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# Pickleball Canada

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# postpone the introduction of a new website. Please continue to visit the same website as always http:// pickleballcanada.org Pickleball Canada awards Tournament Points to members who were medal

**President's Message - Dave Shepherd** 

Pickleball Canada has decided to

winners in PCO sanctioned tournaments. Congratulations to all the top players for their great achievements in Canadian tournaments during 2013!! All these players should be very proud of their accomplishments. A complete list of player names and tournament points is published in this December newsletter.

South of the border, USAPA National V was a resounding success with a record 648 registered players! Wow!! Congratulations to all the players, medal winners, tournament directors and organizers, volunteers and sponsors. Players came from 39 States and 5 countries including Canada. Special congratulations to PCO member Luba Zhekhovskaya (Surrey, B.C.) for winning a Gold medal for Canada in Open mixed Doubles with her partner Mike Gates. We are so proud of you! There were a record 89 teams competing in this one event !!

Sports Day in Canada was a great success on Nov 23 - Nov 30. This event recognizes the importance of sports and being active for life. The Sports Day showcases many sports so that people can find a sport in which to get active. Many recreation centres held Open Houses to demonstrate and introduce Pickleball to new players in Canada. Pickleball Sports Day events were held in B.C. (Vancouver, Burnaby, Langley, Pitt Meadows, Okanagan Falls, Osoyoos..), ON (Barrie, Markham, Toronto, Dundas...), AB (Spruce Grove), NS (Bridgewater).

Thank you to all our Ambassadors and supporters for holding the Open Houses and demos in various recreation and community centres on Sports Day Canada. Thank you to our Ambassador Jim Kelley and Merrie Lee for co-



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ordinating events in Nova Scotia and Ontario respectively. The Sports Day was a great opportunity to let people try pickleball because many people have not tried it before and people still ask "What is pickleball?" Thanks also to our Director and newsletter Editor, Denise Griffin, for her time and effort in setting up portable nets, supplying paddles and conducting a pickleball Sports day event in Langley, B.C. which attracted about 65-70 potential players.

A newspaper article on Nov 30 was written by Troy Landreville of Langley Advance about this event in which he said that basketball and pickleball were two of the more popular activities, and noting that pickleball will be included in the next B.C. Seniors Games hosted by Langley on Sept 9 - 13, 2014.

Thank you all for your support of Pickleball Canada in 2013.

## On behalf of the entire PCO Board, Best wishes and Season's Greetings to all!!



# Pickleball "Tryouts"

RBC Sports Day in Canada, presented by ParticipACTION, CBC and True Sport was held on Saturday, November 30 in communities coast to coast. This national celebration of sport was an opportunity for all Canadians to celebrate the power of sport, build community and national spirit and facilitate healthy, active living. Pickleball enthusiasts in many communities showcased their love of this sport to many curious onlookers. This youngser and his family of 5 were introduced to pickleball at the Langley Events Centre, in Langley, BC. The family was thrilled to find a sport that everyone could enjoy. Anymore pics out there for the January newsletter?

(Article adapted from <u>www.sportsday.ca</u> and photo courtesy of the Langley Advance)

# *Tournament Working Group on BC Lower Mainland*

Several younger pickleball enthusiasts have a dream. They have a vision for competitive tournament play for all ages in the Fraser Valley and the Lower BC Mainland. Gene Latray, Grant Brittain , Marco Jankowiak, and Andrew McKimmon are proposing to work together with other partners to grow and promote a competitive framework for pickleball, with possible expansion to include the province of British Columbia. They met November 30th to brainstorm ideas around following participation this proposal, in tournaments in the Okanagan and on Vancouver Island this summer and the spirit of fun and competition thev experienced at these tournaments.

Everyone at the meeting acknowledged that "we are in the infancy of the "tournament world" but we have a vision for the future of competitive play. It will take time to develop but we have to start

somewhere". Many pickleball players are ready for more, as evidenced by full registrations at tournaments around the province. On Vancouver Island, the Vancouver Island Pickleball Association has a callout for interest for the formation of a Pickleball League.

So....it was agreed that a small rotating schedule of PCO Sanctioned Tournaments be planned for 2014, leading into player preparation for the Canadian National Tournament 2014 to be held in Abbotsford, BC. The group felt that player skill level ratings would be in the best interests of tournament entry and the future of player growth in British Columbia. Skill level ratings are currently used for entry into the British Columbia Senior Games and many Okanagan tournaments. Check this web site for skill rating http://www.ipickleball.org/ratings/ information. ratings doc.html

If anyone would like to be involved as a volunteer in this working group please contact Grant Brittain www.pickleballinternational@gmail.com

# 2013 PICKLEBALL CANADA TOURNAMENT POINTS

Pickleball Canada is pleased to announce a listing of tournament points accumulated by pickleball players who are members of Pickleball Canada Organization for 2013.

