

OCTOBER 2018



Welcome to our October edition.

Fun fact: Did you know.... we have the highest tides in the world that occur in the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick and the longest coastline of any country at 243,977 kilometers (151,600 miles).

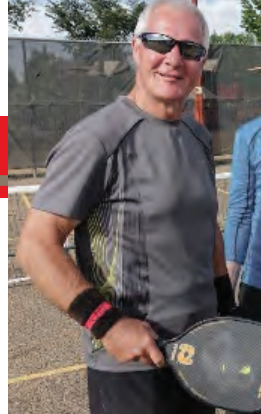
The Trans-Canada Highway at 7,604 kilometers (4,725 miles) is the longest in the world extending across this vast terrain, and we hold the world record for the longest fresh water beach in Wasaga, Ontario.

We have it all!



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Doug Thomson | president

❖ Strategic Initiatives in Process:

- **Complete the Criteria Necessary for Sports Canada Funding as an NSO** -- of the 28 required criteria, 19 have been completed, 3 are to be completed by December 31, 2018 with the remaining 6 being part of the initiatives underway in the below.
- **Governance / Membership Task Force** -- formed and is operative to examine these critical areas for improvements.
- **Technology Task Force launched** – Jean-Martin Verreault has been appointed to the Board and he assumes the role of Director, Technology to lead this critical initiative.
- **Furtherance of Coaching Initiatives and Plan** – Trillium funding in place. Moving forward on many fronts.
- **Support for 2019/2020 Nationals Tournament** proponent and obtaining of marquis sponsor.
- **IFP / USAPA relationships** nurtured
- **Major fundraising campaign commenced**- not yet launched but



Get your stories to us at info@pickleballcanada.org and you could be featured in the upcoming newsletter. We would like to thank all the previous contributors. Paddles at the ready!

remains a priority.

- **Ratings and referee certification issues** -- being dealt with
- **Obtain status as a Canadian Amateur Athletic** Association- application has been made

❖ New Initiatives to be Launched:

- **Use of Executive Committee** -- to increase Board effectiveness.
- **Translation** – break the log-jam.
- **Website updates and further development** -- including a “Resource Center” and the Places to Play area. Finalize implementation of Waivers as part of Membership process.
- **Sports Canada / other funding** -- including possible use of Canada Summer Jobs program.
- **Furtherance of Youth Initiatives** – find replacement for Alan Thompson who wishes to step back from this. Review objectives.
- **Furtherance of Recognition Program.**
- **Member engagement and communication** protocols need review and updating -- too many “handcuffs” to be effective?



- **Preparation of a “who does what”** -- roadmap for Board and Member use.
- **Promotion / support for PCO merchandising** effort and on-line store – needs focus and nurturing.

❖ Recent Major Accomplishments include:

- **Handling Membership growth and communication with them** -- from 6,400 last year to 14,000 members currently. High quality Newsletter, Facebook, Twitter all put in place.
- **Implement Board succession plan**—recruitment / nominations
- **Insurance renewal** -- changes / enhancements made; website updated
- **Bylaw review** and updating and adoption of Constitution.
- **AGM held**

- **RFP for Nationals completed**
– package developed, revised, bids received, evaluated and tournament awarded to Kingston and announced at Kelowna Nationals.
- **Launch of new website,**
including a Merchandising component.
- **Completion of multi-year Strategic and Business Plan.**

Where can you help us out??

Thanks to all who are!



Colin
Caldwell



Garry
Wolfe



Thanks to Colin Caldwell and Garry Wolfe

Like most not-for-profit organizations, Pickleball Canada's most valuable and scarcest resource is its Volunteers. We want to regularly recognize these dedicated persons, as should all our affiliated provinces and clubs.

Two such dedicated Volunteers retired from the Board of Pickleball Canada at its last Annual General Meeting. A great big thank-you goes out for the service and contribution of Colin Caldwell and Garry Wolfe to the sport of pickleball in Canada.

Colin was the longest serving member on the Board and willingly contributed in various Board capacities over many years. From the challenging formative stages of Pickleball Canada to where we are today, Colin provided sound advice and guidance, providing important, common-sense counsel along the way.

Garry's drive to "get it done" saw many major initiatives initiated and implemented. He worked tirelessly on getting the new website and membership system launched, on the organization and its structure, on strategy and communication. His fingerprints can be found on virtually all areas of the organization as it made significant steps forward in its evolution during his tenure on the Board.

When you see them on the courts, say hello, thank them, let them know they made a difference. They deserve it!

embers Corner

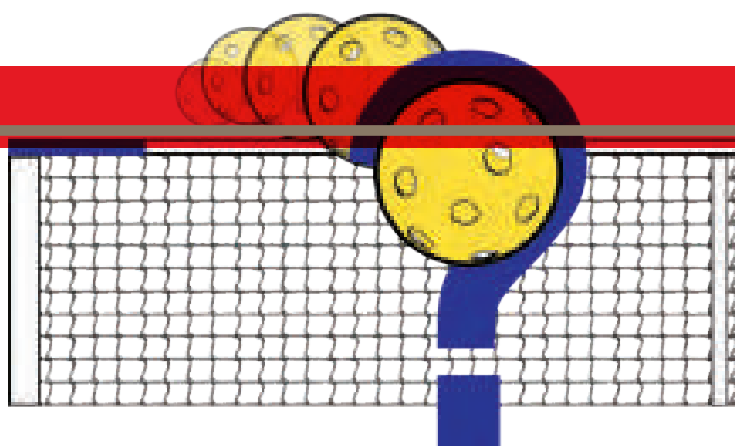
Attention Picklers !!!

Just to let you know that this newsletter will be the last one of the year. Starting in 2019 we will be publishing newsletters quarterly in the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

Any stories that have already been submitted will appear in the Spring newsletter. Enjoy the rest of the year and try to stay warm!

Members in good standing can login and view or edit their information/ including adding a self/club skill rating? Member Login access is on every page of our web site. It's much faster for you to edit your own information than to send an email for a volunteer to do it.

Self /Club rating on your profile is up to the individual player to assign.



