

PICKLEBALL MATTERS



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Presidents message

Outdoor courts are now in full swing. Great to play in the sun! It was a long winter for most.

Here's an update:

- ❖ Officiating – four-module program and rollout continues. See what's happening at <https://www.pickleballcanada.org/officiating.php>
- ❖ Ratings – a very hot topic with tournament season in full swing. See what's happening at <https://www.pickleballcanada.org/ratings.php>. We're also working on an FAQ document. Thanks to all the dedicated tournament directors working diligently out there on your behalf!
- ❖ Communications – launch of Pickleball Matters (https://www.pickleballcanada.org/pickleball_matters_-_magazine.php) on a quarterly basis and Pickleball Scoop on an "as needed" basis has been well received by members and sponsors. You of course can always check out our website, twitter and/or our Facebook page for information.
- ❖ People – with the retirement of Chuck MacDonald, we're searching for someone to head up the Competitions/Tournaments area. Thanks, Chuck, for your years of dedicated service! Jeff Rooney is joining our team as VP Marketing & Partnerships. Thanks Jeff! Our search continues for a Junior program leader with some promising leads.
- ❖ Funding – 22 of the 28 criteria to achieve eligibility for Sports Canada funding have



been completed. Manitoba is proceeding with official affiliation so that will make it 9 provinces/territories. Sports Canada undergoing some changes that may affect eligibility criteria and we're awaiting news on that. Acceptance of our application to become a Canadian Amateur Athletic Association has been received pending some changes to our bylaws to fully comply.

- ❖ External relationships – much discussion with IFP and USAPA as there is increasing recognition of Canada as an important player on the North American and International stages.
- ❖ AGM – this year, scheduled for June 18. See notice of meeting posted on <https://www.pickleballcanada.org/index.php>.

Now, let's **PLAY PICKLEBALL**.

Doug Thomson | **president**



Pickleball Canada would like to **thank** Mr. Chuck MacDonald

for his 3 years of volunteering within the organization. His dedication to the sport has been recognized at both the municipal and national level. We wish him well and again, thank him for his contribution to Pickleball, a sport for everyone.



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Members corner

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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.

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Letter to the editor

Dear Pickleball Canada,

Passion for pickleball is sweeping across the Midland Ontario area (population 40,000).

If you're a fan of tennis, badminton, or ping pong, you might want to check out pickleball, which has gained in popularity over the past few years. Players love the exercise and camaraderie of pickleball, which you can play for fun or competition. It is additive.

What is pickleball? A game for all ages, builds and abilities. A combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong. It is the fastest growing sport in North America. You can play pickleball seven days a week in the Midland area, often twice in a day. You can play indoors at the Midland Area Pickleball Club, Askennonia Senor Center, and the Midland YMCA.

With summer coming, many can't wait for outdoor pickleball. You can play outdoors at four avant-guard courts are at Tiffin Park, Midland, and four new outdoor courts are planned for McGuire Park in Penetanguishene. You can also play at the Perkinsville Rink in Tiny Township and Elmvale.

For places to play visit www.midlandareapickleballclub.ca

Garry Wolfe



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tretching your playing days

It is unfortunate that so many of the older players have to stop playing or curtail their time on the courts. Pickleball is a great game as a competitive sport as well as a recreational one. How many of us have got out of bed and felt stiff and sore, and decided that you would not play today?

In my younger days as a tennis player, I wished that I knew about the benefits of stretching before and after play. I presume that my tennis playing days could have extended a bit longer. May be I could have prevented my chronic sore back and shoulder, and long lasting tennis elbow. Oh! For the foolishness of youth!

However, now that I am in my seventies and discovered the pleasures of playing Pickleball, I also have found the benefits of stretching. While I do not play pain free, I definitely feel better and have less physical problems after playing. My wife and I stretch before and after play and we do it together which makes it less of a chore. We have found a number of websites with great exercises and stretches. We use 'fitness minibands' to help us stretch. They are cheap and vary in lengths and resistance. They are perfect for home use, light weight for easy travel, offer effective resistance for cardio and strength training. They work entire muscle groups, including smaller stabilizing muscles.



