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- ▶ Pickleball Canada Organization what is in it for YOU.
- ▶ New Pickleball Tournament Ideas and suggestions.
- ▶ Over 125 players booked into the National Championships in Abbotsford.
- ▶ Brenda & Dan Jmaeff's winning ways in the U.S.A.
- ▶ Ball in or Out of the courts, makes you want to check those out balls more carefully???
- ▶ Different paddles for different playing conditions . . Wow!
- ▶ FAQ for PCO National Open Championship, July 6-7th.
- ▶ Pickleball continues to grow in Winnipeg. Terrific.
- ▶ Bev Butt's Rules Corner is back with more good suggestions and rules we should all follow.
- ▶ Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY \$12.00 per year, \$32.00 3 years and NOW \$50.00 for 5 years.

HOW DO I BENEFIT BY SUPPORTING PICKLEBALL CANADA ORGANIZATION?

This is such a good question. What is in it for me. I only play part time, maybe even go south for the winter, so why should I support PCO?

First lets look at the cost, \$12.00 a year, that is only \$1.00 a month and if you are gone 6 months of the year that works out to \$2.00 a month while you are here or \$.50 a week.

Now today, what can you buy for a \$1.00 or even \$2.00. A coffee is possible in some places.

First let me tell you that as an organized sport in Canada we are allowed to tap into government grants and funds. There is however a minimum requirement as to how many members we must have and in how many provinces we have clubs. I believe the required membership is 3,000 in order to get funding. So your \$1.00 per month is really helping to grow the sport because you are saying; "I am standing up for my sport." Let's get organized so we can open more venues to play. So that is a good thing, right?

There are other benefits too. If you play in tournaments, many now offer a discount if you are a

member of PCO and that is up to \$5.00 off. Now you are down to only \$7.00 a year or just over 50 cents a month. Now it sure doesn't get any cheaper than that to support a growing sport (well it does if you buy a 3 or 5 year membership).

There are other indirect benefits too. When Provincial, Federal and City governments discover our sport, they open up so many other facilities for us to use. Not only Senior Centres but also other public buildings where we can play, including schools and recreational centres.

You are directly helping every hamlet, town, city and community to grow our sport, add funds to their programs that help seniors and anyone interested in playing Pickleball.

Surely you can see the value here. Being part of a new, exciting, growing sport that welcomes all players of all ages and all this for a bargain price of about \$1.00 to \$2.00 a month. How can anyone say NO to this. Each member is making a contribution to the greater good of our sport.

Need I say more. Please join today. Ed/Editor.

RED TEAM WINS AGAIN! A NEW TYPE OF TOURNAMENT.

Every 3 months, the Whitby Pickleball League at Brooklin Community Centre has a fun tournament with the Red team vs the White team. In this type of tournament, the players are assigned to 2 (hopefully equal in ability) teams and the players end up playing against each player on the opposing team and with each player on their own team. Of the 8 times we have had this fun tournament, the RED team has won seven times!

A special thanks to Melissa French & Hans Tim for keeping the scores straight & us on time. Tournaments go well with such good people in charge.

Thanks to Whitby Toyota for the prizes. We all came out as winners because of the good times had on the courts as well as at the potluck after the event at the Conveners' home.

If you would like to know how to run this tournaments, please email caroldoughty1@yahoo.com.

Red team
R u s s
F r e n c h ,
B r i a n
M c C o r -
m a c k , J o s e -
l i n e S i k o r s k i ,
A n n e R o b e r t s o n ,
J o a n G o o d a l l ,
M a r i o n C l a r k ,
J o e S e r f l e k , &
B r u c e D o u g h t y .



White team
S h a r o n
C l a r k e , B r i a n
G o o d a l l , J o h n
C l a r k , H e a t h e r
M c L a u g h l i n ,
C a r o l D o u g h t y
(c o n v e n e r a n d t o u r n a m e n t o r g a n i z e r) ,
M a r g N i v e n , a b s e n t a t t i m e o f p h o t o : B o b
C o o k - A b b o t t , P a u l e t t e R o c h e



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2013 Pickleball Canada National Open Championship
Registration form: <http://pickleballcanada.org/tournaments>

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THE WINNING WAYS OF BRENDA & DAN



And the winners are: Gold: Brenda & Dan Jmaeff, Silver: Terry Lavine & Don Banks (Tucson) & Bronze: Nancy Stern (Nanaimo) & Jim Vincent (Winnipeg).



