Points of Interest

- West Kelowna Tournament is HUGE SUCCESS.
- Pickleball Canada gets award for the efforts of Dave & Shirley Shepherd in School District No. 36
- Photo’s of West Kelowna winners last month.
- PCA passes 400 members mark in May
- Communications - the right way and the wrong way.
- Taking a trip - LET US KNOW. We’d love to hear from you.
- Where to buy Pickleball nets at a great direct price.
- Windsor Essex County Pickleball in ONTARIO.
- Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY $12.00 per year.

Almost 90 people attended the West Kelowna Pickleball Tournament May 14th at Mt. Boucherie School. Some of the top players in Canada were here to show us their skills like SJ Lehman from Bowser on Vancouver Island and Ronnie Pitcher from Nanaimo plus many top players from Surrey / White Rock area as well as Abbotsford. From the Interior we had Kamloops’s best as well as the Okanagan’s best competing for top spots.

It was a double knockout event that moved along at a pretty fast pace. Some of the winners’ photos are shown on page 2 (over). There were two categories, Competitive & Recreational. All players used IFP approved paddles and competed in Mens’ Doubles, Ladies’ Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

There were many volunteers who were line judges, referees, runners, meal servers and score keepers. Jim & Terry Saunders had everything well planned with lots of help from COPA (Central Okanagan Pickleball Association) members & players.

Everyone was a winner at this event. They played hard and win or lose they showed great sportsmanship at all levels of play. Our local TV station CHBC news was there with their crew giving Pickleball Okanagan Valley coverage. Thank you everyone who participated.

An award from Surrey School District #36 for Pickleball Canada Association: “In gracious recognition of Pickleball Canada Association for their generous support of the DREAMS Spring Break Program in Surrey School District, signed by Laurae McNally, Chair, Board of School Trustees, School District No. 36 (Surrey), April 4th, 2011.” During this Spring Break Program, Dave, Shirley & Mike Shepherd and Herb Peters gave two days of 20 hours of free Pickleball instruction to approximately 180 students at five schools in Surrey, B.C. They will be giving out more free Pickleball instructions to students in School District 35, Langley, B.C.
THE WEST KELOWNA WINNERS ARE

LADIES COMPETITIVE:
GOLD - SJ Lehman (missing) & Teresa Orcutt
SILVER - Pat Copp & Terry Saunders
BRONZE - Diane Gillis & Jan Orma

MEN'S COMPETITIVE:
GOLD - Colin Cadwell & Dave Touchet
SILVER - Doug Ross & Jim Saunders
BRONZE - Tim Mah & Glen Degregorio

MIXED COMPETITIVE:
GOLD - Theresa Orcutt & Colin Caldwell
SILVER - Terry Saunders & Jim Saunders
BRONZE - SJ Lehman and Ronnie Pitcher (both missing)

WINNERS OF RECREATIONAL COMPETITION:

LADIES:
GOLD - Lana Nunweiller & Glenda Jackson
SILVER - Donna Crouchman & Linda Sproule
BRONZE - Susan Black & Sandra Creiger

MENS:
GOLD - Brian Jackson & Rob Nunweiller
SILVER - Herb Pelzer & Brian Stovel
BRONZE - Dave Shepherd & Greg Marshall

MIXED RECREATIONAL:
GOLD - Glenda Jackson & Brian Jackson
SILVER - Lana Nunweiller & Rob Nunweiller
BRONZE - Susan Black & Herb Pelzer

MANY THANKS TO WEST KELOWNA & THE BOUCHERIE SCHOOL

GREAT NEWS - PCA (Pickleball Canada Assoc.) passed 400 memberships (by adding 40 new members in May alone)
The fastest growing sport in North America.

NOT a good way to communicate

This surely is not a good way to get someone attention, well it does work but not in a nice way. Communication is the key to any good relationship and of course in any organization. We are never always right and the other person always wrong. It is always about sharing one’s thoughts and ideas, growing together, being there for each other and making the best of what we share. We love to hear from each of you, members or not. Tell us what you like about this amazing game. Share a story, a few photos, a happy event. We are family. We’d love to hear from you. Keep us informed, please.

WHEN YOU TRAVEL LET US KNOW

If you are planning a trip, let us know if you had the opportunity to play Pickleball while there, that would be awesome. Tell us about who you met (include their names and your names), who you played with, some photos of you and the facility. Did you learn anything, try anything new, have a good time? Could you offer some travel tips? All good stuff we’d love you to share with us and we’ll share it with our members. We look forward to hearing from each of you.

The Windsor Essex County Senior Pickleball Association had their "Welcome Spring" Pizza Party at Roma’s Pizza House & Restaurant Of Windsor on April 21st, 2011. The event was hosted by the WECSPA president Barbie Dean and Pickleball Ontario Ambassadors Rene and Elaine Belanger. Great food, great fun, great people.

GLOBAL TV shot a pretty nice video of the West Kelowna Pickleball Tournament on May 14th. They talked to Jim Saunders the organizer of this exciting event, Doug Ross who spoke for COPA (Central Okanagan Pickleball Association), Hans Skuddelny a local member who plays regularly in Kelowna and included some excellent actions shots too.

TAKE A MOMENT AND CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW. It is well worth viewing (There is a commercial first):

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR

See details below - both are playing under IFP rules

OSHAWA ONTARIO Pickleball Open Tournament - University of Ontario Institute of Tech. Aug. 13th & 14th, 2011
website: http://sites.google.com/site/ontariopickleballtournament

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Help us grow - With your input and support we'll have so much more to offer all members.
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NEW ADDRESS
PICKLEBALL CANADA ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 26115 WESTBANK, B.C. V4T 2G3
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If you are looking for Pickleball nets, here is a good connection for you:

School Specialty
1-800-775-0353 fax
1-800-519-2816
Call them for your own personal catalogue:
web page www.schoolspecialty.ca
it is called a Badminton net but can be used for Pickleball as well. #9-018208-106 price is $139.49

NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR PICKLEBALL CANADA
Effective May 1st, new/re-new membership rates are:
One year $12.00
Three years $32.00
No incentives - No premiums - No name tags

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HUGE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
ABBOTSFORD, B.C.
JULY 9th, 2011

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
This tournament will be played under IFP (International Federation of Pickleball) rules.
Tournament Categories:
Mixed Doubles - 55+ and Under 55
Ladies Doubles - 55+ and Under 55
Men’s Doubles - 55+ and Under 55
Fees:
$30.00 - Tournament Participant - One event
$25.00 - PCA Members - One event
$ 5.00 - Additional Events
$ 7.00 - Non-Players (includes lunch).
Organizer: Shirley Shepherd
Email: shirleyshepherd@shaw.ca

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M. JUNE 21ST, 2011
THE BILL FRANZMAN OPEN
CO-ED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT
Mount Boucherie School Gymnasium, West Kelowna
COMPETITIVE DIVISION
RECREATIONAL DIVISION
PLAY; IFP RULES APPLY
$25.00 INCLUDES LUNCH
$7.00 NON-PLAYER for lunch
To Register: (778) 797-8810 ask for Kevin
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