When injured, ensure that you get proper treatment, and follow exercises for proper rehabilitation that can help you heal. Because any exercise needs proper training and supervision, it is wise to follow proper instructions and consult a proper physician before undertaking any exercise; today there are many good exercise programs that can be found on my favourite websites:

<https://www.active.com/cycling/articles/11-exercises-to-boost-hip-strength>

<https://www.care2.com/greenliving/8-simple-exercises-for-shoulder-opening.html>

<https://www.thepickleballdoctor.com/>

<https://www.muellersportsmed.com/>

<http://vanjaradic.fi/hip-flexor-and-glute-activation-exercises/>

If you feel embarrassed to do stretches and pre-game exercises by yourself, I suggest that you get your group of players together and spend a few minutes to do some of the stretches together as part of a routine before play. You may find that you can stretch your playing days by weeks, months and even perhaps years.

Stretch, have fun and enjoy

Marcel Latouche
VP Development





Coach Mo's Corner

Size up your opponents

Size up your opponents before and while you are playing to find their weakness.



❖ Is there a lefty opponent?

Watch for when both backhands are to the middle of court and hit the ball closer to the weaker player's backhand.

❖ Is your opponent hitting their forehand and backhand on the same side of their paddle?

If so, keep the ball low to their backhand because it is exceptionally difficult to be accurate and consistent hitting this way.

❖ If your opponent was an ex racquetball player or just wristy and flicks their wrist early.

You must stop and split step earlier than you normally do or you will not be balanced and ready for their shot.

❖ Does your opponent ever let your out balls go out?

If so, hit the ball to that person a little harder than you normally would because they will save it from going out.

❖ Do your opponents poach a lot.

If so, hit to where you last saw your opponents toes because they probably won't be there after you hit the ball. Poacher's love the ball to there right or left away from them. They will move as soon as you take your eyes off of them.

❖ If your opponents do not split step.

Put the ball at their toes while they are still moving.

❖ Tall players are also weaker between the toes.

❖ Do your opponent's have a great overhead and move back quickly?

If so, do not lob.

❖ Do they like to bang the ball or like the soft game better?

Play to their weakness.

❖ Are they very fast runners or slow?

If fast do not drop shot them. If slow and you have a consistent drop shot drop them.

❖ Know what they like to do in certain situations and try to anticipate them early.

How To Practice Pickleball More Efficiently

❖ Do not just hit balls.

❖ Get the most out of every practice.

❖ Practice with a purpose. (Practice using game situations drills).

❖ Have a target and call out the target on every shot. Hit about 20 balls in a row to each target.

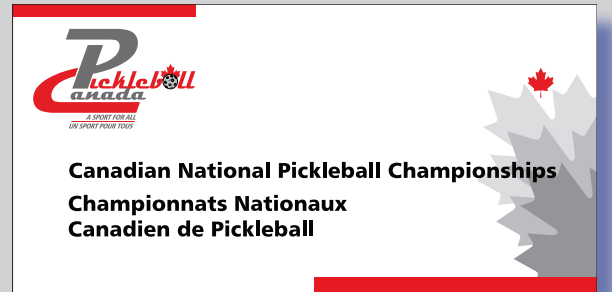
❖ Break the game down into sections and practice each section.

- Ground stroke, volley, dink, overhead stroke, serve and return of serve.



Coach Mo

- Make targets with chalk on the court.
- Hit down the line, middle, and cross court.
- Work on accuracy and consistency.
- Only hit the ball as fast as you can be ACCURATE and CONSISTENT.
- Practice adding pace until you become ACCURATE and CONSISTENT at that faster pace.
- Play points out on half the doubles court and do not keep score so you will try things that need improvement.
- ❖ The game is just an extension of practice and practice will make you more mentally tough.
- ❖ If you are a serious player, you will enjoy practicing efficiently and become a much better player.



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VP Development

At the end of my term as a PCO Director I will be stepping down as VP Development. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team of volunteers who worked to make my job easier. Thank you Tony Casey and Jim Parrott who had the duty of spearheading the arduous tasks of Strategic Planning and Player Development.

My sincere thanks goes to the communication team of Joanne Ferster, Gail Prior, Kelli McRobert, Robin Grant, and Julie McRichie who contributed so much in making the PCO magazine what it is today – a place where sponsors want to be partners with PCO, and members want to read about the sport of Pickleball in Canada.