Under the Membership Label in the Home page, anyone can LookUp members by searching : keyword, name, city, province or within a certain distance of your postal code. You can also add rating ranges on those members who have filled in that field on their profiles

On the results page, you can use the Contact Form to send an email to the recipient or by clicking on their name see their regional designation.

When you do access your online membership profile ,there are several functions that we will be adding to over the next few months. Right now you can click on Resources, Volunteer Role Openings and see where you can make a contribution.

If you belong to one club and you wish to join another, you do not need to pay the Pickleball Canada membership fee a second time. Just give the new club your expiry and member number. If you don't have that information, try logging in to our membership database.

Membership renewals are asked to accept this waiver, [https://www.pickleballcanada.org/docs/2018_01_30_Waiver_of_Liability_Agreement_\(Draft_4_-_January_8_2018\)_clean_copy_\(1\).pdf](https://www.pickleballcanada.org/docs/2018_01_30_Waiver_of_Liability_Agreement_(Draft_4_-_January_8_2018)_clean_copy_(1).pdf) will be required to be accepted by all active Pickleball Canada members.

Letter to the Editor

Hi Kelli,

Just had to say that I agree with the article about the size of the singles court – saw that it finished with “Waiting for Change”

So here’s another suggestion. In London, at one of our regular venues we have been scoring by rally points for more than a year. Oh yes, there is resistance – but then they get used to it. The advantages are many. When courts are crowded, a game scored with RP moves along more quickly as the score never gets stuck. The result is that most games are about the same length so all players in the rotation get about equal playing time. In a tournament situation it is even better because the time to play a game or match is easily predicted and tournaments stay on schedule. Furthermore, it penalizes players who don’t serve into the court and gives you credit for great closing shots whether you are serving or receiving. What’s not to like?! But once again we are “waiting for change”

Regards

Kim Benke

Hi Kim,

Thanks for your letter.....modifying the round robin makes sense as we all appreciate a tournament that stays to schedule and not having to wait courtside too long during round-robin

events where you are sitting for a ‘bye’!

Keeps those letters coming!

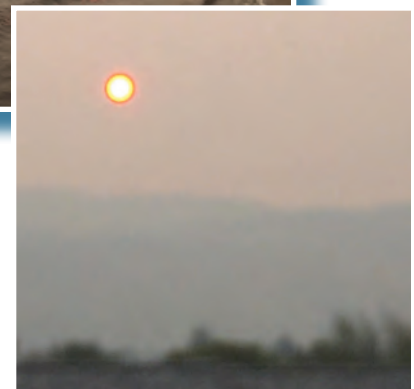
Kelli

Hi Kelli,

Here’s a few more photos from our area.

I played Social Mixed pickleball tonight and everyone is concerned about air quality and its effects on our health.

Paul



Gear review

Igloo ½ gallon (.95L) Insulated Hydration Jug

After a recent scare with heat exhaustion and dehydration, I have learned my lesson and hydrate frequently during activity. This summer PCO tested the Igloo Hydration Jug and was not disappointed. With a built-in freeze stick that can be removed and chilled overnight, this jug keeps your liquids cool even in the most extreme hot conditions. The stick is non-toxic and screws easily into the upper lid, so your beverage does not become watered down.

Other great advantages are its larger size during extended play, so you don't have to refill as often, rubberized grips when your hands are soaked with sweat and it is



leak resistant if it tips over or while drinking courtside. What drew me to this one was the built-in hooks, it can easily attach to chain link fencing or hang on the back of your chair on the sidelines. Amazon has it for \$21 and change, but if you look around you can find a deal at Canadian Tire for around \$15. Dishwasher safe on the upper rack but you may want to hand wash to extend the life of the product.

Definitely recommended and loved!

Kelli McRobert

**Communications/
Marketing Chair, PC**

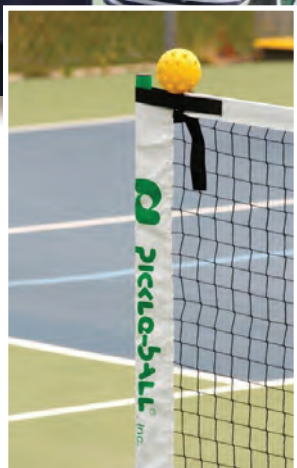


<http://www.pickleballcanadamerchandise.org>

National Pickleball Day Celebrations

Drayton Valley Seniors Club

The rain held off for us at the Drayton Valley Seniors Pickleball Club. Close to 30 people showed up for event and we had the most amazing time. All four courts were busy and cake, coffee and water was enjoyed by all. We are a friendly, fun group and help each other learn and enhance the game we love.



Edmonton



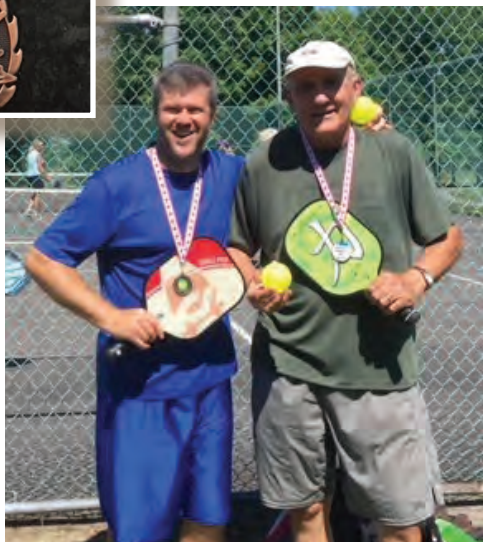
Ste. Julie



NPD -Kingston & Frontenac PB Club

43 Players came out to celebrate this annual event. Potluck, Pickleball and Pool Party!

Medals & Franklin balls for top female, male and then honorable medals to the oldest player at 87 and the youngest player at 19!



Tiffin Park, Ontario

Celebrated today at Tiffin Park. Played most of week at Summit Centre in Huntsville. Drop-in fee was \$2.85. Bala had a tournament yesterday with over 50 players. Pickleball is so popular everywhere.