Dan Jmaeff also won a Gold medal in the same tournament Men's Doubles at 4.0 level with his partner Maurice Parobec (Kamloops), Dan & Brenda won Silver at 4.0 level at the Mission Royale Tournament in Casa Grande, AZ. Dan & Maurice also won Gold there as well.

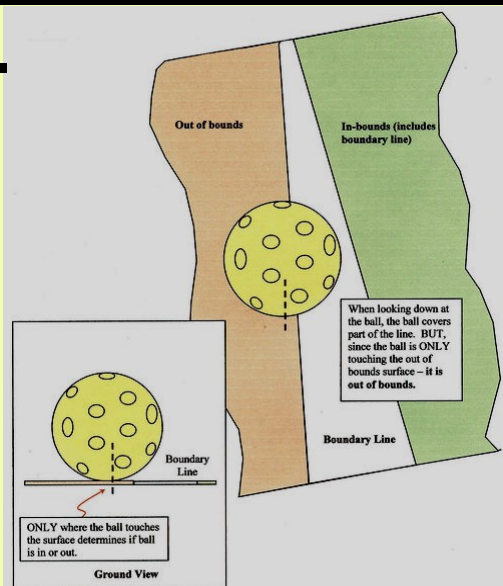
BALL IN OR OUT

Is that shot really in or out. That is always the question during a hotly played game.

We all like to win and it is hard sometimes to call the ball out when it is so close and questionable. We need to take a look at this.

Even if the ball looks like it is touching the line, it can still be out because only the centre of the ball is what counts when it comes to touching the line. Look at the diagram to the right and you will see what I mean.

If you think you are having trouble making the call, imagine how hard it is for the line judges. It is far better to accept the call and move on than to get upset that the call was wrong. Getting upset can only hurt your game and help your competitor, so do the right thing, accept the questionable call.



DIFFERENT PADDLES FOR SINGLES & DOUBLES

Joan from IL asks: "Do you use a different paddle for singles than for doubles? Why? Also, which paddle do you use?"

ANSWER: Yes I do; I like to have options. I'm currently playing with the Aluminum Champion for doubles because it offers me more feel of the ball on the paddle – helping with the soft dink game. For singles, I prefer the Legacy which has more power for deep groundstrokes and overheads. Each paddle has something different to offer.

I really noticed the importance of having choices when I was in the third round of open singles at Nationals in November 2012. It was windy, so on each side of the court

you had to really adjust hitting and shot selection. I was playing with the Champion paddle because it had worked well for me the past few days, but I was having trouble getting the ball in and lost that round. After watching me struggle, a friend suggested I change paddles—so what the heck. I made the switch to the Legacy and the power overcame the wind allowing me to "rip" deep shots. I'm convinced the paddle change helped me to come from the loser bracket to win gold! So glad I had some options.

When you are playing in changing weather it is wisdom to try something that works rather than trying to fight the conditions.

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FAQ FOR 2013 PICKLEBALL CANADA NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP JULY 6-7th

Q. What is the difference between Open event and Under 55 event?

A. Open events are open to players of any age. In the Under 55 event, one of the partners must be under 55.

Q. Is there any skill level restrictions in Open & Age events?

A. No, there is no skill level restrictions in Open & Age events.

Q. If my age is 59, my next birthday is in October, which age event do I enter?

A. You will enter in the 60+ event. The event you enter is the age you will be on Dec.31/2013.

Q. What age bracket will an older player enter with a younger partner?

A. An older player may play down with a younger partner in the younger partner's age bracket, but a younger player may not play up with an older partner in the older player's age bracket.

Q. Are the games played indoors, what balls and rules will be used?

A. All games are indoors using Jugs pickleballs. Rules are International Federation of Pickleball rules, non-conforming paddles such as Apike, Hush & Edgeless are not allowed.

Q. How many events can I enter?

A. You may enter a maximum of 2 events,

Q. Where can I get a registration form?

A. You can get a registration form from ARC. The form is

posted on many websites: www.pickleballcanada.org
<http://pickleballbritishcolumbia.blogspot.com>

Q. What is the cost of the registration?

A. Registration fee is \$30.00 plus \$5.00 each for 2 events- total \$40.00. As a current Pickleball Canada member, your registration fee gets a \$5.00 discount for a total of \$35.00.