To all the other volunteers who indirectly contributed to make Pickleball the fastest growing sport in Canada a huge thank you. Now maybe I can try to become a better player at 75 years old.

Marcel Latouche



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**Pickleball
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Steve Deakin - Top player in Canada

By now we're all aware of the Exponential growth of Pickleball in North America and the world over the last decade. A sport that appeared to be created perfectly for the elderly with it's small court, light paddle and social atmosphere. But the last 'few' years has brought us an entirely new level of master craftsmen to admire. In Canada where we don't see sprawling outdoor courts under lights, there has still been a quiet rumbling emergence of this exciting sport. Small towns, mostly inland with many retired folk have already managed to put together groups, clubs and associations that can handle their Spring and Summer need to keep the balls popping.

So as the word spreads, the age gap narrows and we're watching this incredible Pickleball force unfold before us as younger Stars are born.



One of those Canadian Stars is Steve Deakin formerly from Port Moody BC and now, Pitt Meadows BC. Steve comes from a Tennis



background which gives viewers the beauty of all his technical prowess at the same time as giving us confidence in his ability to close on the big points. Watching Steve's Pro level matches is like watching a prize fight between Ali and Liston. Steve being the up and comer that is hell bent on establishing himself as one of the Worlds best in this Sport. A Game that requires it's Top players to possess more than just power but finesse with a side order of sly. A game that allows a man in his 40's to compete with the men in their 20's and still be very relevant. A sport that requires more than baseline to baseline power, but strategic moves much like a chess match. And the most important component? Well it's something that Steve Deakin has in spades. Patience. The clever wait for the right shot. The perfect finish.



It began for Steve with a hard crash on his right side with the over head smash to medal at the Young Senior Tennis Nationals in Montreal in 2016. Then came the long and frustrating rehab period that moved like molasses for a man that cannot tolerate

playing a sport any less than his best. While hitting the gym and waiting for tissue to repair at early 40's....his Dad mentioned the local Pickleball up at the Rec Center. As Steve admits himself, playing a game with a hamburger garnish in it's name did not excite him much

but he went to participate and keep his body moving. The underhand serve was the savior and Steve was immediately taken with this sport.

Steve now can say he is one of the Top ten players in North America with a current status as Canada's #1 player. His rating fluctuates between 5.5 and 6+. Deakin still plays locally in his Hometown on weekends (mostly drilling) so that he can stay connected to his good friends that helped him into the inner circle of competitive Pickleball but his 2019 Tournament schedule is very exciting with his partnerships. It was after playing The Nationals at Indian Wells that other top players recognized his talent and he found himself with a full inbox of requests to play. Steve and his Partner Tim MacVinnie went on to take Silver in the age category at Nationals losing only to Matt Wright

and Dave Weinbach, two Podium regulars.

Steve is a proud card carrying member of Team Selkirk and works diligently to obtain podium status at every event he enters as they were early to find him and add him to their extensive line up of Pro players. This years schedule has Steve partnered up with some of the best in world including Dave Weinbach, Matt Wright, Wes Gabrielson, Randal Zbinden, Nick Williams and many more....

After a hot and humid week at the US Open Pickleball Championships in Naples, Florida this MaySteve did his usual burst of athleticism and headed back to Vancouver with 3 Medals. Gold in Men's Doubles 35+ with Erik Lange, Gold in Mixed Doubles 45+ with Susan Baze and then of course the Coveted Bronze on the big stage Men's Doubles Pro Event with Randal Zbinden of Utah. That match can be viewed on Pickleball Channel.



His next competition on the tour is Atlanta Open June 1 & 2 where Steve saddles up again in Men's Pro Doubles with Zbinden and a first time partnership in Mixed Doubles Pro with Michele Esquivel of Oregon.



To follow Steve, you can LIKE his facebook page at Steve Deakin Pickleball and Instagram of the same name or follow his results at these upcoming tournaments. Let's support his progress and put our Canadian stamp on this Pro Pickleball tour...

GO STEVE !!