Sarnia Bluewater Pickleball

Sarnia Bluewater Pickleball held its very first annual National Pickleball Day Fun Tournament at the athletic park in Corunna. This was event to first have fun, a fund raiser to support our Trillium Grant sponsor the Sarnia Air Force Club, and to collect non perishable food items for the local food bank. Our NEW Sarnia Bluewater Pickleball emblem was also unveiled at this event. Our new six court Pickleball hub is currently in the construction phase at Blackwell Park.

Wayne Spitzig

PAO Ambassador Sarnia Lambton

Raymond-Madore Park in Gatineau

Dozens of pickleball fans celebrated Saturday, August 11, the "National Pickleball Day" in Gatineau. On this occasion, the four courts (opened last summer) at Raymond-Madore Park, in the Templeton sector, were used at full capacity from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, both for games between seasoned players and for first time introduction to beginners.

A corn roast and the awarding of many door prizes also cheered up this sporting event which was held under good mood and friendship.

This special day, promoting pickleball,



was organized by the “Association Régionale de Pickleball de l’Outaouais” (ARPO). This new association, officially recognized by the City of Gatineau, was created at the beginning of this year and its mission is to promote this popular sport in Gatineau and throughout the Outaouais region.

ARPO particularly wishes to thank Pascal Tremblay of the “IGA Extra St-Jacques and Tremblay” market, on Lorrain Boulevard, as well as Annick Vachon and Marc-André Juillet of “Première Moisson”. Their valuable sponsorship greatly contributed to the success of this day.

To learn more about pickleball, you can visit the site pickleballoutaouais.ca



Smash City Cancer Charity Event

The brain of this event had met a lot of people through Pickleball Community that had been affected by cancer. In 2017 they both had family members diagnosed with cancer and felt they needed to do something to help make a difference. Because of their love for the game and competitive play, organizing a charity pickleball tournament was an obvious solution. As a result, the idea for the 1st Smash Cancer Charity Pickleball Tournament began to flourish.

The tournament was set for June 15-17th weekend in Calgary at the Oakridge Community Pickleball courts. The Organization they planned to raise money for was Kids Cancer Care, for a variety of reasons but mostly because they wanted to help support families in a financial way that they couldn't otherwise manage while dealing with a devastating diagnosis of their child having cancer. Kids Cancer Care supports Families fighting childhood cancer in Alberta. The programs are uniquely designed to meet the needs of the whole family.

June in Calgary often means rain and the forecast was predicting heavy rains on Friday and Saturday. Rather than risk rain delays the committee decided to



secure the indoor courts at Smash City Gao Badminton center for Friday and Saturday and continue as planned with the outdoor events for mixed on Sunday. A large shout out to Jordon Gao of the Gao Badminton Center for not only accommodating the tournament on such short notice but also making the generous donation of courts for the two days, making a huge contribution to the charity event. As it turned out it was the right call as both days had very heavy rains and Sunday couldn't have been a better day for outdoor pickleball making the final day a great success.

The generosity of the Pickleball Community that weekend was absolutely incredible and a true testament to why we love the game and the community of friends we have established. Through



registration fees, raffle items donated by many of the participants, 50/50 tickets, live auction at the beginning of each day, corporate donations of food for barbecue and so many other supportive measures, the tournament raised an outstanding amount of \$9100.00 for Kids Cancer Care.

All in all there were many little hiccups along the way but in the end the first Smash Cancer Charity Tournament was a success with a weekend of great play, friendship and sharing. Part of the success of the tournament was based on three clubs from southern Alberta that pulled together, demonstrating strength and generosity, Calgary, High River and Red Deer. We had players as far as Winnipeg, Kenora, Regina and BC. The foundation of the tournament was based on using a pickleball software and lots of volunteers that put in many hours over the 3 days. It can be challenging to



pull off a successful tournament let alone raising money, both were a success. . The hope is to continue the tournament annually going forward and making it bigger and better every year, so stay tuned and watch for upcoming news for the 2019 tournament.

An amazing weekend!! It was great to see everyone come together to support such a great cause

Sheila.C

My wife and I played in the Smash Cancer pickleball tournament in June 2018 in Calgary. We welcomed the opportunity to support the organizers who give back to the pickle ball community. More importantly the importance of this fundraising opportunity as our families have been directly affected by cancer. The organizers did a fantastic job dealing with the inclement weather conditions and ensured the tournament as ran smoothly. Throughout the tournament t was evident how passionate those running the tournament were about this worthy cause and as a result a significant amount of money raised. we look forward to supporting this worthy cause again next year.

Mark and Jackie. B





*PickleballTournaments.com CPC
Smash Cancer Charity Event*



Results

Mens Doubles			
Bracket	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Mens Doubles 3.0	Bruce Gibson - Terry Rogers	Steve Katulka - Jim Dennis	Dale Popowitch - Dick Allen
Mens Doubles 3.5	Shawn Radford - Rande Mergerenn	Kevin Stanley - Iwanna Jones	Andy Kim - Rob White
Mens Doubles 4.5	Naveed Butt - Roger Tynes	Frodo Kowalchuk - Leo Charney	Greg Fox - George Frohlich
Mixed Doubles			
Bracket	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Mixed Doubles 2.5	Sharon Meier-Cliff Meier	Andrea Lloyd-Devin Lloyd	Brinley Burndred-Mark Radford
Mixed Doubles 3.0	Susan Kanik - Steve Katulka	Rhonda Bews - John Molyneux	Celia Ferguson - Norm Bowman
Mixed Doubles 3.5	Sheila Crouch - Shawn Radford	Jane White - Rob White	Marie Wade - David Henderson
Mixed Doubles 4.5,4.0	Pen Robinson - Naveed Butt	Jaleesa Johnston - Iwanna Jones	Jun Laffin - Curtis Granger
Womens Doubles			
Bracket	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Womens Doubles 2.5	Ravin Wynters-Flo Mckenna	Andrea Lloyd-Margaret Makalia	Ho Fan Ng-wong-Brinley Burndred
Womens Doubles 3.0	Susan Kanik - Taylor Kanik	Jessa Kay - Claudia Obando	Rhonda Bews - Carrie Irwin
Womens Doubles 3.5	Pen Robinson - Elaine Foulon	Jane White - Joan Klaus	Celia Ferguson - Diane Main
Womens Doubles 4.0	Kathy Young-Valerie Calon	Brittany Kosek-Jaleesa Johnston	Frieda Vanherck-Bon Johnston

Volunteer Position | Youth Initiative Lead

Pickleball is a sport for all! The future of our sport lies with a more balanced demographic than currently exists.

