



PICKLEBALL CANADA ASSOC.

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Points of Interest

- West Kelowna Tournament is fully booked out at over 65 entrants.
- Meet JACK LUCYK, an 80 year in Regina that is showing us all how to play Pickleball.
- Mississauga Seniors Tournament a big success
- What does "ALL PADDLES WELCOME" mean to YOU?
- Message from our President Bill Canning.
- Beautiful poem from a lovely lady in Regina, Sask..
- Where to buy Pickleball nets at a great direct price.
- Renew your membership or become a new member for only \$12.00 per year.
- 4 new outdoor Pickleball courts just opened in Kelowna thanks to COPA hard work.

West Kelowna Tournament - FULLY BOOKED

Jim Saunders, manager/organizer and his wife Terry have been working hard for COPA (Central Okanagan Pickleball Association) preparing for this May 14th tournament. 65 Entrants are coming from all over B.C., including Nanaimo, Surrey, White Rock, Kamloops, Castlegar and Kelowna.

Prizes have been donated by: Golf Kelowna, Mission Hills Winery and Pickleball Canada Association. Local players are also providing excellent support by

donating home baking goods, prizes for draws and tons of enthusiasm.

This is a first ever tournament for COPA and they will be playing under the IFP (International Federation of Pickleball) rules.

The local newspapers and TV station has been advised and are expected to attend this special event.

Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for final preparations and the games will start at 8:00 a.m.



Meet **Jack Lucyk**, an avid Pickleball player from Regina, Sask. Jack is 80 years young, he has been playing Pickleball for over 5 years and loves the game. He retired after 35 years as a teacher.

He grew up on a farm 8 miles from Balcarres, Sask. and walked to his country school (3.5 miles) for a month during harvest time. He plays tennis, badminton and of course Pickleball. He is on the courts most days with his two grandsons

(13 & 14) and they are caught up in the enthusiasm of their grandfather.

Jack loves to travel with family. He is active in his church, into art, music, reading, writing and bridge. Now this is an active senior.

Jack is also a survivor of prostate cancer for over 15 years.

He likes Pickleball because it is an outlet that uses different muscles, different strategies plus more social interaction than other sports.

We need more **Jack Lucyks** in our midst to show the younger players how to play and keep us on our toes as well. Could Pickleball be the fountain of youth we are all searching for?

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Tournament was held April 27th, 21 players participated in the Round Robin and included several new players, two of which won Gold (Debbie) and Bronze (Vicky).

Winners were: **Ladies Doubles: Gold:** Juliana Wong & Debbie Estey. **Silver:** Diane Pounder and Lauren McIntosh. **Bronze:** Joan Villiers & Vicky Dorosch.

Men's Doubles: Gold: Gerry Infeld & Sam Prodhman, **Silver:** Lloyd Brassington & Roger Singh. **Bronze:** Terrence Rozario & Victor Albuquerque. **Mixed Double: Gold:** Diane Pounder & Gerry Infeld, **Silver:** Juliana Wong & Lloyd Brassington. **Bronze:** Lauren McIntosh & Sam Prodhman.

Lunch was sponsored by Ms. Carolyn Drimmel, Marketing Manager for Chartwell Classic Retirement Residence. Many thanks to Torrence Rozario, tournament director and many volunteers.

L to R standing: Lauren McIntosh, Julian Wong, Lloyd Brassington, Vicky Dorosch, Debbie Estey, Gerry Infeld, Sam Prodhman.

L to R sitting: Phyllis Ascah, Pickleball Convener Mississauga Senior Games; Diane Pounder, Joyce Bradley, District Coordinator, Mississauga Seniors Games; Denis Bougon, Vice President/Secretary, Mississauga Senior Games.

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“ALL PADDLES WELCOME” by Ed Burke

So what's the big deal with “**All Paddles Welcome**” at your tournaments or any tournament for that matter?

First you have to ask yourself a simple question:

What is the most important piece of equipment in a sport that uses a paddle or racquet?

Is it the ball/shuttle, the net, your shoes or shorts/tops, your hat or glasses? Maybe it's the court size? But all being equal, I think I could safely say the **PADDLE** is the most important piece of equipment in Pickleball.

Let's take this to another level. If there are no rules on Paddles then what is to stop me from doing a multitude of things in order to have a more deadly paddle.

Some suggestions: Dip your paddle in liquid rubber, to give it more traction for spins and cuts. Why not make it larger with a bigger sweet spot? How about covering it in lacquer and then sprinkle sand on it before it dries, that should help with spins/cuts too. Or maybe just glue sandpaper to it. You could just extend the handle 3 to 6 inches so you can get more leverage on your shots and especially for two handed backhand shots. How about taking an old racquet ball racquet and stretching a rubber tube over it, that should increase the spring and drive of the ball and it can be done quite cheaply too. These are just a few suggestion but I am sure you can come up with even better ones. **AND THIS WOULD BE LEGAL WHERE “ALL PADDLES ARE WELCOME.”**

So what would be the purpose of this exercise in creating a more powerful paddle. Well that's really simple, to win games of course. To put your opponent at a disadvantage so the outcome can be easily determined.

What do you think would happen if say a top tennis player arrived at a major tournament and had a new tennis racquet that not only made the ball go 10% to 30% faster BUT it also gave him more control and drastically increased the spin/cut factor? Do you think everyone would be happy about it and let him play? **I highly doubt it.** If the racquet is not approved, they can't use it, no discussion.

Do you believe they actually have rules that all players must follow? A new idea? No not really, it's that way in ALL SPORTS.

