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**Letter from the President**

We regret that the 2015 PCO Annual General Meeting on July 20 has been postponed. We have rescheduled the AGM. We apologize for the inconvenience it may have caused.

**PICKLEBALL CANADA OFFICIAL NOTICE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2015**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**COAST ABBOTSFORD HOTEL**  
**2020 SUMAS WAY**  
**ABBOTSFORD, B.C.**

**OPEN TO ALL PCO MEMBERS**

PCO is very pleased to announce that Kelowna Pickleball Club will host the 2016 and 2017 Pickleball Canada National Western Tournament to be held in Kelowna, B.C.

We are very pleased to welcome Michel Legault as the PCO Area Ambassador for Moncton, New Brunswick, and Alan Thompson

as the PCO Area Ambassador for Fredericton, New Brunswick.

**New Affiliated Clubs:**

Fredericton Pickleball Club, Fredericton, New Brunswick

Grand Manan Pickleball Club, Grand Manan, New Brunswick

Strathcona County Pickleball Association, Sherwood Park, Alberta

Pickleball is widely recognized as one of North America's fastest growing sports with an estimated 250,000 players, 10,000 courts and 3,500 places to play in North America.

**Total estimated number of players in Canada:**

2011	6,072
2012	8,173
2013	10,128
2014	14,135
2015	20,003

Area	Estimated Number of Players	Places to Play	Number of Courts
BC	<b>9563</b>	485	485
ON	<b>6043</b>	152	330
AB	<b>1845</b>	32	104
MB	<b>625</b>	17	33
SK	<b>770</b>	16	43
NB	<b>369</b>	13	32
NS	<b>530</b>	10	27
QC	<b>120</b>	4	6
PEI	<b>58</b>	3	13
NL	<b>80</b>	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,003</b>	376	1077

**Letter from the Editor**

It is my pleasure to have accepted the role of Editor and Publisher for Pickleball Canada. I have been a player and fan of the sport for several years in Toronto, and am glad to be promoting and sharing exciting news with Canada's pickleball community. Like many players, I am a fan of sports, recreation

and health. I love racquet sports in particular, and pickleball finds the nice balance between many of them in a uniquely enjoyable way. I would like to thank you all for your interest in the sport and your roles in helping promote the game with friends and communities.



PCO Welcomes all pickleball submissions. Please send to Editor,

Matthew Giancola

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## Pickleball News

### Costa Rica Pickleball Tours

At present, Pickleball Costa Rica has 3 courts and 12 serious players. The total group is more than 20 players. Most pickleball play is in a local, well ventilated gym. Temperatures in San Ramon range from 18 at night to 27 during the day year round with low humidity. We play frequently at an elevation of 3900ft in the coffee region. Because we feel that Costa Rica is such an amazing place for visitors, wild-life and culture, the trip has been designed with recreational pickleball 9 to 10 days during the tour. Costa Rica is truly a zoo without cages!

We have designed the tour to be small and intimate (8 people max). The reason for this is so

that you can be taken to some really cool and secluded areas where some of the accommodations are limited and somewhat off the beaten path. Large all-inclusive resorts are nowhere near many of these destinations. You will experience the real Costa Rica!

Tours for the next two years start November 11-24th 2015 and continue into 2017. It is most fun when the whole group is from one or two clubs. A complete detailed itinerary along with registration forms can be found at [www.pickleballcostarica.com](http://www.pickleballcostarica.com)



Costa Rica Pickleball and Vacation Fun

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November 11-24th 2015 and  
continue into 2017***

### Medicine Hat Senior Services Pickelball Club



On August 7,8 & 9,2015, 42 competitors took part in our inaugural 50+ open tournament of the MHSS Pickleball Club.

List of winners

60+ Men's Doubles

1. Ron Dumbarton (Calgary) & Phil Menard (Calgary)

2. William Loran (Coalhurst) & Ross Ramsay (Red Deer)

70+ Men's Doubles

1. Gord McLure (Calgary) & Tom Rooke (Medicine Hat)

2. Peter Cross (Medicine Hat) & John Weatherhead (Medicine Hat)

50+ Women's Doubles

1. Janice Menard (Calgary) & Lucy Coffey (Calgary)

2. Jean Weir (Westlock) & Christine Ambrosi (Medicine Hat)

60+ Women's Doubles

1. Ylonda Jordheim (Medicine Hat) & Ruthmary Hollis (Medicine Hat)

2. Phyllis Braithwaite & Barb Slawson (Calgary)

50+ Mixed Doubles

1. Kelly & Jeannine McKinna (Kenosee Lake,SK)

2. Gord McLure & Lucy Coffey (Calgary)

60+ Mixed Doubles

1. Ron Dumbarton (Calgary) & Elaine Foulton (Calgary)

2. Phil & Janice Menard (Calgary)

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## Pickleball Demonstration at Queen Elizabeth Park

