President's Message

Pickleball is growing by leaps and bounds in so many cities and towns all over Canada. We have provided information which has helped many start up club/groups. We assisted some clubs/groups that started their first tournaments. Many cities have built exclusive pickleball courts or painted pickleball lines on their outdoor tennis courts. Some tennis and golf clubs have started to include pickleball in their facilities.

The following are some examples:

Oshawa Tennis Club, ON is planning to build a new facility in partnership with a soccer club and would like to include Pickleball in their multisport facility.

Jules Kay, Pickleball Canada Area Ambassador for Kingsville, ON and other dedicated pickleball players partnered with the Kingsville Tennis Organization to add pickleball lines to the tennis courts and changed the name to Kingsville Tennis and Pickleball Association.

Last year Pickleball Canada's Ambassadors held an introductory session for The Arbutus Club in Vancouver, BC. Since then, the Club has an enthusiastic group of pickleball players playing twice a week. This month our Ambassadors held a "Picklepalooza" introductory session for the Arbutus Club for their 25 Year Club Committee with 1500 members.

Club Shuswap Golf and RV in Salmon Arm, BC painted pickleball lines on four outdoor tennis courts last year. Pickleball is open whenever the golf club is open and weather is good. They also welcome play in the evenings if the weather is too hot.

These are some of the wonderful news showing that Pickleball is no doubt the fastest growing sport in North America!

Other great news and updates:
Pickleball Canada National Open Championship July 4 - 6, 2014
Top Players of the World will be competing in the 3rd Pickleball Canada National Open Championship in Abbotsford, B.C. on July 4 - 6, 2014. These are the top 5.0 players from Canada and USA: Jennifer Lucore, Billy and Darcie Jacobsen, Chris Miller, Christine Barksdale, Wesley Gabrielsen, Steve Wong, Luba Zhekovskaya, Denis Zhekovskiy, Theresa Orcutt, Cherilyn Drake, Scott Lennan, Glen Griffin, Maurice Parobec, Marco Jankowiak and Che Cui. Players are coming from as far as Ontario, Florida and Alaska. This is the largest pickleball tournament in Canada!

2014 PCO Sanctioned Tournaments:

Mission Madness Pickleball Tournament Feb 8-9, 2014 Tier 4
Rosebowl Pickleball Tournament, March 8 - 9 Tier 4
The Walnut Grove Classic Tournament May 16-17 Tier 4
The Bill Franzman Annual Open June 14, 2014 Tier 3
Pickleball Canada National Open Championship July 4, 5 and 6, 2014 Tier 1

Alberta Open Pickleball Championships July 18 – 20, 2014 Tier 4
Nanaimo Pickleball Tournament July 25-27, 2014. IFP Rules Tier 4

Pickleball Canada Affiliated Clubs and Groups::
Nanaimo Pickleball Club, Nanaimo, B.C.
Thompson Okanagan Pickleball Enthusiasts, Osoyoos, B.C.
Kamloops Pickleball Club, Kamloops, B.C.
East Dartmouth Community Centre Pickleball Club, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Collingwood Pickleball Club, Collingwood, Ontario
Fraser Valley Pickleball, Fraser Valley, B.C.
Salmon Arm Pickleball Club, Salmon Arm, BC
CLSA (Central Lions Seniors Association), Edmonton, AB
Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association, Sunshine Coast, BC
Pickleball Kelowna, Kelowna, BC

Submitted by Shirley Shepherd, President, Pickleball Canada
PCO Board Members Positions available:
Pickleball Canada will be having an Annual General Meeting in Abbotsford on July 7. We will be nominating new Board members. We need Directors for the following 3 volunteer Board member positions:

Sanctioning tournaments and assigning tournament points - to receive Sanctioning requests and approve them according to Sanctioning tournament requirements and rules, and to assign tournament points for sanctioned tournaments.

Club Memberships - to answer Club Membership enquires, provide information to club/groups and promote Club Memberships across Canada.

Ratings Chair - to gather the players ratings from Club/Groups and create a database of IFP/PCO Ratings for all the players in Canada which will be published on our website.