#### **Purpose of Tournament Points**

1. Tournament Points are awarded as recognition of achievement in Sanctioned Tournaments.

2. Tournament Points may be used by Tournament Directors to determine seeding in tournament brackets.

3.Tournament Points may be used by the Ratings Committee, as one of several criteria, to determine a player's rating at the end of each calendar year.

4. Tournaments Points will be used to publish a list of the top point winners in each event at the end of each calendar year

Winners Name	Points	Winners Name	Points	Winners Name	Points
John Kusch	3200	Grant Brittain	1000	Karen Peniuk	400,
Elaine Lerner	3200	James Alberga	1000	Colin Caldwell	400
Jennifer Lucore	3200	Bud Hebner	1000	Ken Franz	400
Nancy Stern	2400	Dave Hall	800	Feige Li	400
Brian Lam	2000	Matt Khan	800	Karen Peniuk	400
Henry Meerkerk	2000	Jim Saunders	800	Pat Thompson	400
Kathy Parkes	2000	Roberta Meakin	800	Mary Wu	400
George Pool	2000	Shirley Knorr	800	Henry Paynter	400
Claire Pool	2000	Wendy Porteous	800	Glenn Cho	400
Russ French	2000	Susan Nigh	800	Will Orcutt	300
Theresa Orcutt	1700	Inge Scholz	800	Margie McWilliam	300
Denis Zhekhovskiy	1600	Trudy Pitcher	800	Barbara Moody	300
Terry Saunders	1600	Vera Loskot	800	Mary Allard	300
Brenda Jmaeff	1600	Diane Gillis	800	Carol Doughty	300
Dan Jmaeff	1600	Dee Pitcher	800	Gordon young	300
Debby Holley	1600	Evelyn Kaatz	800	Karen Heinsrichs	200
Diane Hill	1600	Bill Dumper	800	Dorothy Telford	200
John Savoy	1600	Tom Staites	800	Yasan Athukorala	200
David Ulis	1600	Helen Hall	600	Brianne Hearle Erick Hearle	200 200
Maurice Parobec	1600	Ron Pitcher	500	Carol Chiswell	100
Roberta Meakiin	1600	Glenda Jackson	500	Fion Chou	100
Merrie Lee	1500	Roy Wilson	500	Uli Atzler	100
Pierrette Hebner	1300	Peter Neumann	500	Kim Nun Kopp	100
Luba Zhekhovskaya	1200	Beryl Kusch	400		
Brian Parkes	1200	Pat Khan	400		
Peter Darvill	1200	Sue Fosbery	400		
Barry Bissonette	1000	Pat Fosbery	400		
Caroline Bissonette	1000	Gene Latray	400		
Lorne Strumecki	1000	Shirley Edwards	400		

#### Awarding of Points

- 1. Points are only awarded to Pickleball Canada Members
- 2. Points are awarded from playing in approved Pickleball Canada sanctioned tournaments
- 3. Tournament names are submitted by the Tournament Director to Pickleball Canada

4. Canadians who play in tournaments in the USA and are members of the USAPA collect points for the USAPA records

5. Americans who come to Canada to play in tournaments and are PCO members collect points for the PCO records

Tier 1 Gold 1600 points Silver 800 points Bronze 400 points (National tournament) Tier 2 Gold 1000 points Silver 500 points Bronze 300 points (Provincial tournament) Tier 3 Gold 700 points Silver 400 points Bronze 200 points (Average tournament) Tier 4 Gold 400 points Silver 200 points Bronze 100 points (New tournament)

We wish to thank Shirley Shepherd, Secretary for PCO for working together with the Tournament Directors across Canada to record, collect and report the 2013 Tournament Points.

# Pickleball Canada's Top Point Earners

John Kusch (3200 points)



playing started pickleball in 2008 at South Surrev Recreation Centre. I have a good resume and I am happy with achievements. mv You have to not only be good but lucky too. I was an avid athlete in high school playing basketball soccer. and baseball and later in vears participated in triathlons and tennis.

My highlight in pickleball is winning 18 consecutive gold medals from 2009-2013.

I competed in the BC Senior Games from 2009-2012 winning four open singles, four open men's doubles. This year in the BC Senior Games I only played in men's doubles and lost in a tie breaker placing second ending my winning streak.

I competed in the Abbotsford Tournament 2010-2011 winning two open men's doubles and two open mixed doubles and competed in PCO Canadian Nationals in Abbotsford from 2012-13 winning two men's doubles and two mixed doubles (age group 60-65 years of age both events in 2012 and men's 65-70 years of age and mixed 60-65 years of age in 2013).

I also competed in the South Surrey Tournament from 2009-2010 winning one men's doubles, and one mixed doubles.