Q. How do I become a Pickleball Canada member and receive a \$5 discount?

A. You can become a Pickleball Canada member for \$12 for one year. Please send your payment with your Membership application form located at www.pickleballcanada.org ARC will confirm your membership with Pickleball Canada.

Q. How do I register?

A. You can register in person, by phoning ARC **604-853-4221** with credit card or by mail with payment to 'City of Abbotsford' & mail to **Ryan Coreau**, Recreation Coordinator, **Abbotsford Recreation Centre (ARC)**, 2499 McMillan Road, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 7R3.

Q. When is the deadline for registration?

A. The deadline for registration is June 12, 2013.

Q. What is the cancellation and refund policy?

A. Cancellations & refund requests must be received by June 5, 2013. Requests sent after this date will not qualify for a refund. Registration fees will be refunded less a \$10 administration fee. Please book early as we currently have over 125 players registered. By: Dave Shepherd, president

PICKLEBALL CONTINUES TO GROW IN WINNIPEG by Terry Ladyman



Community Centre opened. It seems that every couple of weeks we get a request to do a demonstration in another part of Winnipeg where a new group is interested in setting up their own Pickleball courts. With summer comes the opportunity to convert tennis courts to Pickleball & there are plans to expand to several parts of the city. Many of our players are looking forward to the Manitoba 55+ Games in early June when Pickleball becomes an official sport for the first time. By Terry Ladyman

For the first time Pickleball will be in the Manitoba Seniors 55+ Games this year in JUNE. That is not only amazing it is wonderful that our sport is now represented in Senior Games in BC, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

I know we must give credit to this Winnipeg team for their efforts but we must also acknowledge our national membership for their indirect part in making this happen. By working together we can accomplish so much no matter if you live in Canada all year or are a Snowbird, your membership and support is needed and appreciated.

In January, the newly built Sturgeon Heights

SATURDAY JUNE 15 MOUNT BOUCHERIE OPEN, CO-ED, DOUBLES, ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT

It's back again for the 3rd year, the big, exciting, well organized tournament you all don't want to miss. You do NOT need a partner to enter, you will play in a group of 8 against each other. Each group will be made up of male & female players. You will be playing by the rating system so it will be a fair and balanced tournament, not pitting top players against intermediate players. This year it is run by **BRIAN STOVEL** who most of you have known for many of years. He can be reached by email

at: bands65@gmail.com All games will be played under IFP Rules. For those of you not familiar with the area, Mount Boucherie is located in West Kelowna (Westbank) at 2751 Cameron Road. Play starts at 9:00 a.m. but the Gymnasium will open at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person, you will be guaranteed 7 games in a Round Robin format. You can pay by credit card by calling (778) 797-8800. All players will be rated and play that category with possibly some age adjustments. See you there.

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR FOLLOWING IFP RULES

2ND ANNUAL PICKLEBALL CANADA NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, ABBOTSFORD, B.C.
CANADA'S LARGEST TOURNAMENT - JULY 6TH & 7TH. 21 EVENTS, 17 COURTS. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

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RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

Chair Rules Committee P.C.O.

Did you know?

RULES CORNER- FOOT FAULTS

Question: What determines a foot fault on the back line when serving or on the non-volley line? Is it only if ACTUAL CONTACT is made by the player's shoe, or is it a fault if the toe of the shoe projects over the line? BS, Kelowna

IFP Rule 4D3 indicates a foot fault if when serving the foot touches the court, including the baseline.

IFP Rule 9B indicates a foot fault if in the act of volleying the ball, a player's foot touches a NV line.

I can appreciate your query since it is easier for players or referees to see that the toe of the shoe projects over the line than to see at what point the sole of the shoe is in actual contact with the line or court. For this reason, some recreational groups have chosen to have their players and referees call foot faults when they see the toe of the shoe project onto or across the line. However that varies from the Rules (that are based on a two dimensional plane, not three dimensional) that the shoe must touch the court or line to be declared a foot fault. To avoid controversy or being called for a foot fault, it is wise for players to keep their feet safely back of the baseline when serving and back of the NV line when rallying.

Send questions or comments to: bbutt@sasktel.net