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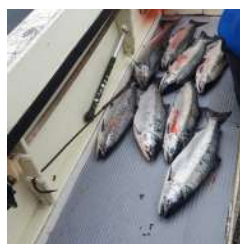


President's Message by Val Vollmin

Apparently there's more to life than Pickleball ??????



Val's catch from Prince Rupert fishing trip



Enjoy the trip Val !
We look forward to
hearing from you next
month.



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What has been exciting for the **Regina Players** is that the city and Community Center have agreed to designate a tennis court for certain times specifically for pickleball. We are able to set up six mobile nets. The attendance has been great.

CUTE ALERT !!!

Smith Strank
Edmonton's youngest known Pickleball Player
21 months old & already addicted
LOOKOUT William Slopek!



Bonnyville hosted a Fun Day for participants from **St. Paul, Cold Lake, and Bonnyville AB**. Players enjoyed sunshine and warm weather along with great playing and a scrumptious lunch. A round robin format was used with each player having the opportunity to play with all players in their group. Prizes were given to the top mens and ladies teams. A skill competition was also held involving serves, returns and drop shots. Points were earned in each category with the highest point getter crowned as winner.

Rob Barrett
Ambassador for Bonnyville area



The Saugeen Shores Pickleball Club in **Port Elgin, Ontario**, hosted inter-club play on August 14. 40 players from 5 different clubs (Owen Sound, Kincardine, Sauble Beach, Hanover/Neustadt and Saugeen Shores) were divided into 5 groups of 8 for some friendly games in a round robin format.

Maryann Dahmer and Angela Hupalo
Co-Ambassadors, Saugeen Shores Pickleball Club

Kitchener's KW Badminton Club (Pickleball Division) and the **Kitchener Waterloo Pickleball Association** have teamed up for high level play (invitational ONLY) for two days of the 6 days of play at the club. Wednesdays and Fridays at noon to three. We also have higher level Lessons been given by the best of the best in Canada.



It started out for 4.0+ players but we have opened it up to some tournament minded 3.5 players. If you are in these categories and want to play some of the best players in Ontario please email Art Krahn art.krahn@hotmail.com or Looey Tremblay looey@looey.com.

If invited to play, Art uses a cool Sign Up Genius so you can see who your rivals will be.

We have up to 6 professional courts with non glare wood surface, good lighting, marked off proper kitchen lines, pro nets, lounge, showers and a fun competitive atmosphere. Last week we had, people from Bowmanville, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Dorchester, London, Ancaster, Hamilton, Guelph, Milton, New Hamburg, Woodstock and Mississagua plus our local crew come to dink and bash that ball away.

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We had our first clinic in **Trail, BC**. The folks from Manta World Sport in Kamloops, BC were in the area to assist with the grand opening of the Millennium courts in Castlegar, BC and were good enough to facilitate a round of clinics in Trail, Castlegar, Christina Lake and Grand Forks. Here's a shot of the folks in Trail. Robert Boyd, PCO Ambassador, Rossland, BC

MEMBER #4000
 Laura Smith
 Tappen, BC
WINNING 1 YR MEMBERSHIP



The social competitiveness and venues, of the wonderful game of pickleball, continue to grow rapidly in the **Greater Victoria area**. We play indoors and outdoors year around...sorry to those who can't. We strive to be able to offer more than our present, eight courts in one venue. Visiting Victoria?? and who wouldn't??come and play with us! Jan Bergen, Ambassador for Greater Victoria, BC

PCO welcomes all pickleball submissions.

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The **City of Cranbrook** has recently constructed 4 brand new purpose built outdoor Pickleball courts at Gyro park. Currently we have around 30 regular players, with the numbers growing every week! The courts are public, and we have standing time frames on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays at 8:30 to 11:30 am. Kimberley is also alive and well with Pickleball ... More on that

Cheers!
Ron Corcoran

More Pickleball courts are opening in **Mississauga** to meet the demand of the increased number of pickleball players. Tuesday July 19 2016 the Pickleball Mississauga Association, with the help of city officials, launched the opening of outdoor pickleball courts at Mississauga Valley Community Centre with lots of fanfare and fun. They are available 7 days per week. There were a few newspapers covering our launch with pictures in Snap, The Mississauga News and Toronto's CTV news at 6. There are Mississauga city news articles on the internet. As well, PMA in cooperation with Sheridan Tennis Club executives, opened 2 outdoor Pickleball courts available Tuesdays through Thursdays. This September, players are looking forward with relish to 4 new officially lined pickleball indoor courts, opening at Meadowvale Community Center in Northwest Mississauga.
Gerry Infeld Mississauga Ambassador for PAO



Pickleball in Drayton Valley

A beautiful, June 22nd found the president of Pickleball Canada Val Vollmin and Provincial Ambassador Brenda Feser at the Drayton Valley Tennis courts by the Hospital as 1/2 of the site was being resurfaced and lined for 4 new pickleball courts. This was possible through a joint funding venture with the Town of Drayton Valley and the Government of Canada New Horizons for Seniors Grant Program. 17 Seniors came out to learn about one of the fastest growing sports in the nation. These interested individuals also got some tips from Val and Brenda on the process of increasing club membership and how to utilize the services of Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Alberta.



