



Pickleball Canada

*The fastest growing sport in North America
Le sport qui affiche la croissance la plus
rapide en Amérique du Nord*



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President's Message - Dave Shepherd



Great news!!! Pickleball

Canada is very pleased to announce that our Membership number is now over 1000 !!!

PCO is also very pleased to announce that Claude Gauthier has been appointed as the Pickleball Canada Provincial Ambassador for Quebec. Claude has a lot

of Pickleball experience including organizing tournaments and holding clinics in Quebec. Welcome aboard Claude!

Claude's new Quebec Pickleball Association website is up and running:

<http://www.associationquebecoisedepickleball.com>

The entire IFP rules have been translated in French on the website. The new Quebec Pickleball Association (APQ) is very proud to be affiliated with the largest organizations in the world: PCO, USAPA, IFP. We look forward to seeing Pickleball in Quebec moving forward, promoting the game, growing our membership and understanding the importance of conforming to IFP rules.

The AQP has a mandate to offer basic training of new players, ensuring that IFP Rules are complied with, to give advanced training to players wishing to develop their skills to better compete in local, provincial, national and international tournaments. We encourage you to visit his website, where you will find the official IFP Rules as well as the latest news both National and International, places to play with updates as required.

Upcoming Canadian Summer Games where Pickleball is Featured





Top PCO Tournament Point Earners

Follow this page to read the profiles of PCO tournament point earners



This month Pickleball Canada would like to recognize Claire and George Pool, a couple from Abbotsford, British Columbia who accumulated 2000 tournament points each in 2013.

PICKLEBALL CANADA Volunteers of the Month

***Helen and Dave Hall
St. Thomas, Ontario***



Where it all started - Florida, March 2009: "Went for the golf....came home with pickleball paddles."

After retiring from education Dave and Helen Hall started going to Puerto Vallarta for the winter. It was great but lacked activities for a longer stay. They then discovered The Villages, Florida where golf was included with your winter rental. So off they went for February and March in 2009. Just before returning home they bought paddles and signed up for a Beginner Pickleball class. They were hooked almost immediately.

They went home to Little Current, Manitoulin Island, Ontario and dragged some friends out to the curling rink where they played for several summers. The Manitoulin Pickleball Club was founded in the fall of 2009 and they both signed up as Pickleball Canada Area Ambassadors for Manitoulin, Sault St. Marie and Sudbury. They still return to The Villages each winter but needless to say the golf took a big hit.

When the Pickleball Association of Ontario was formed in 2011 they both signed on as founding Directors and helped to get the organization off the ground. A lot of hours were spent setting up the infrastructure and establishing a constitution and by-laws for the new association. Along with the other Directors they helped (*continued on next page*)

(Continued from previous page) organize the first annual PAO Provincial Tournament. Dave also took on the job of creating and maintaining the PAO website and served as the editor of the PAO newsletter. Although Dave and Helen have stepped down from the PAO executive he retains responsibility for the website and the newsletter.

From 2011 until present they have also assisted the PAO with demos and clinics in southern Ontario as many communities are requesting assistance with starting up the sport.

Unlike some players they are not addicted to tournament play but they have won medals in the Ontario Senior Games, the PAO Provincial Tournament and the London Tournament held in 2013.

In November 2012, Dave and Helen moved from Manitoulin Island to St. Thomas, Ontario. Helen took on the Area Ambassador position for St. Thomas. After returning from Florida in May 2013 they met with staff at the local community centre. The staff had never heard of pickleball but they agreed to reserve two mornings a week (four hours) for pickleball. They were skeptical at first but what a shock they got by the end of year! From zero players the sport has expanded to about 60 players and there are now six time slots a week reserved for pickleball. It has become the largest drop-in program at the rec centre in St. Thomas.

Dave and Helen taught an 8 week beginner course at the St. Thomas rec centre in the fall of 2013 and a second course starts this spring. They also took a team of players to a local high school last October and taught the game to all grade 9 physical education classes. The school has since purchased equipment and a group of teenagers are now hooked on the game.

In St. Thomas the icing on cake came in October 2013 when the St. Thomas Pickleball Club was formed. Membership was capped at 40 and there is a waiting list of players who want to join. The club successfully lobbied city council to have pickleball lines added to the local tennis courts in order to provide for four outdoor courts.