Stacy Deakin



SoCal Summer Classic	San Diego, Ca
Canadian Nationals	Kingston, Ont
Triple Crown	Simi Valley, Ca
Golden State Games	Concord, Ca
Tournament of Champions	Brigham City, Ut
PNW Regionals	Beaverton, Or
Texas Open	Coppell, Tx
Franklin Pickleball Masters	Wichita, Ks
Las Vegas Open	Las Vegas, Nv
Picklebarrel Classic	Vancouver, Wa
Fall Brawl	St. George, Ut
US Nationals	Indian Wells, Ca
Sharing the Love Pickleball	Sun City, Az

2019 Minto US Open Pickleball Championships

Canada was well represented at the US Open in Naples, Florida. Canadian players and fans numbered at least 50, traveling from Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia and everywhere in between—and what a friendly, fun bunch of pickleballers they are! The group was easy to spot with the Canada flag banner proudly displayed across their home base tent.

Results Below

- ❖ Mens Doubles 35+
- ❖ Mens Doubles Pro
- ❖ Mixed Doubles Age 25+
- ❖ Mixed Doubles Age 45+
- ❖ Mixed Doubles Wheelchair
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- ❖ Womens Doubles Age 60+
- ❖ Womens Pro Doubles
- ❖ Womens Singles Skill/Age 2.5/3.0 60+
- ❖ Womens Skill/Age Doubles 3.5 50+
- ❖ Womens Skill/Age Doubles 4.5 19-49
- ❖ Womens Skill/Age Doubles 4.5 60+
- ❖ Mixed Skill/Age Doubles 4.5:60+
- ❖ Mens Skill/Age Doubles 4.5:19-49



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| Gold | Steve Deakin (partner Erik Lange) |
| Bronze | Steve Deakin (partner Randel Zbinden) |
| Gold | Catherine Parenteau (partner Joey Farias) |
| Gold | Steve Deakin (partner Susan Baze) |
| Gold | Carolann Quinn - Jeff Sylvestre |
| Silver | Sarah Dufour - Philippe Bedard |
| Silver | Jeff Sylvestre (partner Pete Azark) |
| Bronze | Philippe Bedard (partner Spider Man) |
| Gold | Cookie Drake (partner Moira Roush) |
| Bronze | Catherine Parenteau (partner Leigh Waters) |
| Silver | Celine Caron |
| Bronze | Andrea Blackwell - Ilana McGrath |
| Silver | Barbara Kerr - Kim Brent |
| Bronze | Barb Taylor (partner Gayle Law) |
| Bronze | Barbara Kerr (partner Hub Capes) |
| Silver | Ryan Hanes - Ian Lepine |

Tyson McGuffin | US Nationals
Men's Singles Open Champion



National Pickleball Day 2018 | 2019

I really hope that all who participated in the National Pickleball Day, on Saturday August 11th 2018 had as much fun as we did here at the Vaudreuil-Dorion Pickleball Club.

Let me first say that I am compelled to give you my feedback as I am the instigator behind this event that we hope it will grow from year to year in all Pickleball communities. Whether you use this day to celebrate Pickleball in your already well-established club or, you use this day as a springboard to attract new members, the main objective is to have a fun day that will increase the awareness of Pickleball in your community.



You might all be saying to yourselves that the second Saturday in August might not be the ideal time to hold such an event as there are still a lot of people away from home on summer vacation; yet, if we have it at another time of the year with potentially more participants, we might dilute our efforts and attention to eager to learn newcomers....gee-whiz, this almost sounds like a politician talkingspeaking out of both sides one's mouth at the same time!!!!

In Vaudreuil-Dorion in 2018, we went all out to get new players, as our Club was only formed last year and we are still in the expansion mode. We did all we could to attract the attention of the citizens of our municipality...

- ❖ we had strategically placed posters, *****
- ❖ flyers in all major retail outlets,
- ❖ advertised the event on our newly created face book page and advertised on the city's Electronic bulletin boards
- ❖ placed more than 200 flyers on cars parked at the municipal commuter train station,
- ❖ got to be interviewed by one of the local radio stations(CJAD) on a morning show...and
- ❖ Global News covered our event.... we appeared on the national evening news, after the event, you will say however, more people got to hear about Pickleball !!!



Our event was scheduled from 10 AM to 4 PM. Team members were at our courts at 8:30 to:

- ❖ line extra courts and set up the portable nets (we worked with 6 courts). ***

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- ❖ set up a registration table to be able to follow-up with our guests
- ❖ set up a rest station away from the sun and where players could rehydrate with soothing cool water and watch games being played
- ❖ define tasks for all volunteers and coaches for initiating new players...