If you are interested in serving as a PCO Board member, please send a resume with your qualifications, experience and ideas to promote the growth of pickleball to president@pickleballcanada.org
This month Pickleball Canada Organization would like to showcase a couple, Dan and Brenda Jmaeff, who accumulated 1600 tournament points each in 2013 in Canadian sanctioned play. We are proud to also report that they have won many medals in the United States during their winter visits. They have a great sense of humor on and off the courts and if you are coming to the Nationals they are sure to be there. Be sure to come over and say hi and congratulate them.

Dan and Brenda Jmaeff

As a couple, we have always played sports together. We have been involved in Curling, Volleyball, Fast pitch, Slo pitch, and Golf over our 44 years together. Then came Pickleball!!
We had been told how wonderful spending the winters down south were and in 2009 we decided to spend a couple of weeks checking Arizona out. While walking our dog one evening a lady asked us if we had ever heard of Pickleball and of course we said no. She told us it was a great sport and that we should check it out. We did find the courts and watched it being played. We remember saying to each other, what a funny game, they just stand at the net to play and never use the rest of the court, little did we know!! We decided to take beginner lessons and like everyone else we were HOOKED!!!
We returned to the same Resort (Palm Creek in Casa Grande) the next year for 3 months and played some more, totally hooked, but only able to play down south because the game was not in B.C. yet. We only played in our Resort’s 2 tournaments for the first 2 years and won a couple of medals. Then in 2012 we started playing in other Resort tournaments, and won a few more medals. About the same time Pickleball came to Kelowna, indoors in the winter and outdoors in the summer, so we could play all year around. This really helped our game!! This past year we played as 4.5’s and did not expect to medal. But, we had a great year winning 17 medals between us. Dan's
medals included 5 GOLD with his Men’s Doubles partner Maurice Parobec. My most cherished medal was a BRONZE in the U.S. NATIONALS with my Ladies Doubles partner Sally Dobson!!!

People ask us all the time how we can play together? We have come up with a little phrase that saves us when it gets tense out there, “NICE ASS”. We know this means back off, so we laugh, re-group and keep playing !!!

We are grateful for the sport of Pickleball, it has given us an extended sports life and we LOVE IT!!!!

Dan and Brenda

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**Upcoming Tournaments**

**4th Annual 2014 Saanich Recreational Pickleball Tournament**

June 13-15, 2014 at G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre, 3100 Tillicum Road, Victoria, BC.

Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles, Mixed Doubles, 65+ Mixed Doubles and Men and Women’s Singles.

Current IFP rules.

Check out more at victoriapickleball.blogspot.ca.

Register at www.saanich.ca or 250-475-5400

**The Bill Franzman Annual Co-Ed Round Robin Tournament**

Saturday, June 14, 2014

Mount Boucherie School Gymnasium 2751 Cameron Road, West Kelowna.

**Pickleball Canada National Open Championship**

July 4 - 6, 2014 at Abbotsford Recreation Centre

Abbotsford, B.C.

21 events including Men’s, Women’s Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles and Junior Doubles.

Current IFP rules apply. PCO Sanctioned (Tier 1)

For tournament registration info: www.pickleballcanada.org
COME CAMP AT CLUB SHUSWAP.
2 day pickleball tourney in Salmon Arm July 12 & 13 th. RV sites are available near the clubhouse.
Contact Linda Brown for further information uffdamay@telus.net
For further detail and registration information check out the April edition of the PCO newsletter

2014 Alberta Open Pickleball Championships
July 18-20 - Oakridge Community Association, Calgary, AB. PCO Sanctioned and IFP Rules
Men's doubles, Women's doubles, Mixed doubles all skill levels and Open events. Cost $45/person for first division and $20 for each additional division. Entry deadline is July 4th with an early bird draw if registered by June 18, 2014. For more info and to register 2014ABOpenPB@gmail.com

Registration and information: This a rated tournament with ratings from 2.5 / 3.0 / 3.5 / 4.0 / 4.5+. The dates are July 26th and 27th.
Men's and Ladies doubles on the 26th and Mixed doubles on the 27th. Lunch included Saturday / Sunday.
Register by phone at Oliver Woods Recreation Center, 6000 Oliver Street, Nanaimo, B.C. Phone: (250) 756-5200 nanaimopickleball@gmail.com

2nd Annual 3.5+ Outdoor Pickleball Tournament
Paddlewheel Park, Vernon, BC
July 26, 2014 10:00 - 3:00 (approx)
7 games, 7 partners, 1 play-off game

Any player or group who would like to have their tournament advertised, please send request to: Denise at de.griffin@sasktel.net
Hungry for some pickleball tournament action outside the Lower Mainland?