It is truly wonderful to bring people together in the community and form a bond around a shared passion. The goal of the Community Services Department is to support this community initiative based on a game designed for all skill levels where exercise but primarily fun is the objective. Since Val and Brenda's visit Drayton Valley seniors have been heading down to the courts on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon to enjoy friendship and some exercise. To date 83 visits have been recorded. Watch for details on an official opening event tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th. For more information, look up the Drayton Valley Pickleball Club on Facebook or call Community Services at 780-514-2531.



“might as well face it you’re addicted to PICKLEBALL”



I am the ambassador for Kingston Ontario. My wife and I are in our mid 40’s and have been playing for over 2 years. Pickleball is growing in Kingston! With the help of the City, lots of players, and a great local merchant who not only sells lots of pickleball supplies but plays, we have worked hard to get pickleball on the map!

I along with about 75 other players was at City Hall and presented our request for a dedicated outdoor site for pickleball. In 2016 we went from 2 shared pickleball courts to 12 shared pickleball courts in Kingston by the end of this summer! For now we are sharing, but we will get our dedicated courts soon as almost all city councilors are in favour of this happening.

I have had a day job as a regional manager with a marketing company for over a decade. However, my addiction to pickleball has resulted in a part time job with the sport I love. I am now the Ontario rep for a major pickleball paddle/ball manufacturer!!!! This was super exciting. You may have heard that even though a job may not be posted, you might be able to create a position. That is what I did. I contacted the company in Arizona, said I would be interested in helping them market their balls, paddles and portable nets and the rest is history!

The first work we did together was in Niagara Falls in July where there was a huge sports show for retailers and Alice and I helped them sell “Pickleball”.

It was the first time in my life I have been paid to play a sport. Not the same pay PK Subban gets, but it’s a start right!

We set up a mini court and then a regular sized court and played with the retailers. It was a blast and we introduced pickleball to sports shop dealers from across Ontario and Canada.

I hope that it will be a win win for the company and for my wife and I. I love the sport and would play it 24/7 if I could. Becoming a rep also was the perfect way for me to get permission from my wife to go to all sorts of tournaments.

It looks like we’ll have a contingent of about 20 Kingston pickleball players heading to the Ontario Provincial Tournament in Markham at the Pan Am Centre. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

David Bussiere, PCO Ambassador for Kingston & Frontenac County

HOW ADDICTED ARE YOU ??

Please share your story or the story of someone you know if you or they are addicted to pickleball. Tell us what you would do to play, or how it has impacted your life. Send a photo along with a short article or caption of how your love of this crazy game is playing out in your part of the country to news@pickleballcanada.org.

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The Experts Column by Cookie Drake & Mona Burnett



Spin Shots & Trick Shots

Many new players to the sport of pickleball watch YouTube videos to pick up some of the traits of top level players. While this is a really good idea for learning the game, many players try to add too much to their shot making before they have really good basic fundamentals. One of the things that many players try to implement is putting a lot of spin on their shots. While this can be effective, the chance of error is much greater and why take chances with spin when you can just place a shot that is extremely difficult for your opponent? I would much rather play a shot with a lower chance of error than go for the "glory" shot. Spin is highly over-rated and all top tier players can play through a spin without much difficulty. My recommendation is to develop a very consistent style of play before you add spin to your shots. Also, remember that placement is a far more lethal weapon than spin.

While we are talking about spin, let me say a little something about "trick" shots like around the post and jumping the kitchen line. Again, while these are great shots and you feel like a super hero when you do it, in reality, they should only happen rarely. If you are playing a top tier team, they are not going to give you those shots because they are very hard to defend. Basically the stars need to line up for you to try and execute these shots. Again, you will experience more success with a solid, consistent game rather than going for the glory shots. Remember, this is a game played with two people on a team.....make sure you are playing so that both of you are in the fight together!!!

If you have a question or want some advice why not send in an email to our Experts Column!! You can reach them at expertscolumn@pickleballcanada.org. Remember to keep those paddles up and keep practicing!

Cookie and Mona



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