On top of all this Dave has been the Pickleball Canada Provincial Ambassador for Ontario since 2011. He oversees the appointment of new Area Ambassadors and acts as a liaison between Pickleball Canada and the 35 local ambassadors in Ontario. This job also requires Dave to

serve as a liaison between Pickleball Canada and the Pickleball Association of Ontario. These two associations are closely affiliated and the Area Ambassadors often work closely with the PAO at events, demos and clinics.

In Florida where he plays a lot of pickleball and a little softball and golf, Dave's favourite line is, "I never had this much fun as a kid!" But the best thing about pickleball is that Dave and Helen are both dedicated to the sport. For them it provides a common interest. They both love teaching, promoting and playing a sport which can only be described as fun, good exercise and



very social.

Upcoming Tournaments

Woodstock "Friendly Play" Tournament. May 10, 2014.

In support of Ronald McDonald House in Toronto

SATURDAY MAY 10, 2014 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration & warm up 8:00 am – 8:45 am

Location:

Woodstock Badminton Club

310 Hunter St. Woodstock

Maximum players 64

Registration Deadline: April 21, 2014

Categories – Women's Doubles, Mixed

Doubles, Men's Doubles

Register early Registration \$30

includes refreshments and snacks.

A tax receipt will be issued by

**Ronald McDonald House Toronto for the
maximum allowable amount by the CRA.**

Fill out registration form and waiver.

Make cheque payable to: Woodstock Badminton Club

Mail to:

Friendly Play Pickleball Tournament

in Support of RMH Toronto

c/o Woodstock Badminton Club

Woodstock, ON N4S 4E9

310 Hunter Street

Details at <http://woodstockbadmintonclub.org>

This is a fun tournament for Pickleball players of all skill levels

Tournament Ball: The Jugs lime green ball

Rules: International Federation of Pickleball

Official Tournament Rulebook Oct 2013

Fraser Valley Pickleball

Walnut Grove Classic May 16 & 17

Langley, BC

Current IFP rules apply. PCO Sanctioned (Tier 4)

Info and registration is available at: www.fraservalleypickleball.org





The Amsterdam International Tournament, May 16-18, 2014

See November 2013 newsletter for details

London Pickleball Club

2nd Annual Tournament May 31-June 1, 2014

May 31, 2014 Mixed Doubles

June 1, 2014 Men's & Women's Doubles

North London Optimist Community Centre, London, Ontario

No registration until March 2014. Contact Ken Twilley

pickleballlondon@gmail.com

4th Annual 2014 Saanich Recreational Pickleball Tournament

June 13-15, 2014 at G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre, 3100 Tillicum Road,
Victoria, BC.

Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, 65+ Mixed Doubles
and Men and Women's Singles.

Current IFP rules.

Check out more at victoriapickleball.blogspot.ca.

Register at www.saanich.ca or 250-475-5400



The Bill Franzman Annual Co-Ed Round Robin Tournament

Saturday, June 14, 2014

Mount Boucherie School Gymnasium 2751 Cameron Road, West
Kelowna. Registration forms and full details will be available soon.



Pickleball Canada National Open Championship

July 4 - 6, 2014 at Abbotsford Recreation Centre

Abbotsford, B.C.

21 events including Men's, Women's Singles,
Doubles and Mixed Doubles and Junior Doubles.

Current IFP rules apply. PCO Sanctioned (Tier 1)

For tournament registration info: www.pickleballcanada.org



COME CAMP AT CLUB SHUSWAP .

2 day pickleball tourney in Salmon Arm July 12 & 13 th. RV sites are
available near the clubhouse.

For further detail and registration information see page 13



2nd Annual 3.5+ Outdoor Pickleball Tournament

Paddlewheel Park, Vernon, BC

July 26, 2014 10:00 - 3:00 (approx)

7 games, 7 partners, 1 play-off game

Any player or group who would like to have their tournament advertised, please send request to: Denise at de.griffin@sasktel.net

Pickleball News Coast to Coast

Claude Gauthier - New PCO Ambassador for Quebec



It was in 2010 in Mexico while vacationing for the winter with my wife that I discovered the pickleball sport. After my first contact with the game I already knew that I would be hooked, so I decided to learn more about the game and its rules and regulations.

We know a few people in Mexico so I decided to gather those who were interested about learning more about the game and showed them how the game is played. It was a hit, people were very enthusiastic about learning and playing the game. We decided to order a few racquets and balls and have them

delivered by plane so we could play that same winter. While waiting for the material to arrive, we built two pickleball courts and I was also enhancing my knowledge and learning new strategies about the sport by reading and watching videos on a regular basis. We now play on a daily basis on three Pickleball courts and over 30 people participate.