If you are, you may consider registering for the Seatac Doubles Skills Tournament just south of Seattle, Washington. The tournament is usually held in May and in September and depending on the line ups at the border, the drive down to Seatac takes about two and a half hours from the Lower Mainland. The tournament is held at the Seatac Community Centre which is within a 5 – 10 minute drive from numerous hotels and motels. As the tournament title suggests, players are categorized according to skill levels ranging from 3.5 to 5.0. The tournament format is double knockout, meaning that you keep playing until you and your partner have lost two matches (or until you win the gold medal). All matches have referees and typically go to 15 or to 21 (win by two). The biggest disadvantage of the tournament, in my mind, is the fact that Seatac’s Community Centre only offers four courts which often means long wait periods between games. It is not uncommon to finish your tournament experience shortly before midnight! On the other hand, if you are still playing at midnight, you are doing well J. Also, the long wait times between matches give you ample opportunities to meet and to get to know players you have never talked to before. In fact, other than the US National Championships and the Canadian Nationals, this tournament is likely to feature some of the best players this sport currently has to offer. Players such as Billy Jacobsen, Chris Miller, Lavon Major, Enrique Ruiz, Wes Gabrielsen and Tim Nelson show up regularly for the 5.0 competition. If you love to play pickleball and want a chance to play against some of the best, I highly recommend signing up for this tournament.

Submitted by Marco Jankowiak
Pickleball News Coast to Coast

Pickleball Players from Newfoundland

Pickleball Canada received an email from pickleball players in Newfoundland:
My name is Zach, I'm a grade 10 student in CBS, Newfoundland. I don't know if you have noticed, but pickleball is sweeping the nation. Since being introduced to pickleball in gym class, I fell in love with it. Myself and my doubles partner, Steven, have won every tournament that had been offered at our school level (which just means a gym class tournament). We are presently looking to start up a pickleball club after school next year.

I was looking for places to play in Newfoundland and I noticed that the biggest popularity is out west. I was just wondering how much interest is out here to start up something like Pickleball NL or something? I know in our school alone, it has captivated us. I really hope something can get done out here!

Pickleball continues to flourish in Quebec with the Association Quebecoise de Pickleball under the leadership of its' President, Claude Gauthier. Claude sends his greetings to Pickleball Canada members, "Enfin du beau temps! Voici la lettre de mois, et je vous souhaite un beau mois de Juin dans votre activitee de pickleball."

New Quebec Ambassador

Pickleball Canada wishes to announce that Mr. Stephan Pomerleau is now a PCO Ambassador for Quebec. He is a very active pickleball player who will be a great advocate for the sport according to the criteria recognized by the IFP. Welcome Stephan and congratulations!

RANKED COURTS, INTER-CLUBS PICKLEBALL EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS IN ONTARIO!

On Friday, May 16, Carol and Bruce Doughty, Convenors of the Kingsway Ladder Leagues, hosted a Ranked court Inter-club Pickleball Event. Clubs from Mississauga, Brampton, Lindsay, Melvern (Scarborough) and Cobourg were invited to join the Durham players at Kingsway College for a recreational 3 hours of playing pickleball. The Basket Rotation method with "WINNERS" and "Losers " baskets was used to mix up the players so that people from different clubs played with each other.
There were 4 courts on 1 side of the gym for self-ranked 3.5+ players and 4 courts assigned to 2.5- 3.0 players on the other side of the gym. People were free to change sides if they were finding that they were winning/losing most of their games. The play was non-stop for the 3 hours with everyone mixing up their partners and opponents in order to meet the goal of the day: play with as many different people that you can. Our hats go off to those who drove across Toronto on a holiday weekend Friday to get to Oshawa. Many people expressed congratulations for the idea and for the opportunity. It was an easy event to organize. What better way to meet new pickleballers and be challenged by their skills! One player said, "This was a
great way to meet other pickleballers and to play against people we don't know. Keep it up! We want more of these."
Pictured in the photo are 4 members from 4 different clubs who all had a great time playing on their self-ranked courts and meeting new people. Isn't that the essence of pickleball?
Submitted by Carol Doughty

HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY TO PICKLEBALL IN DURHAM REGION, ONTARIO.