Pickleball Canada is looking for a volunteer to join our team as Youth Initiative Lead. This position would work with provinces in promoting and developing pickleball youth programs; sharing best practices; and supporting provincial and club initiatives. Youth programs are starting to pop up across the country. This is going to be a dynamic field.

If you are interested in contributing contact
humanresources@pickleballcanada.org

Pickleball Helps Support Local United Way

In August, 34 people attended the Second Annual Pickleball United Way Fundraiser Tournament and raised over \$3200.00 for this charitable organization. The event started bright and early at the Royal Kingston Curling Club which offers 6 great courts, washroom facilities and a great main room with full service bar and kitchen amenities. All beginners gathered for a 1 hour 'introduction to pickleball' lesson and were able to use borrowed paddles for the rest of the day.

At 0915, the seasoned players arrived and warmed up, while others shared snacks and coffee while awaiting the opening remarks and the scheduled plan for the day. Players were teamed up



as drop shot into a garbage can or serve into 2 hula hoops. Prizes were given for the winners of each event, and medals for top team in each group -Gold, Silver and Bronze.

A buffet lunch was provided to players and there was a silent auction, which offered a variety of items from local donors including golf gear, artwork, gift certificates and electronics.

Gag gifts were the highlight of the closing ceremonies that played on words and inspired the new players to continue with the sport and join a great group of people. Many fun photo opportunities were captured, and it was great to



and played from 9:30 am until 2 pm in a round robin format consisting of 12 minutes of play or first to 11 (wins by one), whichever came first. Points were given to each team for the win (3) or loss (1) and during a break in play, you could compete in courtside competitions such

see the local news come out (CKWS) and provide excellent coverage for this popular sport that afternoon.

A huge thanks to Mr. Gilles Langlois and his group of volunteers (10) from the Kingston Seniors Association, they



United Way
Kingston, Frontenac
Lennox and Addington

never fail to support local events and truly make it a fun, friendly and efficient experience. Bravo.

Thank you to Mr. Tim Salmon, and his committee, (Rosa Gutierrez,

Monica Kahindo, Arlene Aish, Bruce Jeffery, Matt Kussin, Sheila Kingston, Marina Lee) for all the hard work and planning that goes into these events and promotes this great sport to new players and demonstrates how a group of people with a common interest can have fun and raise money to give back to their community, with creativity and flair.

Kelli McRobert

**Communications/
Marketing Chair, PC**





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Windsor-Essex County

Yesterday the Town of Tecumseh and the Tecumseh Pickleball Association hosted a Grand Opening/Open House at the Tecumseh Outdoor Pickleball Courts. The Town of Tecumseh has been super supportive of our Pickleball community. Thank you to our ambassadors which consists of Malinda Hebert, Deb McGivney, Pat McGivney, Laurie Howie, JoAnne Laurie-Neilson did an amazing job of organizing and hosting this very successful event. A huge thanks to them, and everyone who attended, volunteered and supported us through sponsorships.



On behalf of the OSGA Pickleball players and coordinators, we want to thank the Mayors for participating in our 2018 Tournament at Atlas Tube. The mayors event really adds to a great fun filled day. The results are:

Gold: Mayor Neilson Santos.

Silver: Mayor Tom Bain.

Bronze: Tie | Mayor Gary McNamara & Mayor Ken Antaya.

Pickle: Mayor Ron Dermott
Malinda Hebert

Tecumseh Pickleball Association
Pickleball Windsor Essex County

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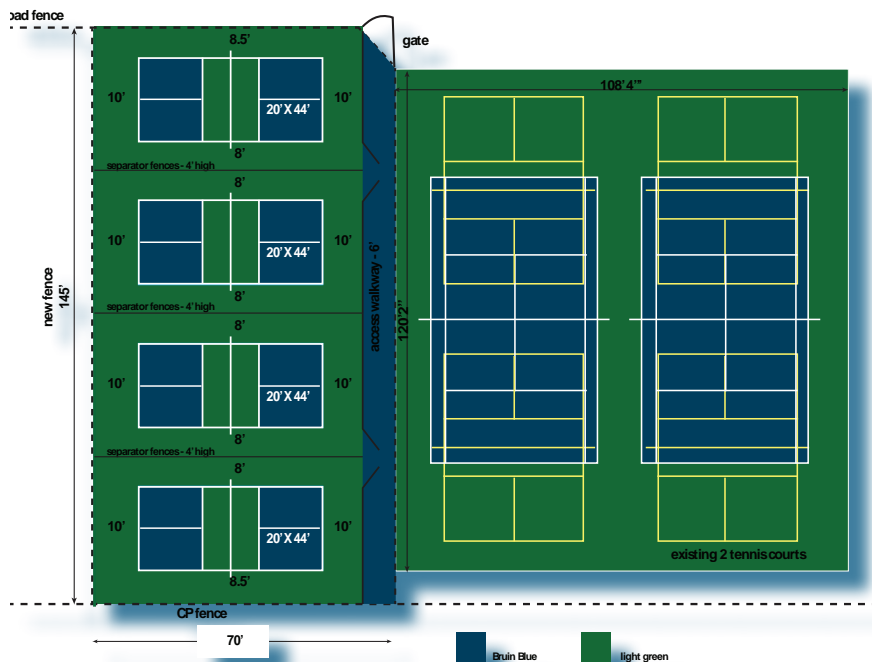
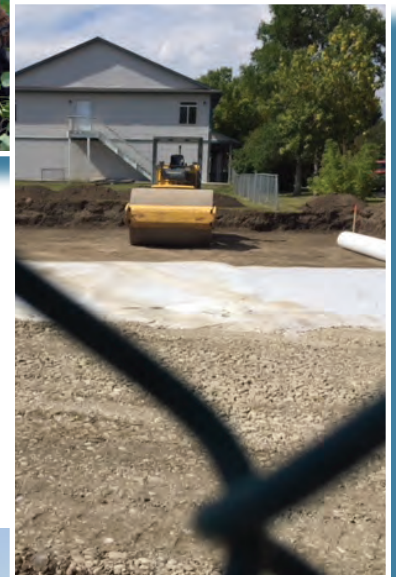
<https://m.facebook.com/windsorsexpickleball/>



Pickleing progress in Cochrane

It's a go!