Pickleball is a fairly new sport, they have

rules that have been around for some time now. It is still an amateur sport but in the wisdom of the people who started the game, they had to have guidelines, so they do.

The USAPA (U.S.A Pickleball Association), who started the game and promote it around the world, make the rules and why not? It is their game and with over 80,000 players I think that's a good enough reason for most of us. Well, then the AIPA, India Association decided to join the USAPA and have formed the IFP (International Federation of Pickleball) who are the governing body of our sport. Pickleball Canada Association agree with these rules so joined them in February of this year in the interest of unity among all nations of the world who play Pickleball.

Since testing has begun, approximately 50 (**YES FIFTY**) paddles have been tested for compliance with these rules. **ONLY TWO were rejected.** Well really only one but when the production model came out it was the same as the other rejected model so BOTH were rejected. Those two paddles are the **APIKE and HUSH.**

Tests show that these paddles give a good player a 10% to 30% advantage in SPEED over his/her opponent. It also gives the player better spins/cuts/chops.

No sport wishes to reject any piece of equipment but if it doesn't conform to basic testing, it must be rejected.

OVER 99.5% of the Pickleball Players in the world comply with this ruling.

This very simple factor is causing groups all over Canada to be in disagreement and it really is not rocket science. We either work within the rules or we don't. What is left is chaos and in fighting. All foolishness.

I would very much appreciate hearing your thoughts and comments in this regard. We need to stop fighting and start listening. We can only grow if we all work together.

So rather than being part of the problem, you can become part of the solution. I am not asking you to follow my suggestion, I am simply asking you to follow the leaders in the world who are and will make our sport great and allow everyone to compete honestly. No advantage, no special treatment, simply playing the game on a level playing field where we all have a chance to win or improve. Is that asking too much?



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South Leisure Centre – Regina



Left to Right Standing: Shirley Murray, Bruce Murray (Tues. coordinator), Elfie Widhalm, Carol Martens, Wendy Ducek, Karen Rust, Fran Rust and Les Bernier.

Left to Right kneeling:

Dave Butt, Marg Siman and Ann Hollinger

Located in Albert Park, Regina, this is where **Beverley Butt** (PCA director) plays out of through Spring, Summer and Fall. The space is provided by Alberta Park Community Assoc. They pay \$50. a year from Sept. to June for a two hour time slot once each week on Tuesdays. They have up to 16 Pickleball lovers out. Non registered members pay a drop-in fee of \$3.00 - now you know where to play in Regina on Tuesdays.

Our Mission Statement by Bill Canning

The Mission Statement of Pickleball Canada is what we are all about. Our mission is, "To assist and promote the growth of Pickleball as a game for all ages and to establish rules and standards for the good governance of the game in Canada."

Pickleball Canada has no other motives, nor should we. Your Board of Directors, Ambassadors, and other members are more than happy to freely give of their time in the furtherance of the Mission. We accept no money for our time, nor do we charge any Pickleball players for anything, including lessons. We have had teams travel over 300 kms round trip just to put on a free demo for new players. These players didn't charge for their time and expenses. Their payment was the laughter and the camaraderie of those learning this great game, and the fact that they have made some new friends in Pickleball. Given that, why would any of us ever dub ourselves, "professionals" and charge for giving lessons? Also, when giving lessons or helping other players, none of us try to sell anyone anything, be it paddles, nets, balls or more lessons at high cost. We have NO profit motive. To us there is a great deal of satisfaction watching someone progress in the game, knowing that you had a part in their progress, not in the fact that you made money from their lessons, equipment, etc.

For all of the above, I want to thank the Board of Directors, the Ambassadors and the silent helpers who give considerable time in making Pickleball Canada the organization that I am very proud of. Together, we will go forward.

A little dog named Pickle by Shirley Murray

A little dog named Pickle
Gave this fun game its name
He quickly ran - retrieved the ball
Thus earned his way to fame.
We truly love to play this game
With two players, sometimes four.
It picks us up or lets us down
Depending on the score.
Our players' talents vary
And some are just the best,
But often when I play this game
I find I need a rest.
Thus Les and Bev and Shirley
Bruce, Dave and others too
For two hours Tues. afternoons

It's the best thing we can do.
It keeps us all quite active
As we sprint and get legs set,
To hit the ball and make a score
That ball must clear the net!
In winter and in summer
You'll find us on the court
Playing hard to be our best
At this most fun-filled sport.



Shirley Murray is an avid Pickleball player in Regina, Saskatchewan. As it says in her poem, she plays every Tuesday for two hours and loves the sport & her fellow players.

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR

BIG TOURNAMENT - VICTORIA, B.C. @ SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE - JUNE 4TH & 5TH
Recreational Doubles & Mixed, to register call (250) 475-7600 Cost \$15.00 per person, per event.

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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Your support is needed to help us grow & meet our commitments to communities across Canada.

If you have questions - we'll try to answer them quickly.

If you are already a member, please share your information with us.

Membership is a privilege - we want your participation in all decisions.

Help us grow - with your input and support we'll have so much more to offer all members.

There is strength in numbers. Contact us below or go to: www.pickleballcanada.org

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NEW
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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 gimmicks - 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

A new 4-court dedicated pickleball venue located in Hartwick Park, corner of Mountain Ave and Clifton Road, Kelowna, B.C. is now open for play.

A grand opening is being planned by Central Okanagan Pickleball Association (COPA) and firm plans will be advised as soon as known. If you have comments or suggestions for this gala event sponsored by COPA please contact Brian bands65@gmail.com Tel: 250-862-5145 or any COPA committee member.