganizing it, so that it will be more user friendly. Members will be able to review the Constitution & Bylaws in either French or English. In addition, the membership application and renewal process will be simplified, offering a one stop shopping service. More on this later.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a very special thank you to **Chuck Lefaive**, whose unfailing leadership and dedication, brought Pickleball Canada from nowhere to here. While Chuck no longer has a role in the operations of Pickleball Canada, he will always be remembered as the backbone of this organization. However, Chuck did not do it on his own. With him during the fledging period were the other Founding Members, **Bill Franzman (Father of Canadian Pickleball)**, **Bill Furse**, and the First Lady of Canadian pickleball, **Bev Butt**. There were other notables that helped along

the way like **Wayne Roswell**, not only helped us through the early stages, but has continued to help this Board in so many ways. Along with Wayne, the First Lady, and Bill Franzman who have always been there to assist us through the transition and continue to do so.

Marcel Lemieux is another member who was not a Founding Member, but also was, and still is, a great help to Pickleball Canada. Not only did Marcel help before, but has continued on with the new Board. Marcel is the Vice President of Pickleball Canada and tries to keep the President in line, which is impossible to do!

JOKES:

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!' After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Larry?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'

The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Larry quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'



CLSA PICKLEBALL CLUB EDMONTON AB - TOURNAMENT

June 24th, 2010 CLSA Pickleball Club, Edmonton, AB held our first ever Pickleball Tournament!! Our tournament director was Frank Carr who did an exceptional job of keeping things running smoothly. As it was our first tournament we weren't sure exactly what how things would go but it was a great day and everyone who participated confirmed they had a good time. Pizza & pop were served after the tournament at which time the "prizes" were handed out. The tournament was set up so you randomly drew your partner and it was mixed doubles. The winners of the tournament were Rene Gagne and Linda Dane. They were awarded the Golden Pickle Balls, as well as a free lunch at the Central Lions cafeteria. The runners up in the A event were Joe Downing and Delma Preete who also received a free lunch certificate. B event winners were Tony De Benedetto and Sonya Golinsky. Not to be out done, Ken Shaw was awarded the "first injury" prize for which he received a box of bandages!! Roy Laundrie and Alma Mair were awarded for Best Sportsmanship and Brian Reid and Dorothy Downie for Exemplary Performance. Several door prizes were also drawn.



RENE GAGNE & LINDA DANE
"A" EVENT WINNERS
WITH "GOLDEN PICKLEBALLS"



Joe Downing (Runner up) (Missing Delma Preete)
With Frank Carr



B event winners: Sonya Golinsky and Tony de Benedetto

CLSA PICKLEBALL CLUB EDMONTON AB - TOURNAMENT

June 15th was a very exciting day for CLSA Pickleball Club, Edmonton, AB. Our special guests brought with them information on Pickleball Canada as well as different types of balls and paddles for everyone to try.

Our special guests were Chuck & Rita Lefaive of White Rock, BC and Bill Canning of Red Deer. You

all know who Chuck & Rita are, and Bill is our new President for PB Canada. After a morning of playing and getting a lot of great tips from Chuck, we enjoyed a nice lunch together and time for fellowship.

After lunch Chuck put on an instructors & referees clinic attended by 8 very attentive "students." The clinic was very informative

and very well presented

Congratulations to the "graduates" who are now Certified Instructors and Referees by PB Canada. The graduates are: Frank Carr, Linda Dane, Linda Havens, Frank Hui, Dan Reiter, Dennis Tomkinson and Bill Canning. Our job will be to get out into the community and teach others this great sport. Thank you everyone.



LEGAL - ILLEGAL - SNEAKY - SERVE by Wayne Roswell

One of the most controversial rules in Pickleball is "the serve." The rules seem clear to me:

4.A Serve Motion. The serve must be made with an underhand stroke so that contact with the ball is made be-

low the waist level.

4.A.1. Underhand defined. The arm must be moving in an upward arc and the paddle head shall be below the wrist when it strikes the ball.

The serve has to be underhand, contact with the ball has

to be below the waist, the arm moving in an upward arc and the paddle head below the waist. It is obvious the rule was designed to take the slice or chop out of the serve. I maintain that if the arm is moving in a true upward arc

there is no way you can put a spin on the ball or enough spin to have it kick right or left.

Lot of controversy here and we are all in agreement this should be clarified in the pickleball rules in the U.S. & Canada as quickly as possible.

COMING TOURNAMENTS IN AUGUST, 2010

Québec Pickleball Friendly Get-Together VOUS ÊTES INVITÉS À PARTICIPER À LA 1^{ère} JOURNÉE ANNUELLE DES JOUEURS DE PICKLEBALL DU QUÉBEC (RÉUNION AMICALE). QUAND: **17 AOÛT 2010** (TOUTE LA JOURNÉE) 09.00hre À 17.00hre INSCRIPTION: de 08.30 à 09.00hre **85 Grignon Saint-Eustache, Qc RADIO-CANADA** SERA PRÉSENT POUR DU TOURNAGE -6 TERRAINS (3 EXTÉRIEURS ET 3 INTÉRIEURS) -GRANDS ESPACES DE STATIONNEMENT -ENDROITS RÉSERVÉS AUX MOTORISÉS ET AUTRES V.R.; VOUS POURREZ Y STATIONNER POUR LA NUIT -IL Y A PLUSIEURS RESTAURANTS -TOUS LES NIVEAUX DE JEU, TOUS LES ÂGES; IL NE S'AGIT PAS D'UN TOURNOI -IL Y AURA DES INITIATIONS AU JEU POUR LES PERSONNES N'AYANT JAMAIS JOUÉ -DOUBLE HOMME, DOUBLE FEMME, DOUBLE MIXTE, INTERGÉNÉRATION, SIMPLES -APPORTEZ VOS BREUVAGES ET VOS REPAS PIQUE-NIQUE; IL Y A AUSSI DES RESTAURANTS AUX ALENTOURS -S.V.P., **CONFIRMEZ VOTRE PRÉSENCE** LE PLUS TÔT POSSIBLE, CECI NOUS AIDERA À BIEN ORGANISER NOTRE RÉUNION MARCEL LEMIEUX V.P. PICKLEBALL CANADA **TEL: (514) 497-6743**



SHAZAM - HOCUS POCUS - AT MY COMMAND - DO IT!!
Marcel working his magic with PICKLEBALL in La Belle Province this past month. Photo's from Longueuil, Carignan, St. Raymond, St. Ferrérol les Neiges, St. Anne de Beaupré, Ile d'Orléans, Breakyville, St. Romuald and St. Jean-Chrysostôme.



We all congratulate you on a great job, Marcel

A PICTURE IS WORTH 1,000 WORDS



Out and about with **DONNA ROBINS** our Chairperson Rules Committee and board member from ONTARIO.

Donna is trying to help your group follow a basic set of rules. Nothing super special just every day, simple things we should all know. If you don't you'll not do well in any competition, in Canada or U.S. Things like proper serve, net height, no volley zone, just good basic stuff we all need to know. Listen and learn don't shoot the messenger - she is our spokesperson.

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