With a successful bid presentation to the town of Cochrane who supported the funding of two of the 4 new dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts, and with matching funds granted via a provincial grant application, Cochrane began building their dedicated courts this summer. The plan was to begin starting mid to late August, with the courts being located to the east of the Frank Wills Hall and to the west of the existing tennis courts. The tennis courts were also resurfaced and included 4 shared Pickleball courts on the new surface. They are hoping to be completed before the snow falls and the picklers in Cochrane could not be happier. We will keep you posted of the progress.





RED DEER PICKLEBALL

20 dedicated outdoor courts will grace the city of Red Deer!

Red Deer, the third largest city in Alberta is a beautiful, clean, dynamic city located in Central Alberta's Aspen Parkland and is located about 150 km from both Edmonton and Calgary. Red Deer is home to nearly 105,000 residents. It is a community rich in agriculture (grain & cattle production), oil & gas production and the petrochemical industry. It is the home of the AB Sports Hall of Fame, 4 golf courses, and 110 kilometres of soft and hard surfaced trails. For those who love the beach and lake activities, Sylvan Lake is a short 15 minute drive way. Red



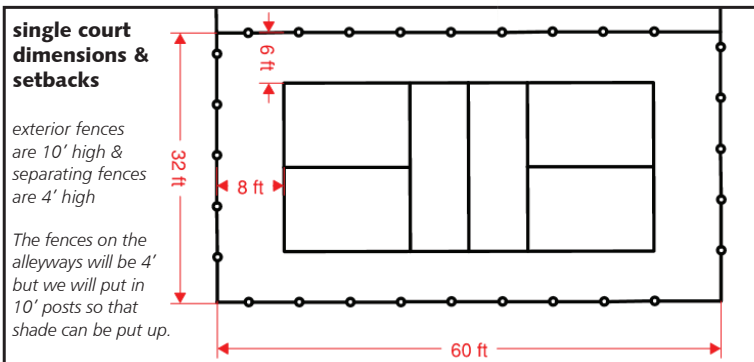
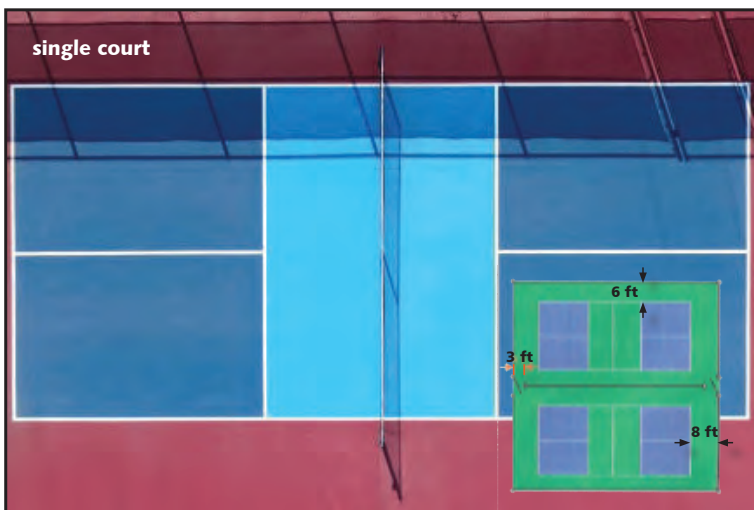
Deer is a wonderful city with much to do and see and still located close to both Edmonton & Calgary.

The 20 courts will have a 10 ft fence surrounding them with alleyways between the courts of 4 metres. There will be a gate for every 2 courts except for 3 courts which will have their own gate. A 4 ft divider fence will be placed between each court.

The PB Club has a 64 car parking lot plus the school lot which has 362 parking stalls for a total of 426 stalls.

Construction started in August with the final completion date no later than June of 2019.

Keep your ears and eyes tuned for upcoming tournaments in this beautiful venue.





Welcome to the Second Annual CANAM (Canadian/American) Dink & Dine!

In July, many avid pickleball players took advantage of the proximity to our neighbours to the south and headed to the United States, and more specifically to Wellesley Island, New York to participate in the second annual Dink & Dine event. The Wellesley Island Pickleball Club is over 100 strong and continues to grow as does the interest in the sport and cross border play.

The creative minds of John MacDaniel and Jeff Singleton established a plan and executed a seamless evening of dinking, dinner and drinks.

Teams were blended between both countries and play was held on 8 courts divided between open play and 'challenge' play. Over 70 participants enjoyed the excellent venue at the



Thousand Islands Golf & CC and a tasty buffet meal reasonably prices at \$12.00 afterwards at Hacker's Restaurant.

Last year -2017, was the inaugural event in the USA and based on its success a second event was held in September in Lansdowne, Ontario. The hope is to continue this tradition for years to come with more participants and a sharing of local food, a passion for pickleball and a blending of friendships between nations.

Kelli McRobert

Communications/Marketing Chair, PC



SIPA CANADA

The International Pickleball Association for players 60+, sometimes better known as Super Seniors or SSIPA, was a partner with Pickleball Canada and helped sponsor the Eastern Canadian Championships in Kingston, Ontario, June 29 – July 1st. This tournament marks the first ever SSIPA Circuit Event held in Canada. Canadian SSIPA membership numbers have continued to grow, during the past year and a half, and as in the USA and other countries around the world, players over the age of 60 are on the rise as those participating in these national events.