All the elements were in place for a fun day and we received our first guests a few minutes before 10 AM and had a regular flow of newcomers all morning; we experienced a bit of a lull during lunchtime because it was so hot but things picked up again in the afternoon.

We received 30 guests who got to see Pickleball in action, be initiated and play a few games with experienced players for additional coaching.... not that many, you say, but those 30 guests were all potential new members. One of those guests came back the very next day for an additional lesson.

A feather in our cap is that the city councillor (invited to the event) who happens to be the liaison between the sports department and the city was among our guests. A former badminton player, he caught on fast and had the opportunity to play several games. The most interesting comment that he made after playing a few games was "I really thought that Pickleball was a game for old un-energetic foggies....however...I've discovered that this is an excellent cardio-vascular work out...and I will be back!!!"

All to say that the city councillor's visit made all the effort of my team worthwhile....because we now have an ally on our side that will help us in our growth.

This year National Pickleball Day is Saturday, August 10th (the second Saturday of the month is now designated as the date for the annual event)

Pickleball Matters would really like you to share your success stories your National Pickleball Day event with all your Pickleball Canada colleagues

Wishing you all a fun and successful National Pickleball day'

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Pickleball in Oaxaca !

I thought you may want to know how pickleball turned out in Oaxaca this year. First of all, a BIG thank you to Tony and Judy for getting the ball rolling. They found CRAD, or Polideportivo, near the baseball stadium, and met Jonathan who was instrumental in letting us play in their facility. Also, a big thank you to Tim Farrar who went with me and Bobbie to meet and talk with Jonathan and to show Alfonso, the pádel (ball) coach whose court we wanted to use, that our plastic ball would NOT break the glass walls. They allowed us to come back to play when we were ready. They told us the court would be available Mon - Fri after 10 am... I never learned if the court was available on the weekends or not.

Here is the process we followed: we played twice a week, once on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30-3:30, and again on Thursday morning from 10 - noon. This was a schedule that worked for all who wanted to play. We paid 200 pesos/2



people/2 hours or 250 pesos/1 person/2 hours. With this payment schedule it was necessary to tell the receptionist that we were there to have a personalized class with Jonathan. (The funny thing is that he's the swimming instructor!!!) Next year it



will probably be better to buy a membership which should reduce the cost. We may want to schedule more play days next year if we have a large group of interested players.

They would not allow us to put down lines so I bought a big roll of 2" white ribbon which I cut into court dimension lengths. Each time we arrived we split up the work unrolling the ribbon, taping the ends & intersections, and lowering the net to 34". It took us about 10 minutes of our playtime. We used the baseline that is already there for pádel which is farther away from the net than it should be. Next year I plan to buy neon yellow or neon green ribbon and cut the lengths so the baseline is where it should be. It took too much time getting from





behind the baseline to the kitchen... ugh. Each time we played we had between 4-6 players so we rotated in.

I'm hoping that next year CRAD will allow us to keep a bag with the ribbons and tape measure at their facility so whoever arrives first each play day can have access to it. That wasn't possible this year. Also, I don't want to be in the position to bring it each time as sometimes I get sick and also my husband and I spend a week at the coast each year... better to have it where any player can have access to it. I'll work on that when I arrive in January :-)

Here is Jonathan's information if any of you want to contact him (he speaks enough English):

jonathanllagunocruz@gmail.com

(951) 308-1259 If you'd like to play pickleball next season, please bring your paddle and two balls. We lost one ball as it "flew" over the railing and it wasn't there when we looked for it later. The lesson there was to go get the ball right away!! Also keep in mind that we're playing on a thin, astro-turf floor, very different from what we're used to at home (pavement, tile floor or hardwood floor, where I live).

Thanks for your interest in playing pickleball in Oaxaca. If you get this email and you're no longer interested in playing, please let me know and I'll take your name off the list. I'm enclosing a photo of our last day of play. it was so much fun!!

Abrazos de Oaxaca,

Kathy Wells

New dedicated courts grace the town of Cochrane

The Town of Cochrane and the 'Pickleball Posse' were successful in acquiring the necessary funds to complete 4 dedicated Pickleball courts and 4 other courts that are shared with the tennis facilities. With a grant from the Town, a Provincial Grant, and both personal and corporate donations, the project was a go effective last spring. With the weather being uncooperative in the Fall last year, the final court covering, and the wind fences had to wait until this spring, but the courts officially opened June 3, 2019.