At « Lac des pins Camping Site » in Québec, I've become the Director of the adult division (we also have a children's division) where I've been able to recruit a few people and we play everyday on six different courts.

After teaching, organizing training clinics and tournaments in Québec and Mexico and also by offering my help to implement the Pickleball sport in diverse regions of Québec, I thought it was time to create a Québec Association that would be recognized under the PCO and IFP organizations. I have now created the « Association québécoise de Pickleball » www.associationquebecoisedepickleball.com in Québec and it is recognized under the two organizations named above.

It is with great pleasure that I will continue to promote the learning and the fun that comes by playing the Pickleball sport.

Claude Gauthier

Président Directeur Fondateur AQP

PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO'S (PAO) FIRST SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Within three days of the notice being communicated via the PAO Website and the Durham Master List of Pballers, the PAO Skills Development Workshop was full, and a waiting list was formed. It was open to all PAO members. The PAO acquired 9 more members through this Workshop. Welcome aboard.

Thirty people from Brantford, Clarington, Coburg, Durham, Midland, Reabro, St. Thomas, and Toronto travelled to Kingsway College in the east end of Oshawa to take part in a 2 3/4 hour workshop aimed to improve players' ground and net volleys, backhands, serves, returned serves, lobs, slams, and spins, plus the strategies of parallel and mirror playing while following the format of Show; Practise; Use. After self-ranking themselves, participants were actively involved in practising the drills demonstrated first by the instructors, and then used in short games on their courts

with at least 1 instructor per court. There was time to play a few regular games, practising what they had learned as well.

On the evaluations, the participants shared that they liked the 1:4 ratio of instructors to players and praised the instructors for their skill, teaching styles, and patience. Participants also liked the format and said they learned new skills and strategies. One person said, "I enjoyed every minute!" We also received comments that will be taken into serious consideration for future workshops, such as spending more time on each drill and/ or reducing the number of skills covered in that timeframe and/or having longer workshops with a definite break.

Overall, the most frequent comment about the Workshop was that PAO should do this more often.

Stay tuned, PAO pickleballers.

Submitted by Carol Doughty, Co-convenor of this Workshop along with Bruce Doughty and Bill Gohn (Registrar)



NEW PICKLEBALL VENUE WHITBY, ONTARIO

After almost 18 months of hard work by Whitby pickleball enthusiasts, Whitby now has its third venue at The Abilities Centre for adults to learn and enjoy our favourite game. With this venue in Whitby, Durham Region (which includes Whitby) pballers now have 3 venues at which to play in Whitby with a total of 10 courts and 8 hours of play per week all within a short distance of each other.

In February 2014, 2 hour sessions of Pickleball were started on Friday afternoons on 4 courts. Usually, you need a membership at the Abilities Centre to take part in their activities, but the Centre has waived this *(continued on next page)*

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membership for pickleballers, and they pay \$3 per visit if they are 55+, and \$4 per visit if they are under that age. This is a considerable savings, and all the pickleballers are thankful for this arrangement. During the March Break, children also had the opportunity to learn the game.

During the Spring, the Abilities Centre staff will be evaluating the programme and deciding if it will continue as a drop-in programme or start being a "sign-up session" for a prescribed number of weeks.

Terry Elliott, the Convenor, is doing a great job of getting this new venue off to a great start and very happy to see it growing each week.

Pickleball in Whitby has come a long way from just 8 people at one venue, once a week for 3 hours in April of 2009! This is thanks mainly to the Whitby Seniors' Centre, the leadership of the Whitby pickleballers, and the Abilities Centre.

Submitted by Carol Doughty, Pickleball Canada Ambassador for Whitby, Convenor for Whitby @ Brooklin and the Kingsway Ladders in Oshawa

West (of Toronto) meets East (of Toronto)

Diane Pounder of Mississauga (West) and Carol Doughty of Whitby (East) met at a Pickleball of Ontario Tournament in August of 2013. That started some sharing of ideas about pickleball and eventually lead to a 3-hour Inter-Centre event for advanced players on Thursday, March 27 at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre's indoor pickleball courts. The event was organized so that pickleballers from both areas could meet and play with each other in a variety of formats:

arranged men's and ladies' games; round robin format; and Winners and Losers. Twelve players from Mississauga and Brampton and 9 from the Durham Region with players from Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Solina, and Port Perry had a fabulous time playing their favourite sport in a great facility. Now, both Diane and Carol are working towards repeating this type of event with other centres throughout the year.