Yes, it's been 5 years since the first pickleball venue in Durham Region opened on April 1, 2009 with 8 members at Whitby, thanks to Centre's Sheri Subden. Since then, Whitby, Ajax, Oshawa, Courtice, centers for pickleball in the east of the Greater players. Most Durham pickleball venue by taking a 7 - 35 minute drive from their homes.

As of the end of May 2014, within this small geographical area, there are 10 indoor venues with 15 opportunities to play throughout the year from Monday to Saturday and 2 outdoor venues from May to October.

We have programmes for everyone. Many venues have more than 1 session per week and offer more than 1 programme:

- 2 Learn-to-play: registration for 8 week sessions
- 4 Drop-in venues: 3 require a membership in a Seniors’ Centre; all levels of play
- 4 private ranked clubs: 3 indoors; 1 outdoors; yearly fee; invitational only
  - 2 clubs are for 3.5+ players; 2 for 2.5 and 3.0 players: 1 indoors and 1 outdoors

Ladders: 1 is mixed and uses the USAPA SYSTEM and 1 has a men's plus a ladies' ladder and uses the Arizona style
• 2 clubs require a registration for 3 month sessions; capped at 30 players

• 2 outdoor court venues

• 2 clubs for 19+ years of age

Furthermore, many Durham players have taken leadership roles and organized the following:

• 2010  Actifest ( former name for the Ontario Senior Games/Ontario 55+ Games) when pickleball was first introduced in Oshawa at Durham College

• 2012 and 2013  Pickleball Association of Ontario (PAO) provincial tournaments

• 2013  First Honour Your Partner (Mxved) tournament

• March 2014  First PAO Skills' Development Workshop Workshop Instructors’ Clinic

• ongoing- many Intro-to-Pickleball workshops for new clubs in Ontario

• ongoing- Skills' Development Workshops at other clubs

• ongoing - Durham players serving on the PAO Board

• ongoing- Inter-club events, inviting players from Mississauga, Brampton, Scarborough, Lindsay, and Cobourg to a variety of eventon special occasions:
  • Family pickleball sessions for all agesongoing - ranking of players started in Fall 2013
  • Durham players have also been medalists in the Ontario Games, Mississauga, London, and PAO tournaments.

So, it's been a busy 5 years for pickleballers in Durham with lots of action and fun. The growth from 8 - 400+ players is proof that "pickleball is the fastest growing sport". We've only just begun!

Submitted by Carol Doughty, PAO member, Pickleball Canada Ambassador, Convenor of Whitby @ Brooklin and Kingsway Ladders, plus one of the orginal members along with her husband, Bruce, and 2 others who are still playing pickleball in Whitby.
In 2009 a few of the players living in and around Sherwood Park had met while playing pickleball at a senior’s complex in Edmonton. We thought that the 35 minute drive was too far and that there must be a place in Sherwood Park where we could play. We were all snow birds and had spent our winters in southern California.

We started looking for an outdoor facility in Sherwood Park but all of the tennis courts we found were in bad condition. We finally settled on an outdoor hockey rink at Bev Facey High School which had a concrete base. The frost lines were 20 feet apart and perfect for a pickleball court. Using a temporary net we chalked the lines each time we went out. The only problem we had was competition for the space with the skate boarders. We had maybe 8 regular players this first year.

The 2nd year we found an outdoor tennis court that was not too badly beat up and started chalking then taping 2 courts. The following year the county painted pickleball lines on these 2 tennis courts. It was now a dual use facility but seldom were tennis players there to play. The problem with only 2 courts is there are only 8 players can play at a time. It was hard to grow the club with only 2 courts. Some players wanted to play all the time so other players were not invited in to the group. The club stayed dormant for the next 2 years.