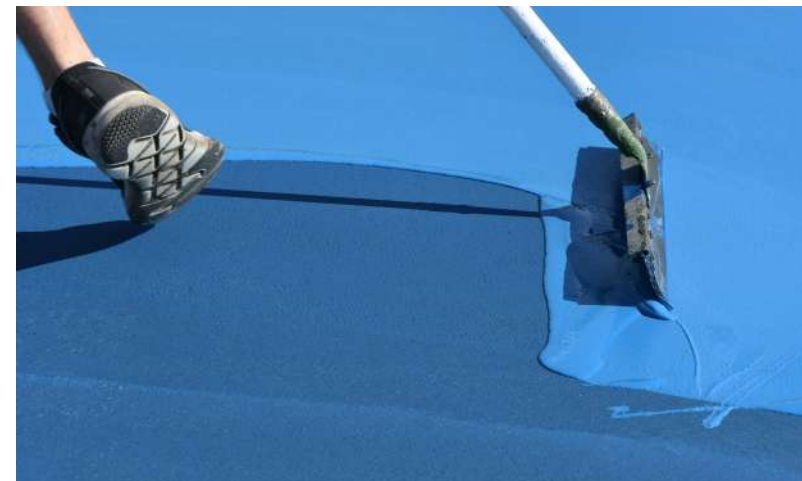
We are hoping to have some smaller tournaments soon but for now 'Cochranites' are just enjoying the perfect play outdoors in the sunshine while hoping for a long, warm summer.

If you build it, they will come - and they certainly have!

Thanks Tomko

<http://tomkosports.com/>

Joanne Ferster





New IFP President elected



Dear pickleball Canada,

To all it's members and enthusiastic pickleball players. As your newly elected IFP President I would like to reach out to everyone and thank you for your support. We are undertaking a new and positive direction that will encourage all member countries to become active in the development and growth of the sport of pickleball. In doing so, I am reaching out to each and every one of you to help with this undertaking which will involve everyone working towards a common goal to grow the sport of pickleball the world over. One of the most important changes and opportunities is the development of committees to help give direction and input into all areas of pickleball, from rules to training to how we govern the IFP. Simply said, we are welcoming and need many of you to help and have a seat at the table. Within the next several months I will be formulating committees and sending this information to all member countries seeking volunteers to be on these committees.



At this year's Bainbridge Cup and German Open Pickleball Tournament we will have our first International Pickleball Conference and General Meeting for all IFP member associations. If you are attending this will be a great time for an open forum to discuss pickleball. If you cannot attend, we welcome your emails. Below you will find an announcement with more information. If it is possible, please send or forward all these announcements to all your members so we can spread the word about the many opportunities for pickleball players throughout the world to be an important part in developing and growing the sport of pickleball. In reviewing our member countries web page/sites I have noticed that many of you are developing and promoting pickleball in many great ways. If we are to grow pickleball worldwide we need the be able to share this information. I am proud to say the USAPA will be the leader in sharing and providing information and many programs that they have developed over the years. This information will now be made available to our member countries and we will also be looking for all member countries to share information and programs that have been successful in their countries. The IFP will be the gathering point for developing and offering many of these new programs, handbooks, training and instruction materials and other benefits that will help all member countries. Many new programs will be forthcoming so join in and be part of the many new and exciting opportunities.

Cheers and I look forward to meeting and seeing many of you on the courts,,

Pat

The International Federation of Pickleball (IFP), the world governing body of pickleball has elected Pat Murphy as the new President. Pat brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new position having been involved in many areas of pickleball dating back to 2009.

Many of you may know Pat from his pickleball travels, years of playing tournaments and most recently the USAPA Pickleball Universities. Pat is currently the Training Chair and Board Member of the USAPA and has been involved on the international pickleball scene since attending the Spanish Open and Bainbridge Cup tournament in 2017. In 2018 he was Tournament Director of the Bainbridge Cup which was held in Italy and hosted by IFP member country the Italian Pickleball Association. Pat resides in Goodyear, Arizona year-round and is lucky to live in PebbleCreek which has one of the largest pickleball clubs with over 1500 members and which he calls his pickleball home.