On Sunday Sept. 13th, from noon to 7 pm, the Vancouver Parks Board is presenting the "Queen Elizabeth Party in the Park" at QE Park in Vancouver to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 75th year. They are featuring live bands, a beer garden, \$5 zip line rides, free admis-

sion to the Bloedel Conservatory, free pitch and putt, food trucks..... and PICKLEBALL! PCO Ambassador Peter Darvill and his group will be taping off four pickleball courts to play at the QE tennis complex and offering demonstrations and introduction to the game of Pickleball

for attendees at the event. Please join us and have a game or two on the 13th, and help us showcase pickleball to many potential addicts of the future!

Peter Darvill for Pickleball Canada

## Upcoming Tournaments

### Cochrane Pickleball Tournament

Sept 25-27, 2015  
800 Griffin Road East,  
Cochrane, Alberta  
Mens, Womens and Mixed  
Doubles 2.0-4.0+ skill levels  
Registration online <http://www.slssportscentre.com>

### Madrid, Spain

September 18 - 20, 2015  
Age-Based Tournament  
Limited to 200 participants  
Minimum of 4 matches guaranteed in each event entered  
IFP sanctioning rules will apply

Early Registration Fee = \$40:  
April 22 - June 30, 2015  
Registration Fee = \$50: July 1 - August 23, 2015  
Event Fees = \$10 per event entered

Schedule:  
Friday, Sept. 18 Practice Day, Clinics, Tournament Dinner  
Saturday, Sept. 19 Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles  
Sunday, Sept. 20 Mixed Doubles

Venue: Outdoor courts located in Madrid's majestic "Retiro Park"

### September Smash

Dates: September 12th and 13th, 2015  
Location: Henry Singer Courts  
South Avenue, Spruce Grove, Alberta

Tournament Director:  
Rick Carruthers &/or Mike Cooper

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How many players are expected this year? about 75  
This tournament will be using IFP rules

### Vernon/Kelowna Indoor Fundraiser Tournament

October 24, 2015  
Mens, Womens, Mixed  
Doubles 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 4.5+

Priest Valley Gym (Vernon Rec Centre)

Contact: Cheri Burgess  
<[brianburgesslaw@hotmail.com](mailto:brianburgesslaw@hotmail.com)>

### Penticton's "Indoor for Outdoor" Tourney

Oct 3 - 4, 2015  
Location: Penticton  
Community Center, 325  
Power St., Penticton, B.C.

IFP rules, PCO Tier 4  
Sanctioned

Skill rated 3.6, 4.0, 4.5+  
Mens, Womens and Mixed  
Doubles

Contact Penticton  
Community Center at  
250.490.2426 or stop by to register

### Hamilton & District 2015 Pickleball Championships

OCT 16, 17 - 18, 2015  
16th 3.0 Men's & Ladies  
Doubles 6pm-10pm  
17th 3.5 & 4.0+ Doubles &  
18th Mixed 8am-8pm

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## Membership Information

Please re-new or join PICKLEBALL CANADA. Membership application form is available on the website at <<pickleballcanada.org>>

One year \$12.00  
Three years \$32.00  
Five years \$50.00

Club Group Rates available (20 members minimum) contact:

[president@pickleballcanada.org](mailto:president@pickleballcanada.org)

### Membership and Renewal

Please print and submit online completed forms and payment to:

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### Rules Corner

#### **Question:**

If a server calls the wrong score (Example: 3-2-1 rather than 2-3-1) and then serves, is this a fault or loss of serve? Is there any penalty for calling wrong score?

#### **Answer:**

If the referee (or the server in recreational play) calls the wrong score, this is covered in rule 4.1.4. Any player can stop play at any time before the return of the serve to ask for a correction. A player that interrupts play after the return of serve commits a fault and loss of the rally.

The rules do not address the issue of calling the wrong score for recreational play so there is no fault on the server for calling the wrong score. If the receiver stops play because of the wrong score being called, then the serve is simply played again. The server must, however, call a score before serving or it is a fault, as per rule 4.1.

### Provincial Ambassadors

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