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# PICKLEBALL CANADA

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

## Points of Interest

- CALARY PLACES TO PLAY
- KELOWNA gals win big in AZ  
Welcome home Glenda & Terry
- PCO - ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY  
MAY 18TH.
- Madeleine St. Cyr from Winfield  
wins BIG in Yuma Senior Games
- Sponsors for Abbotsford National  
Tournament - Medals too
- \* Message from our  
President Collin Caldwell
- PAO Pickleball Ontario  
Celebrate 1st year.
- Surrey, B.C. DREAM program  
doing exceptionally well
- Check out Beverley Butt on rules  
and etiquette on the back page.  
Some of your many questions  
will be answered right here.
- Renew your membership or  
become a new member for ONLY  
\$12.00 per year.

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## GREAT NEW PLACES TO PLAY IN CALGARY AREA

### SOUTHLAND LEISURE CENTRE (they have 4 courts)

2000 Southland Dr. SW, Calgary.  
**TUESDAY - 9:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.**  
This program ends May 22nd.  
Drop in fee \$5.30 for Seniors (over 65)  
And \$10.60 for adults.  
Reduced Prices for 10 or 30 entries are offered

### WEST-HILLHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE (they have 4 courts)

1930- 6th Ave. NW, Calgary  
**FRIDAY - 9:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.**  
**SATURDAY - 9:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.**  
Annual Membership of \$25.00 per family is  
required. Anyone from the area may join.  
No drop in fee.

### SPRAY LAKE SAWMILLS FAMILY SPORTS CENTRE

(they have 4 courts)

800 Griffin Road, East, COCHRANE.

**TUESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.** **FRIDAY - 8:45 - 10:15 A.M.**  
**FRIDAY EVENINGS - 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.**

There is a \$6.00 drop-in fee or you can buy a monthly pass. The cost of a monthly pass is \$25.00  
for adults over 60 and \$40.00 for adults under 60 years old.

## KELOWNA ROCKS IN ARIZONA - GLENDA AND TERRY WERE AMAZING



Glenda (Snake)  
Jackson (far left)  
and her partner  
Vicki Stricker  
won GOLD in  
Women's Dble.  
Level 3.5



Terry Saunders  
(far right) and  
her partner  
Norma Kaping  
won BRONZE  
same Level 3.5  
**FANTASTIC  
LADIES**

There were many more CANADIAN winners but we were not supplied any photo's of them or any details. We'd love to share your winning ways here but we need your input. See you soon, ladies.



**2012 Pickleball Canada Annual General Meeting:**  
**Date: Friday, May 18, 2012 Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm**  
**Location: Best Western Wine Country Hotel**  
**3460 Carrington Road, Kelowna, B.C.**  
**AGM Registration deadline is May 4, 2012**



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## **2012 YUMA ARIZONA CANADIAN WINNERS**

### **2012 Yuma SENIOR GAMES**

City of Yuma Parks & Recreation Senior Games held Feb. 19 to 22.

54 players competed for medals in Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles & Singles.

The oldest woman player was 81 and the oldest man 84.

The tournament was held at the National Guard Building which is a large air conditioned building housing 4 excellent courts.

Two winning Canadians at the right are: **Madeleine St. Cyr from Winfield, B.C.** and **John McLeod from Victoria B.C.**



Madeleine and her American partner Carol Lee (El Centro, CA) won **GOLD** in the Ladies Doubles, while John McLeod and Madeleine won **SILVER** in Mixed Doubles. Congratulations.

## **PICKLEBALL CANADA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT - JULY 7TH & 8TH**

### **BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

Pickle-Ball Inc. is our community sponsor and all our other sponsors are donating prizes. These sponsors include: Pickle-Ball, Pro-Lite Sports, Pickleball Specialties, Pickleball Outfitters, All About Pickleball (Pickleball Rocks), Pickleball Central, Igotitpickleball, Great Clips and North Bellingham Golf Course. Thank you very much for your support and generosity for our First National Tournament. If interested in donating a prize, please contact: [shirleyshepherd@shaw.ca](mailto:shirleyshepherd@shaw.ca) As a sponsor, we will prominently advertise your name at our tournament and on our website & newsletter. Contributions are very much appreciated, because of your excellent support and community spirit in Abbotsford, this tournament is already a huge success. We are excited about meeting you here.