With 220 players coming from a number of provinces and several states in the USA, the competition at all levels and age groups was exciting with many



surface provided consistent play conditions for all level of players and the tournament ball was the yellow Onix Pure II. The Invista Center had stadium seating that allowed spectators a bird's eye view of all 7 courts from an excellent vantage point.

Ryan Hanes, the local club president, and Chuck MacDonald, Tournament Chair for Pickleball Canada, were



close scores and many matches going to 3 games. Play was on 14 indoor courts on two adjacent hockey rinks with seven courts on each rink. The concrete

responsible for the tournament operations team and logistics. The volunteers did a wonderful job providing for the needs of the players from daily

check-in, first aid and on court match play. Court monitors kept the warm ups moving and play continuous. For three action packed days, the tournament ran on schedule with events beginning on time and as designated with electronic displays guiding those 'on deck' accordingly. Referees were provided for all medal matches and USAPA certified referees were present to ensure fair and competitive play.

SSIPA is looking forward to continuing its growing relationship with Pickleball Canada and providing a minimum of 5 circuit events in 2019. The rapid growth of Pickleball Canada and pickleball itself throughout the world continues to increase the opportunity for organizations and associations to step up to meet the needs of players everywhere. In attendance at the Eastern Canadian Championships were two SSIPA board members, Ford Roberson, Founder/Executive Director and Alice Tym, International Liaison. Ford drove in from Texas and Alice arrived from Tennessee. For more information and to join SSIPA, go to SSIPA-PB.org.

Ford Roberson



Selkirk Sports Eastern Canadian Regional Pickleball Championships



Mens Doubles Age Groups			
Bracket	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Mens Doubles Age Groups 18+	Samuel Leblanc-Mark Cleminson	Cam Taylor-Andy Taylor	Graham Hilyer-Mike Chao
Mens Doubles Age Groups 35+ Over All	Ryan Hanes-Ian Lepine	Rob Lutz-Sean Allen	Gilbert Metcalfe-Victor Carquez
Mens Doubles Age Groups 50+	Mike Cooper - Brooke Siver	Glenn Boisvert - Terry Trueman	Alain Lambert - Derek McNulty
Mens Doubles Age Groups 60+	Peter Popovich-Ford Roberson	Naz Assi-Lance Heydon	Chuck Mitchell-An Nguyen
Mens Doubles Age Groups 60+ Age 65+	Andy Tesluk-Ron Dubyk		
Mens Doubles Age Groups 70+ Over All	Bob Cook-Abbott-Andrew Ling	Roy Wilson-Ray Mountjoy	Malcolm Hales-Edward Wong
Mens Doubles Age Groups 70+ Age 75+	Tim Frazier-Nelson Granger	Don Crone-Larry Fisher	
Mens Doubles Skill Groups			
Bracket	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Mens Doubles Skill Groups 3.0	Hugh Langley - Vitali Ostapets	Steven Murray - Rick Bigelow	Gaetan Vachon - Brent Hobson
Mens Doubles Skill Groups 3.5	Huu Phung - Brendan Phung	Jacques Racine - Michel Daze	Hugh Fisher - James Duncan
Mens Doubles Skill Groups 4.0	Brian Rim - Ian Brittain	Jason Wan - Willy Ottawa	Kevin Ward - Jim McLachlan
Mens Doubles Skill Groups 4.5	Andy Taylor-Terry Trueman	Matthew Kussin-Ryan Hanes	Glenn Boisvert-Mark Cleminson
Mens Doubles Skill Groups 5.0	Cam Taylor-Joseph Willemsen	Ian Lepine-Samuel Leblanc	Mike Cooper-Brooke Siver
Mixed Doubles Age Groups			
Bracket	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Mixed Doubles Age Groups 18+	Kim Brent - Cam Taylor	Sarah Dufour - Samuel Leblanc	Ellen Kawamoto - Dmitry Philipchenko
Mixed Doubles Age Groups 35+	Evelyn Eldridge - Ryan Hanes	MJ Joostema - Rob Lutz	Kim Porter - Gilbert Metcalfe
Mixed Doubles Age Groups 50+	Karin Mundinger - Terry Trueman	Leah Brewer - Jim McLachlan	Megan Boisvert - Bud Hebner
Mixed Doubles Age Groups 60+	Barbara Kerr - Ford Roberson	Barb Taylor - Kevin Ward	Brenda Dundon - Doug Dundon
Mixed Doubles Age Groups 65+	Virginia Popovich - Peter Popovich	Michelle Tsumura - Hans Tim	Susan Yagi - Kurt Hall
Mixed Doubles Age Groups 70+ Over All	Alice Tym-Chuck MacDonald	JoAnne Boehlke-Andrew Ling	Merrie Lee-Bob Cook-Abbott
Mixed Doubles Age Groups 70+ Age 75+	Diane Keller-Tim Frazier		
Womens Doubles Age Groups			
Bracket	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Womens Doubles Age Groups 35+	Kim Porter-Pb Archambault	Annie Belcourt-Alison May	Deanna Hanes-Carolyn LeBlanc
Womens Doubles Age Groups 50+ Over All	Pat Bertrand-Leah Brewer	Megan Boisvert-Anne Evans	Carolyn Stevens-Barb Taylor
Womens Doubles Age Groups 60+ Over All	Pamela Day-JoAnne Boehlke	Elaine Somerville-MJ Joostema	Ainslee Birrell-Karen Hill
Womens Doubles Age Groups 70+ Over All	Diane Keller-Alice Tym	Merrie Lee-Lety Dudgeon	Judy Inglis-Beverly Vanderschoor
Womens Doubles Age Groups 70+ Age 75+	Diane Keller-Alice Tym		
Womens Doubles Age Groups 70+ Age 70+	Merrie Lee-Lety Dudgeon	Judy Inglis-Beverly Vanderschoor	
Womens Doubles Skill Groups			
Bracket	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Womens Doubles Skill 4.5 and 5.0 Groups 5.0,4.5 Over All	Barbara Kerr-Kim Brent	Karina Michaud-Carolyn Stevens	Megan Boisvert-Anne Evans
Womens Doubles Skill 4.5 and 5.0 Groups 5.0,4.5 Skill 5.0	Karina Michaud-Carolyn Stevens		
Womens Doubles Skill Groups 3.0	Julie Cadeau - Deb Chatreau	Cheryl Soo Hon - Sharon Mansfield	Judy Ogaki - Andrea Blackwell
Womens Doubles Skill Groups 3.5	Sylvia Wong - Jennie Riazanski	Kim Sajatovic - Sheila Moffatt	Oriana Oszip - Dale Anne Courtney
Womens Doubles Skill Groups 4.0	Linda Kawamoto - Stephanie Kawamoto	Judy Tan - Lai Ping Wong	Sara McInnes - Karen Nageleisen