Submitted by Carol Doughty, Pickleball Convenor for Brooklin, Whitby and the Kingsway Ladders, Oshawa; Pickleball Canada Ambassador for Whitby, Ontario.





District of Kent Children's Sport Sampler Program

Last month we were contacted by Alex Pollack, Sport Participation Coordinator, Pacific Sport Fraser Valley, to coach a pickleball introduction clinic for elementary students during spring break in March.

The event was held at Kent

Elementary School gym, in Agassiz, BC, Tuesday, March 18th from 1-3 pm.

We were assisted by Skylar, the Aquatic Programmer for the District of Kent and Rionna, Youth Leader, who also learned to play. Nine children attended the pickleball sport sampler to learn the basics. None of the children had ever played prior to the camp.

We brought equipment and 2 portable nets, supplied by Pickleball Chilliwack members, for set up in the gym. Following the basics and fun playing time each child was presented with a "graduation certificate" and feasted on what else, but dill pickles!

This is very timely as a new recreation centre is being constructed in Agassiz and pickleball programs will be included. Currently, pickleball players from Agassiz and Harrison Lake have to travel away from their communities to Chilliwack and Rosedale to play. *(submitted by Gord and Denise Griffin)*



1st ANNUAL KAMLOOPS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT Hosted by Kamloops Pickleball Club

RESULTS

3.0 - 1st Gary Phillips and Vicky Oberst (Salmon Arm), 2nd KJ Klontz and Eleanor Clovechuk (Kamloops)

3.5 - 1st Mel and Lynda Saranchuk (Peachland) 2nd Andy Backogorge and Sharon Moore (Kamloops)

4.0+ - 1st Ross Perkin and Brad Pape (Kamloops) 2nd Tim Mah Nd Ron Wittenbecher (Kamloops)

Signs of Spring

The trees are budding, birds are singing, days are longer and yes

**we are
“outside
“ !!!Yeah
The
Salmon
Arm
Pickleball
Club has
moved
outside
and loving
it !!! ~Photo
subitted by
Linda Brown
Area
Ambassador**



Congratulations **Collingwood Pickleball Club**, Collingwood, Ontario
Sixth Club/Group Signs Up for PCO Club/Group Membership Great news! Pickleball
Canada would like to welcome 53 members of Collingwood Pickleball Club
of Ontario as members of the sixth Affiliated Club. Thank you Collingwood
Pickleball Club for joining Pickleball Canada, your National governing
body.

Update

Submitted by Shirley Shepherd

Update

Congratulations **Salmon Arm Pickleball Club**, Salmon Arm, BC
Seventh Club/Group Signs Up for PCO Club/Group Membership

Great news! Pickleball Canada would like to welcome 50 members of Salmon Arm Pickleball Club of Salmon Arm, B.C. as members of the Seventh Affiliated Club. Thank you Salmon Arm Pickleball Club for joining Pickleball Canada, your National governing body.

Submitted by Shirley Shepherd

Update

Congratulations **Central Lions Seniors Association (CLSA)**

Eight Club/Group Signs Up for PCO Club/Group Membership

Great news! Pickleball Canada would like to welcome 68 members of Central Lions Seniors Association (CLSA) of Edmonton, AB. as members of the Eight Affiliated Club. Thank you Central Lions Seniors Association (CLSA) for joining Pickleball Canada, your National governing body.

Submitted by Shirley Shepherd



Please re-new or join PICKLEBALL CANADA

Membership application form is available on the web site. Completed form and payment can be mailed to:

PICKLEBALL CANADA ORGANIZATION
10823 – 82 AVENUE, EDMONTON, ALBERTA, T6E 2B2

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR PICKLEBALL CANADA

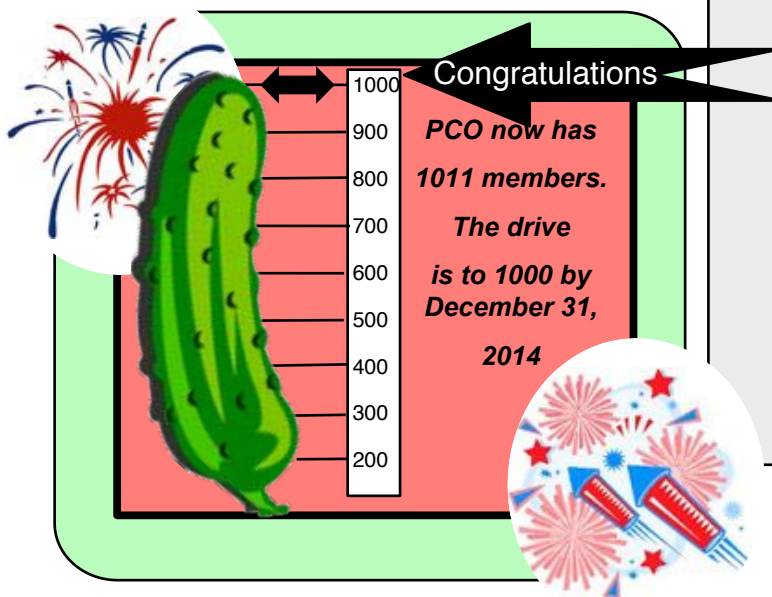
New/re-new membership rates are:

One year \$12.00

Three years \$32.00

Five years \$50.00

Club Group Rates available (20 members min.), contact: president@pickleballcanada.org



Our goal is achieved!!!

Kevin Stroeder of CLSA Edmonton, Alberta is Pickleball Canada's Member number 1000 !!! You are the winner of one year free PCO membership !!! You will have one year added to your membership. Thank you to all our members for supporting Pickleball Canada !!!

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from your
PCO RULES
GURU

A player
asked.....

With respect to

"kitchen" violations on volleys is it okay to grab and pull back your partner if he/she is falling into the "kitchen" from the momentum of the shot?

Yes it is, provided that the partner is not in the kitchen or touching any of the NVZ lines.

Know the rules and become a better player!



2014 Salmon Arm Open Pickleball Tournament

To be held at Club Shuswap Golf & RV destination—east side of Salmon Arm.

—on Saturday July 12 & Sunday July 13, 2014.

Saturday—Mixed Doubles (4 divisions) 3.0 3.5 3.75 4.0 and up.

Sunday—Men's Doubles & Women's Doubles (2 divisions) 3.0-3.5, 3.75 - 4.0 and up.

*bring your own partners if possible. (we will keep a list of "single entries" if you don't have a partner)

Limited to 48 people. **Guaranteed 5 games each day.

Registration: \$45 per person. Fee includes a turkey dinner on Saturday and lunches both days. —snacks, prizes and awards.

Supper—\$15 for non-competitors. **Ice water will be provided all day !

~~Breakfast specials are available and the restaurant and lounge is open all day.

Club Shuswap has RV sites right at the Club. Bring your own rig and park for \$25/night.

It is self-contained camping with a washroom, a shower, picnic tables and beautiful grassy areas. Visit the website @ www.clubshuswap.com

Canoe Beach on Shuswap Lake is 1 kilometer away--for a quick dip .

If you have time.....play some golf, or pitch & putt ! We've got it all !

*There is an 18 hole putting course on REAL greens. How about make up a 4-some and play under the lights on Friday night?? -\$5.95.

*Or a 9-hole fun golf scramble with power cart (set up your own 4-some) from 4 pm onwards.

—takes 1.5 hrs. -\$19.95 . Pickleball warm-up/golf/campfire....lots to do !!!

Further accommodations include:

- Traveller's Rest motel (across highway) 250-832-3075
- Apple Grove motel (across highway) 250-832-6955 \$75/night

- Cal-Van motel (1/2k. West on highway) 250-832-7233 \$75/night
- Super 8 250-832-8812 \$129/night
- Podollan Inn 250-832-6025 \$169/night
- Comfort Inn 250-832-7711 \$199/night
- Prestige Inn 250-833-5800 \$275/night (3 rooms left)

Free play on **Friday** evening from 4-8 pm. Register then or on Saturday morning.

Registration @ 8:30 am on **Saturday**, then time for a warm-up with games start at 9:30 am.

We will finish around 5 pm and dinner will be right at clubhouse at 6 pm.

Sunday games will begin at 8 am. Finish by 3:30 pm following awards and prizes.

Registration information:

Name and rating _____

Partner for doubles and rating _____

Partner for mixed and rating _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

- Send cheque payable to Club Shuswap Box 147, Canoe, B.C. V0E1K0
- Or phone registration and payment information into Club Shuswap
@ 250-832-7345 by June 30, 2014.
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