**CUSTOM AWARDS MEDAL**



Regina Pickleball players received sad news that **Barry Suitor**, a keen member of a group of new players **Bev Butt** taught last summer, lost his leg to a Staph infection while in Ontario last month. Barry and wife Jo-Ann were so enthused with the game, they came to the condo courts regularly and helped set up nets and attach them to the No Parking sign. Barry has been released from Wascana Rehab Centre in Regina and Jo-Ann says he is in good spirits. To encourage him, Bev has told him that Mark Friedenberg's book states that in the league they had a player with a prosthetic leg and she knows of a good player who has only one arm. At the very least, Bev can train him to be a "certified" Saskatchewan Pickleball Referee! This tragic event is a reminder that we never know from one day to the next what will happen and therefore should welcome and relish each day fully. Live with laughter and play safe. Bev Butt

**Saanich Recreational Pickleball Tournament** - June 16th to 17th - Pearkes Rec. Centre, Victoria, B.C. For information please call (250) 475-5400, Register at [www.saanich.ca](http://www.saanich.ca)

**Nanaimo Pickleball Tournament** - July 27th to 29th - Oliver Woods Rec. Centre, Nanaimo  
Registration forms & information at: [www.pickleballnanaimo.com](http://www.pickleballnanaimo.com)



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### Message from our President Colin Caldwell



I am writing this message from Las Vegas, NV, which has become a routine stop on our way home from Arizona. Fortunately, the only gambling I enjoy is on the pickleball courts but my wife does enjoy throwing a few \$20.00 bills into the one-arm bandits at the casinos. I spend my time checking out all the factory outlet sports stores vainly searching for that perfect court shoe that has eluded me thus far.

I am looking forward to returning to BC and pickleball at our two venues, Cloverdale and South Surrey Rec Centres. I'm sure there will be an adjustment back to indoor courts and jugs balls.

As you probably have noted in this month's edition of our Newsletter, the Pickleball Canada AGM is scheduled for next month in Kelowna, BC. There are two very important positions on our Board of Directors that require attention at that meeting. In last month's newsletter I reported that our Vice President, Bill Franzman is retiring and Bill has held the position of both VP

and the head of our Ambassador program. These two positions, each of which is integral to the organization, must be filled. Pickleball Canada is looking for well-organized, motivated pickleball enthusiasts to assist us nationally in promoting the sport. I urge every member to consider these two positions. We are accepting nominations and if you or anyone you may know might fit the bill please contact me directly through "contact" on our webpage or directly at [president@pickleballcanada.org](mailto:president@pickleballcanada.org)

For all the returning Canadians who are travelling back from the south I wish you a safe trip and the beginning of a great pickleball season in the "Great White North". For those of you that have newly discovered pickleball in the US I welcome you to the sport here in Canada. With your help and the assistance of our existing membership let's work together to expand the sport here in Canada.

I was just informed that our PCO First National Pickleball Tournament in Abbotsford July 7th & 8th, has now exceeded 140 players and we are looking into expanding to beyond 150. Now that is exciting news. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TO (PAO) PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO



The inaugural meeting of the Pickleball Association of Ontario was held on March 9th, 2011 via Skype. What a great year it has been! They now have over **400 members** and their first provincial tournament takes place Sept. 6th & 7th, 2012. They wish to thank everyone for their support and especially thank their directors for all their hard work the past year.

The inaugural PAO annual 50+ provincial tournament is scheduled for Oshawa, Ontario Sept. 6-7, 2012. The 8 court facility is booked and preliminary planning has just begun. To register you must be 50 or older and a PAO member.