Seniors in their 70's staying active

The first annual Super 70's+ Pickleball Tourney was a great success. Sponsored by The Midland Area Pickleball Club, players came from Huntsville, Port Perry, Bala, Bracebridge and Mount Forest. The tourney featured Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles.

In Men's Division John Boucher and Roy Wilson picked up Gold, Garry Morehouse and John Blake, Silver and John Archer and Sid Welsh, Bronze. In the Women's Division, Lety Dudgeon picked up Gold, Doreen Murray the Silver and Bev Greenwood the Bronze. Mixed Doubles saw Bev Greenwood and Garry Morehouse win the Gold Medal. Silver medal winners were Eunice Bosomworth and Roy Wilson and Bronze, Doreen Murray and John Blake.



Kelowna Nationals 2018

We have hosted the Nationals for 4 continuous years. This year 800 registered for the event, of which we hosted 450 competitors, running 275 matches per day on 12 permanent courts plus 16 temporary courts on the adjacent tennis facility. Skills range from the beginner to the professional levels. We bring 700 visitors to Kelowna for an average of a week long stay. Approximately 500 people per day embrace the venue each of the three days of the tournament. Competitors this year travelled from across Canada, the United States, Mexico and England. We draw from 200 volunteers to assist in the event.

Photos can be found on pickleballkelowna.cpm website.

Heard from the sidelines . . .and my thoughts on them

Groans from some applause from some, upon announcement that the 2019 / 2020 National Tournament has been awarded to Kingston, Ontario

- ❖ Not unanticipated given that the last five Nationals have been held in BC and that most participants were Westerners. However, PCO is a NATIONAL Sports Organization and the sport is universal. The selection process was by way of responses to a comprehensive Request for Proposal that was reviewed by the Selection Committee and



unanimously recommended to the Board of PCO. There were three strong bids and the strongest one was selected.

"But I only play outdoors so I won't be coming"

- ❖ Your loss. There are probably as many PCO members playing indoors as outdoors. Not everyone is as lucky as us to be able to go south for the winter.

"Referees are urgently needed. Please report to the referee desk if you can help out".

- ❖ A Tournament Director's nightmare..... next to a bad weather forecast. Good progress is being made by Chuck McDonald, Karen Hill and the Referee Committee to roll out

comprehensive Canadian referee certification program to hopefully solve this issue in the near future.

"I just can't compete anymore against people that are 20 or 30 years younger than me."

- ❖ A fact of life for many of us that is being addressed by having age categories, SSIPA tournaments and somewhat by the new Ratings System algorithm.



"Handling the growth is our biggest challenge".

- ❖ A great problem to have but it strains the resources of dedicated volunteers and limited bank accounts. Dedicated volunteers from clubs such as Kelowna make these tournaments a success, but new blood is always needed. Time for more people to step up.

"We'd like to thank the many volunteers....."

- ❖ Actually heard quite often but can never be said too many times. Thanks Kelowna!