"I know Pat will bring an incredible work ethic and a special skill set to the IFP. We are fortunate to have him as our new president given his vast experience and ability to bring a new direction and vision. His leadership skills and personal relationship with IFP member associations worldwide will enable him to effectively drive pickleball's growth going forward", said Mike Hess, past IFP President.

"I am excited to have this new opportunity to shape a new direction and vision for the IFP," stated Pat Murphy. He added: "We will be very active in developing and supporting new pickleball association members in countries throughout the world, thereby expanding upon our current 16 member countries which are all are displayed with their Country name and Logo below. One of my main priorities is to ensure all member country associations are actively involved in key decisions

of the governing body, including rules, equipment standards, training programs, competition, grassroots initiatives, and other key areas to maximize pickleball's development and visibility worldwide. The USAPA has been very supportive and will be very helpful in shaping this new direction and I want to thank them for their past support and look forward to their continued future support of the IFP", said Pat.

The IFP will be holding its first International Pickleball Conference and General Meeting for all IFP member associations attending this year's 3rd annual Bainbridge Cup, which will be hosted by the German Pickleball Federation together with the German Open Pickleball Tournament in Essen, Germany from July 10th to the 14th of 2019.

The IFP was established to perpetuate the development and growth of the sport throughout the world. Its goal is to introduce pickleball to all nations so that they may embrace the sport as one of their national sports, and ultimately to achieve official recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IFP is a non-profit, volunteer organization committed to promoting international play and competition, maintaining the official rules for pickleball, paddles and ball manufacturing standards worldwide.

In closing I welcome anyone who is interested in supporting the Sport of Pickleball at the Global level to please feel free to reach out to me at president@ifpickleball.org



Can-am Recap

The Second Canadian/American Pickleball Challenge was held on Sunday, March 31st 2019 at the Sundance courts. Team America was captained by Rocky Ware and Team Canada by Randy Imeson. Each country had six teams, one Woman's doubles, two Mixed doubles and 3 Men's doubles. They played six games in a round robin format for a total of 36 matches.



We had great support from the Club, with red maple leaf and blue star cookies as snacks, and a great deal of chirping and cross court talk. The spectators cheered on their countries' players.

After round one, the score was 3-3, and all were into the competition. The scale slowly tipped in the American teams' favor as the matches continued, particularly in the fourth round with a 5-1 USA surge. The final score was America 23-Canada 13. The trophy presentation was made to Rocky and Team America.

The high-scoring team from Canada, Deb Fraser and Bill Deffett, were awarded the "Toonie Trophy". The high-scoring team from the USA, Spike Christensen and Larry Graff, were awarded the "Big Ticket" trophy. Plans are being made for Can-Am 3 for the Fall!

Phil Whitten



Canada Pickleball Tournaments - upcoming

7/5/2019 - 7/7/2019

Kelowna Open Pickleball Tournament

7/5/2019 - 7/7/2019

LAPD Charity Tournament

7/19/2019 - 7/21/2019

Sherwood Park Open Pickleball Tournament

7/20/2019 - 7/21/2019

Eastern Canadian Regional Pickleball Championship

7/25/2019 - 7/28/2019

Nissan Showdown in the Hat

8/8/2019 - 8/10/2019

Canadian Super Seniors Pickleball Tournament

8/9/2019 - 8/11/2019

Red Deer Open Provincial Championship

8/22/2019 - 8/25/2019

Alberta Master Games Pickleball Tournament

8/23/2019 - 8/25/2019

Bannister Honda - Put Your Paddle to the Medal

8/24/2019 - 8/25/2019

2019 Paddles on the Prairie

8/30/2019 - 9/1/2019

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Do you love Pickleball? Want to help promote, grow and develop the sport across Canada? Like being part of a high performing team? We've got opportunities for you!

The Board is looking for individuals who are willing to contribute as committee members in a number of skill areas. Opportunities include:

- ❖ Human Resources
- ❖ Marketing/Communication
- ❖ Membership Services
- ❖ Translation Services (French- English)
- ❖ Policy
- ❖ Sponsorship
- ❖ Social Media
- ❖ Player Support
- ❖ Strategic Planning

If you have a passion for Pickleball, an interest in supporting our sport, and a talent to share contact us at:

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