



PICKLEBALL CANADA ASSOC.

*The fastest growing sport in North America.
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en Amérique du Nord*



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Points of Interest

- History lesson on Pickleball Canada by Bev Butt /Director.
- Clarington, Ontario are now playing Pickleball full time, congratulations
- Bill Franzman introduces an all new Provincial Ambassadors program. Why not join them yourself.
- Message from our President Bill Canning, just getting back from Sunny Arizona to about 3 to 4 feet of snow.
- Lots of Canadian winner in Arizona this winter
- Renew your membership or become a new member for only \$35. for 3 years.
- Beverley Butt schmoozing with the local constabulary

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History of PICKLEBALL CANADA by Beverley Butt

Pickleball Canada was started by 5 Founding Members in 2009. Within a year, these Founding Members of Pickleball Canada had increased the awareness of Pickleball across many provinces of Canada through demos, radio and TV interviews, CDs and the monthly Pickleball Canada Newsletter. They also developed the Pickleball Canada website www.pickleballcanada.org with information about Pickleball, Pickleball events and locations to play. Pickleball Canada business cards were designed and printed by the Founding Members with the logo "A game for all/ un sport pour tous" and were handed out at every opportunity. At the end of one year, Pickleball Canada Association had over 300 paid members, many taking 3 and 5 year memberships, for which they were given the bonus of a shoulder bag with the Pickleball Canada name and logo to advertise our sport and our organization.

Having laid a good foundation, the Founding Members then stepped down so a Board could be formed in 2010 to take on the responsibilities of a truly national Canada Pickleball Association, with as much cross-Canada representation on the Board as possible. The monthly Pickleball Canada Newsletter continued to provide you with information confirming the increase and enjoyment of our sport.

The objective of Pickleball Canada has always been to promote the sport and spread the opportunity for players to find locations in which to play. Pickleball Canada has no other motives. Pickleball Canada does not charge for lessons, does not charge for training certification and does not sell paddles or equipment. Pickleball Canada is simply here to help you and others enjoy this wonderful sport. Board members are all Canadians. Some play only in Canada. Some are snowbirds who also play in USA during winter. Recently Pickleball Can-

ada's Annual General Meeting was held in Arizona solely for the reason that a larger percentage of Board Members could attend, as they vacation there. Skype and online reception were set up so that members, including those in Canada, could participate in the meeting.

Present Status: Re: Sanctioned Tournaments Directors of local or provincial tournaments may request their tournament be sanctioned by Pickleball Canada. There are several benefits to a sanctioned tournament but it is not necessary, particularly for small tournaments. At the Annual General Meeting in February 2011, Pickleball Canada voted to abide by the rules of the International Federation of Pickleball for consistency of sanctioned tournaments. This includes standardization of paddles. Any paddles which in the past or in the future are tested by any member of the International Organizations and deemed not in compliance with international standards will not be allowed in sanctioned tournaments. Directors of local or provincial tournaments, large or small, may still allow the use of any paddles, compliant or not with international standards, as long as they do not ask that the tournament be sanctioned by any of the member Organizations. This is a choice open to all coordinators of tournaments.

Proud of our Past and Present: Pickleball Canada Association is proud of its name and the integrity of its Board members. We will continue to support our membership and the sport of Pickleball across Canada. We invite you to regularly visit www.pickleballcanada.org, take out/renew your membership online and submit news of your local activities to our monthly Pickleball Canada Newsletter. Together we can have the "fastest growing sport in North America", reaching from west coast to east coast- and maybe even to Inuvik!

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Pickleball is now in Clarington, ONTARIO



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On Monday March 28th we held a Pickleball workshop in Clarington at the Newcastle and District Recreation Complex it was a huge success. Thank you to Russ French, Bruce and Carol Doughty, Hans Tim and Dave Bridges.

We could not have held the workshop without their help. We had 16 older

adults turn out to learn what Pickleball was all about. Everyone had a blast and now we have started a drop in program every Monday from 10 am to 12 pm. It is open to all older adults 50 plus.