Doug Thomson
President







Kelown Nationals 2018

Mens Doubles Open

GOLD Tyler Loong - Adam Stone

SILVER Marco Jankowiak -
Tim MacVinnie

BRONZE Mark Renneson -
Joseph Willemsen

Mens Doubles Senior Open 50+

GOLD Mike Schwarz - Jay Rippel

SILVER Barry Mah - Neville Israel

BRONZE Scott Stevenson - Terry Brine

Mens Doubles Skill Groups 3.0

GOLD Terence Wong -
Thomas Wong

SILVER Bruce Gibson - Terry Rogers

BRONZE Zach Moffat - Roland Tieh

Mens Doubles Skill Groups 3.5

GOLD Lionel Fauchoux -
Mike Fauchoux

SILVER Kevin Stanley - Brian Jones

BRONZE Jeff Sandmoen -
Darrel Kopala

Mens Doubles Skill Groups 4.0

GOLD Naveed Butt - Chad Clarey

SILVER Chris Ross -
Jeremy Comazzetto

BRONZE Richard Delange -
Darell Padula

Mens Doubles Skill Groups 4.5

GOLD Mike Hamilton -
Darren Duncan

SILVER Jordan Renwick -
Andreas Wins-Purdy

BRONZE Mark Renneson

Men's Singles Skill Group 3.5

GOLD Greg Machtaler

SILVER Kona Phil Greenwood

BRONZE Roland Tieh

Men's Singles Skill Group 4.0

GOLD Shawn Radford

SILVER Botts Botterill

BRONZE Daryl Dix



Men's Singles Skill Group 4.5

GOLD Jeremy Brine

SILVER Peter Brix

BRONZE Greg Labonte

Mixed Doubles Open

GOLD Ronith Cogswell - Tyler Loong

SILVER Cat Grant - Devin Shoquist

BRONZE Roberta Meakin -
Marco Jankowiak

Mixed Doubles Seniors Open

GOLD Jayna Mikuse - Jay Rippel

SILVER Laura Schwarz -
Mike Schwarz

BRONZE Bernadette Ryan - Barry Mah

Mixed Doubles Skill Group 3.0

GOLD Lyanne Wong -
Thomas Wong

SILVER Ann McGrath -
Richard Roche

BRONZE Claudia Obando -
Christian Obando

Mixed Doubles Skill Group 3.5

GOLD Sheila Crouch -
Shawn Radford

SILVER Jaleesa Johnston -
Brian Jones

BRONZE Pamela Boutin - Ian Miller

Mixed Doubles Skill Group 4.0

GOLD Damaris Brix - Peter Brix

SILVER Susan Hatfield -
Emanuel Sanchez

BRONZE Chantal Plamondon -
Stan Kuropatwa

Mixed Doubles Skill Group 4.5

GOLD Casey Rodgers -
Brent Jackson

SILVER Deb Hanlon - "Special" Kay

BRONZE Karen Austin - Naveed Butt

Womens Doubles Open

GOLD Jayna Mikuse -
Roberta Meakin

SILVER Laura Schwarz - Sue Fosbery

BRONZE Mary Kozak - Tammy Kelly

Womens Doubles Skill Group 3.0

GOLD Carolynn Snyder - Rim Hollis

SILVER Joan Li - Lyanne Wong

BRONZE Claudia Obando - Jessa Kay

Womens Doubles Skill Group 3.5

GOLD Jaleesa Johnston -
Brittany Kosek

SILVER Beverly Shoaf -
Margie Kessler

BRONZE Laura Keebaugh -
Charlene Bender

Womens Doubles Skill Group 4.0

GOLD Claudia McLean -
Clara Maria Sabina Lima

SILVER Chantal Plamondon -
Jae Nicholls

BRONZE Pat Ellis - Marilyn Cross

Womens Doubles Skill Group 4.5

GOLD Casey Rodgers -
Kristina Lidster

SILVER Fion Chou - Bernadette Ryan

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Womens Singles Open

GOLD Mary Kozak

SILVER Chantal Plamondon

BRONZE Jayne Hackman

Womens Singles Skill Group 3.5

GOLD Rose Sawatzky

SILVER Jaleesa Johnston

BRONZE Anne Pettit

Womens Singles Skill Group 4.0

GOLD Damaris Brix

SILVER Carol O'Brien

BRONZE Wilma Steinke



Pickleball Association of Ontario –Provincial Championships 2018

Pickleball Canada was invited to attend the PAO Provincial Championships in Kitchener, Waterloo in September and this event did not disappoint. With 12 courts in full action, the air was full of excitement and energy from morning to late afternoon.

The event was held at RIM Park which is an excellent multi-level facility, and has over 500 acres that the entire family can enjoy including a golf course, restaurant, GreenLab, trails and parklands. The City of Waterloo and more specifically Pickleball of Waterloo Wellington Region hosted a fantastic event.

Upon arrival, athletes were welcomed by the 60 friendly volunteers and given their backpack filled with goodies to keep them hydrated and fed throughout the day. Events ran from 0800 on Friday morning through to 430 PM on Sunday afternoon. The command centre was busy with keeping the tournament on time and each gym was well marked and easy to locate throughout the day.

Photographers were on site, both recreational and professional, and took some excellent action shots that players could share on Facebook and Twitter after the event. For photos check out FSFotos.ca.

As with any event, volunteers were paramount in making the event run smoothly and efficiently, and the Volunteer room upstairs provided



a retreat from the busy day, food, beverages and friendly conversation whenever it was needed. A nice touch for those that had put in numerous hours, setting up, tearing down, and accommodating the needs of players over the lengthy three day period. At every corner you could find a volunteer in a light blue shirt directing guests, running between courts, refereeing and posting results.

With 325 players rotating amongst the courts, it was a seamless dance as they referenced the mounted sheets and moved between games throughout the various gyms. It was also enjoyable meeting the various vendors like TMRP Sports and Head as we gathered signatures to be entered into a fun prize draw held daily. Change rooms and bathrooms were readily accessible and parking was close enough that you could come and go to your car,

throughout the day, as your needs changed between matches.

Players were guaranteed a minimum number of games and then moved onto either the consolation round or the semi-finals and finals –ending in a best 2/3 format with first to 11, win by 1. Tech tee shirts were an additional cost and were well received in a charcoal grey with bold yellow/white writing on them.

Referees were on hand, as were linesmen, to ensure fair and accurate play during the medal rounds. Spectators could pop in and out between games and had excellent front row seating on bleachers for every set of courts. Many other spectators chose to sit on the elevated stage for a birds eye view, and live coverage was broadcast throughout the weekend to keep those unable to attend up close and personal as the medal rounds came to an exciting end.

The casual evening allowed players to head over to a local restaurant and share in some food and drink while

the coordinators drew names for prizes including some sweet paddles, gift certificates, and bags. It was nice to meet others off court and find out where they were from and how long they had been playing. As you become more familiar with the tournament circuit there is a sense of family as you share a laugh, a story, and enjoy the company of like-minded, passionate people.

Accommodations were a bit tough to come by as there was a concurrent conference in town and PCO stayed at the Sunbridge Hotel and Conference Centre in Cambridge, which is a short 20 minute drive down the highway.



The hotel is slightly outdated and is in need of some renovations for the \$129.00 nightly fee, but offered a comfortable bed, and was fairly quiet considering our roadside room.

Thank you to the sponsors, Jim Zuber, Fiona MacGregor, and the members of the 2018 PT Committee, who are to be commended for providing athletes with not only a great venue, but a well-run tournament where friends were made, Pickleball was celebrated, and the true meaning of sportsmanship demonstrated from start to finish.

Bravo!

For results please visit: <https://secure.pickleballtournaments.com/cinfo.pl?tid=2237>

Kelli McRobert

**Communications/
Marketing Chair, PC**




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Canada Pickleball Tournaments - upcoming

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***Red Deer Open Pickleball
Tournament***

08/17/2018 - 08/19/2018

***6th Annual Summer Smash Alberta
Provincial Championship***

08/18/2018 - 08/19/2018

***Pickle in the Park (Put on by Fraser
Valley Pickleball)***

08/23/2018 - 08/26/2018

***Canadian Super Seniors Pickleball
Tournament***

08/25/2018 - 08/26/2018

***Championnat de Laval 2018 (Laval
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