Competitive Division: Mixed, Men's and Women's Doubles with age brackets from 50-70+, players can register in TWO events. Double elimination format.

Recreational Division: Round Robin Doubles format for beginner/novice players. No age brackets & no division by gender. Partners to be drawn randomly on day of tournament. Come out and have some fun, meet new players and get a feel for the tournament atmosphere.

Registration Fee: \$25.00 depending on the costs, number of sponsors, etc. Playing under IFP, CPO and USAPA rules.

Plan to attend the largest tournament ever held in Ontario. All PAO members are eligible to enter by registering early as the number of players will be capped.

Registration forms and complete details available at: **[WWW.PICKLEBALLASSOCIATIONOFONTARIO.ORG](http://WWW.PICKLEBALLASSOCIATIONOFONTARIO.ORG)** in JUNE. Registration will close August 1st, 2012.

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### DREAMS program School Dist. 36 - Surrey, B.C.



#### DREAM CAMPS

**D = Drama**  
**R = Recreation**  
**E = Extra-curricular**  
**A = Arts**  
**M = Mentorship & Science**



Pickleball Canada (PCO) volunteer instruction in Surrey, B.C. schools. During Spring Break, four Pickleball Canada volunteer instructors: Dave, Mike and Shirley Shepherd and Herb Peters gave 20 hours of free Pickleball instructions to about 300 students in 10 elementary schools. This is the 2nd year that PCO volunteers participated in the spring break DREAMS camps program as requested by School District 36. They used two USAPA portable nets for the instructions. Thanks to Abbotsford Recreation Centre and McClure Elementary School for lending paddles and balls for the students. The students were fascinated to know how "pickleball" got its name. At first they cannot hit a ball but after one and a half hour, they can even rally. They learned the basic rules, how to serve and how to play a game. The teachers were very helpful and the students loved it !!!

## TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR & NEXT

2012 PICKLEBALL CANADA FIRST NATIONAL TOURNAMENT— ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE  
2499 McMILLAN ROAD, ABBOTSFORD, B.C. ALL PLAYERS WELCOME. IFP RULES APPLY.  
JULY 7TH & 8TH - 2012, PCO & USAPA MEMBERS WELCOME, OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS.

MAY 19TH TO 20TH, WEST KELOWNA PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - TWO DIVISIONS, RECREATIONAL & COMPETITIVE, MENS & WOMENS DOUBLES, PLUS MIXED DOUBLES. BOOKINGS STARTED MARCH 5th.

APRIL 28TH & 29TH - PEACHLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT (250) 767-2133  
REGISTRATION \$35.00 FOR UP TO 3 EVENTS, INCLUDES LUNCH AND BREAK REFRESHMENTS.

### 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](http://www.pickleballcanada.org)**

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### MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR PICKLEBALL CANADA

New/re-new membership rates are:

One year \$12.00

Three years \$32.00



### RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

Chair Rules Committee P.C.O.

*Did you know?*

#### PADDLE ON THE COURT

Question from AZ:

**“At a major AZ tournament, referee stated that when scooping up a bounced ball in NVZ, one's paddle could not touch ground. Is this true?”**

*Referee was wrong. The paddle or anything worn or carried can land in or touch court, including NVZ, at any time except when hitting a volley in NVZ. See IFP, Rule 12.G, also Comment after Rule 9.B in Rulebook revised Jan. 15, 2012.*

#### Reader's Query re: March Rules Corner

A reminder was given that partner on far side of court should not call close balls “out” on partner's side of court. The reason is that he/she is at least half and possibly a whole court width away from landed ball and vision angle may be inaccurate.

I suggested partner closer to line should make the call. If partners disagree, ball is considered “in”. It is heartening to see players who in honesty will overrule a partner's call of “out”. My use of “should not” was to enhance accuracy of close calls. It did not mean “must not” or “can not”, since both players can call “out”. Source: IFP Rules. Send questions to [bbutt@sasktel.net](mailto:bbutt@sasktel.net)

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