If you want more information you can contact Angela Adams at [905-697-2856](tel:905-697-2856) ext 24 or coaa@bellnet.ca

HOT OFF THE PRESS: The answer for a **JEOPARDY** question on March 31st, *"A cross between tennis and ping-pong, this sport was named for a dog, not a gherkin?"* **None** of the contestants knew the answer and neither did Alex Trebek (a Canadian). Bev Butt feels we should teach him the game.

CANADIAN FORCES ASK FOR HELP SETTING UP PICKLEBALL AT BASE.

Wayne Roswell has been approached to supply equipment to one of our bases. This is the second time we have had the opportunity to get Pickleball to our forces. We are proud to be of service to our military.

Provincial Ambassador Program by Bill Franzman

Bill Franzman, director and head of our Provincial Pickleball Ambassadors program has been working hard.

He has appointed the following:
SHIRLEY & DAVID SHEPHERD (BC)
LINDA DANE (ALBERTA)
BEVERLEY BUTT (SASKATCHEWAN)
WAYNE ROSWELL (ONTARIO)
PATSY & STEVE SIMON (NOVA SCOTIA)

He is actively seeking Provincial Ambassadors for:
Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Labrador and Northern Territories.

This is a wonderful and quick way to build and support interest in our sport, nationally. Each Provincial Ambassador will report directly to Bill Franzman, who reports direct to

the Board of Directors.

The Provincial Ambassadors in turn appoint Ambassadors in the many towns/cities across our country. At this time, Wayne Roswell has 16 Area Ambassadors, followed by Shirley and David Shepherd with 8. This program is growing quickly.

If you can spare a few hour per week to help grow our sport, we'd love your participation. We wish to reach the established centres and the newly created centres & help them grow. This includes any schools that are interested.

We'd like to supply training, rules and guidance for each club in Canada and of course at **NO CHARGE.**

Please contact Bill Franzman direct by email at: bfran@shaw.ca and he will put you in touch with your Provincial Ambassador.

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Message from our President - Bill Canning

A few words from a returning Pickleball snowbird. Here in Red Deer, Alberta, the geese are back, some ducks and some robins are also back. Here and elsewhere, snowbirds are back or are soon to return. However, here we cannot even think about continuing to play because we have no indoor facilities yet. We must play outdoors. A look at our courts suggests that we may be able to take up paddle and balls sometime about the middle of June. The white stuff that Mr. Winter was so generous in dumping on this area, still resides on playgrounds, soccer fields, residential yards and most tennis courts. We are talking 2 to 4 feet of the stuff still left in places, and it's in no hurry to disappear. Red Deer, and other locations in Alberta are closing in on the record for the longest period in a year where the temperature has yet to get into double digits. Yes, it hasn't reached 10 degrees yet. **Enough of my whining!!!!**

I have been hearing great things from

many centres about an increase in the number of new players participating. Many snowbirds, who never even knew the game existed when they headed south, have learned the game in California, Florida, and in Arizona. Now these snowbirds have returned with great enthusiasm to find a place to play in their city, town or area

Our website www.pickleballcanada.org has links to all of the places to play known to Pickleball Canada. If, on checking the site, you know of a place that is not listed, please contact our V.P. Mr. Wayne Roswell rwroswell@gmail.com. This summer I will be spending considerable time touring British Columbia, terrorizing grandchildren and great grandchildren. When I leave here, I will have a long list of Pickleball places to visit thanks to our extensive list.

Pickleball Canada now has Ambassadors from Vancouver Island to Nova Scotia. Should you wish to become one of

our Ambassadors, or want to know who the Ambassador in your area is please contact the father of Pickleball in Canada, Mr. Bill Franzman at bfran@shaw.ca. He would be very pleased to hear from you.

Many things are happening within the Pickleball scene in Canada, the USA and in India. I hope to discuss some of them in the next month's issue of this Newsletter. In the meantime, may I borrow your snow shovel?????