The little club did not take off until the summer of 2013 when Linda Dane the Pickleball Canada ambassador for our area managed to convince Canada 55+ that pickleball should be part of their games. We were too late to get in to the Alberta 55+ Summer Games so Linda put together a tournament right here in Sherwood Park. We rented an outdoor facility from the county that has 4 tennis courts and the night before our one day tournament we taped out 8 pickleball courts. We naively thought only 30 or 40 players might enter this tournament so one day would be enough. We had 84 entries and 54 teams and at 8:30 pm we were at the pizza joint tired but happy the tournament was such a success.

Spurred on by the success of the Alberta 55+ tournament, pickleball in Sherwood Park exploded over the winter of 2013/2014. When I left in late September there were maybe 7 or 8 players playing at Millennium Place indoors. When I returned in late April there were nearly 40 players playing on
5 courts. Nearly all of them are beginners and when I offered to help out by giving some lessons the response was incredible. Three weeks later I have 67 people signed up for lessons which I am teaching on 2 outdoor courts at 6 different times during the week. More than half of these players are beginners and 4 are at the advanced level (4.0 +). Everyone here loves the game and wants to get better.

Besides the 5 indoor courts at Millennium Place we now have 3 separate outdoor locations with 2 courts at each. Not the best situation for scheduling play times nor giving lessons but it’s what we have to work with and so we take small baby steps.

This summer we will be training referees to support the Canada 55+ games which will be here in Sherwood Park August 27 thru 30 this summer. I will be playing in both the MD and MXD as I won gold with my partners at the Alberta 55+ games last summer. It should be fun.

A few weeks ago I was featured on Global TV as ‘Athlete of the week’ here in Edmonton. The first pickleball player and probably the first senior to get this honor. Never a dull moment in this crazy sport. (submitted by Dennis Tomkinson)

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**Upcoming BC Senior Games**

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**Upcoming Canadian Summer Games**

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A Win-Win for Fraser Valley Pickleball Tournament Group and the Township of Langley, British Columbia

The Walnut Grove Classic Pickleball Tournament, held May 16-17 was an amazing team effort. This is the 3rd tournament in a series, designed to give players the opportunity to join in an organized, competitive level of play. Ninety-five players registered in 3 events with skill levels 3.0 to 5.0 represented in a Pickleball Canada Sanctioned Tournament. The Fraser Valley Pickleball Tournament Group worked very hard to plan and present this tournament with Alicia Stark, Program Coordinator with the Walnut Grove Community Centre, Township of (continued on page 11)...
(continued from page 10) Langley. It was the first ever pickleball tournament held in the facility, which will also host the pickleball events for the BC Senior Games, September 9-13, 2014. The Fraser Valley Pickleball Tournament Group is very thankful for all the support the Township of Langley provided. Bob Stoffberg was the Tournament Director, with assistance from Geri Loewen and Ross Priebe. Marco J, Andrew McKimmon, Gene Latray and Gord Griffin worked behind the scenes to create the draw and take care of all the other details a well run tournament demands. In fact Marco and Andrew played in the Mixed Doubles on Friday nite and then travelled to Washington, USA to participate in the Sea Tac Pickleball Tournament on Saturday. (Submitted by Denise Griffin)

Congratulations Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association
Ninth Club/Group Signs Up for PCO Club/Group Membership
Great news! Pickleball Canada would like to welcome 20 members of Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association, Sunshine Coast, B.C. as members of the ninth Affiliated Club. Thank you Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association for joining Pickleball Canada, your National governing body.

Submitted by Shirley Shepherd

Congratulations Pickleball Kelowna
Tenth Club/Group Signs Up for PCO Club/Group Membership
Great news! Pickleball Canada would like to welcome 83 members of Pickleball Kelowna, Kelowna, B.C. as members of the tenth Affiliated Club. Thank you Pickleball Kelowna for joining Pickleball Canada, your National governing body.

Submitted by Shirley Shepherd

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Question: I am a novice player. We were told that when you return the ball from the serve that the ball can not bounce in the non-volley zone. I know it has to bounce once on the return. Please clear this up for me.

Answer: The serve cannot land in the non-volley zone, but the return of serve certainly can. You are correct in remembering the 2 bounce rule. It sounds like you know the rules, which is good because it will make you a better player. Good luck with your game!

Know the rules and become a better player!