Bill Canning. Contact me at:

billcanning@pickleballcanada.org



MORE PALM CREEK ARIZONA WINNERS FROM CANADA



Meet Colin Cadwell (left) and Dave Touchet BOTH are winners from BC.

They won Gold in the 60+ category. Colin Cadwell, is our newly elected Director for Pickleball Canada.

Colin was born in Hamilton, Ontario lived his teen years in Rochester NY and came back to Canada in 1973 where he was employed by Bell Canada, he started as a lineman and ended up in management. Colin has always been very involved in his local community and charity groups.

Colin has also been actively involved in racket sports, he has played racquetball, tennis and was an avid squash player. He started playing Pickleball last winter and was hooked. He's rated a 4.0 level player in Arizona and plays at the South Surrey Recreational Centre for the rest of the year.

Colin's wife calls him a Pickleball Addict and he agrees with her. "It's a fantastic sport for us senior citizens but there is something for everyone no matter what your age or skill level. The learning curve is short and the size of the court makes it easier on those of us with abused knees from other sports. It is truly an inclusive sport.

I am a member of the USAPA and plan to remain a member, unlike some, I truly believe that two organizations can co-exist in order to promote Pickleball to the world. I also believe there can only be ONE standard & one set of rules, which I support.

Left to right: Carol Haworth (BC) & her American partner Mary Mahan - **BRONZE**. Donna Robins (ONT.) & her American partner Sandy Feller - **GOLD**. Mary Duncan (AB) and Teresa Orcutt (BC) - **SILVER**. If you are counting, that comes to 4 Canadian out of 6 medal winners, at the 4.0 rated level.

Some statistic for you. There were 285 players. They played a total of 506 matches for a total of 877 games over 3 days. There are 16 courts. This is a professionally run tournament that is in March every year at Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort, Casa Grande, AZ. It was their 9th Annual Tournament.

We are told the food is THE BEST of any tournament in Arizona, from chicken breasts, brats, hamburgers, chips, beverage and cookies for \$6.00 for unregistered players. Lunch is FREE for registered players of course.

Entry fees is \$20.00 for first event, which includes lunch and \$10.00 each additional event, LESS \$5.00 for USAPA members

Next year the tournament will be March 2nd to 4th. If you like a challenge, this is where to be to hone your skills.

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR

SNOWBIRDS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW - BIG TOURNAMENT KELOWNA - MAY 14TH, 2011 - 50+
Supported by Pickleball Canada Association, USAPA members welcome, Book early

OSHAWA ONTARIO Pickleball Open Tournament - University of Ontario Institute of Tech. Aug. 13th & 14th, 2011
website: <http://sites.google.com/site/ontariopickleballtournament/>

Please re-new or join PICKLEBALL CANADA

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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What is Beverley Butt trying to do score some points or get herself out of a ticket or something? Yes, that is a Sheriff standing beside her. Maybe she is being taken in after winning so many GOLD medals, probably for her own safe keeping. Guess we'll never know.



Order a Pickleball Canada shoulder bag for only \$29.95 plus shipping (approx. \$10—\$12.) limited time offer.

OR JOIN/RENEW your membership for 3 years for \$35.00 and get a shoulder bag FREE including shipping charges. What a deal. Include, address, phone, email.



Palm Creek, Casa Grande Tournament AZ. On Left Bev Butt with Bob Robillard GOLD medals and Shirley Edwards (Pt. Moody, B.C. & Brian Shippam (Winnipeg) BRONZE.



Dan & Brenda Jamaeff (USA) GOLD medal winners on the left, Carol Haworth (Chilliwack, BC) & Gary Winter (USA) SILVER medal winners on the right. Many of these players stay at VENTURE OUT in Mesa. Games are played at Skill Levels as well as age levels. We understand that Venture Out now has 357 active Pickleball Players just in their complex. That is both amazing and exciting. With six professional courts, that are very busy.



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