Several years ago when my wife and I were adding onto our house we decided to extend the patio to accommodate a pickleball court. It was great to be able to practice in our backyard and then recently moving to a smaller lot we now discovered resurfaced tennis courts nearby with yellow pickleball lines on them much to our delight.

Pickleball has been great for me not just because of the sport but the people I have met. It is a great social event to get together. Editor's Note: Wow, what impressive pickleball achievements, John! Your dedication and passion for the sport is evident in all you do. I have had the pleasure of a "lesson" competing against John and am proud to say that he is a gentleman on the court and off. He is most deserving of the honor of being #1 in Canada.



# *Elaine Lerner (3200 points)*

I live in Birch Bay, Washington and I've been a longtime member of USAPA as well as Pickleball Canada Organization. I started playing pickleball about 7 years ago here in Birch Bay, WA. After an invitation to play in South. Surrey I've been playing there, at Cloverdale and Guildford several times a week for the past several years. I've enjoyed playing with wonderful players and going to Canadian Nationals. Hope to see everyone there next year.

The highlight of this year was the Canadian Nationals where I partnered with John Kusch for 60+ Mixed Doubles and Ahn Tran for Women's Doubles under 55. We took gold in both. I love the competition as well as making great friends.

Editor's Note: Elaine is our #1 PCO Female player and has accumlated 3200 tournament points this year. She lives just short of the Vancouver Mainland border and travels back and forth to play, a tribute to our facilities and players.

Tiny but mighty she plays with much finesse and sportsmenship. At the Canadian Nationals 2013 in Abbotsford, BC, she partnered with John Kusch. What a force!

#### Luba Brings Home Gold from USAPA Nationals V 2013!

A first for Luba Zhekovskaya and a first for Canadian Pickleball. Luba from Surrey, BC entered the USAPA Nationals for the first time in her career. With her partner Michael Gates she beat out the USA favorites Steve Wong and Heidi Hancock in the Open Mixed Doubles event at the Nationals held outdoors in Sun City, Arizona, November

11-17th. In an action packed final, Luba and Michael lobbed, smashed, and dinked their way to victory following an all day battle to reach the final match. What a remarkable achievement for one of Canada's top female pickelball players, who is rated as a 5.0.

Luba is the only Canadian to hold the title of Canadian Nationals Open Mixed Doubles Champion (2012) and USAPA Nationals Open Mixed Doubles Champion (2013).

Part of her success can be attributed to a strong



badminton background as Luba was an 11-time Champion of Russia prior to moving to Canada in

> 2004. She started playing pickleball with a few seniors knowing little about court strategies or techniques, but with time and her badminton background, the results have been amazing.

> Luba admits that what looked like a "simple and easy game, turned out to be a complicated, but nevertheless a very fun sport, of which I am still a

student".

Well, she is an A+ student in our eyes. Her recent achievements include:

# Gold-2012 Canadian Nationals Open Mixed Doubles

Gold-2013 Spring Sea Tac Tournament 5.0 Women's Doubles & Bronze-5.0 Mixed Doubles Gold-2013 US Nationals Open Mixed Doubles Bronze-2013 US Nationals 35+ Women's Doubles & Silver-50+ Mixed Doubles

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Being a first time player in the USAPA Nationals was a memorable experience for Luba. "What I would like to say about the Nationals is that I was really amazed by the size of the tournament and the level of organization. According to the statistics found in the USAPA Newsletter, there were 648 players registered from 39 States and 5 Countries; 1677 matches were played on 28 outdoor pickleball courts; and greater than 300 volunteers assisted with the tournament. It was a really fun event and I enjoyed it a lot! It was great playing with my partners Gigi Lemaster, Mark Friedenberg, and Mike Gates, without whom none of this would have happened! They are not only great players, they are wonderful people as well and I am very thankful that they were playing with me! It was an honor for me to represent Canada."

Pickleball Canada Organization and players across Canada are very proud of you Luba, and wish you continued success in your pickleball career.

# **Pickleball News Coast to Coast**



## Craig Blake Park Honors Afghanistan Soldier

A park in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia has been renamed, Craig Blake Park, in memory of a soldier killed in action in Afghanistan. His son came up with the idea of renaming the park in his neighborhood in memory of his father. The park includes a soccer field, a playground, a basketball court and now pickleball courts. The accompanying photo displays the only outdoor courts lined for pickleball in Dartmouth. Terri, Lesley, Judy and Ginny are enjoying a match on these new courts. (Article and photo submitted by Ginny)

#### **Hello From PEI**

Things are good here in PEI.....we have about 20 players in Souris, PEI and picklers are playing indoors at a school in Souris for the winter. My wife and I have moved to Charlottetown and there are three locations in and around the capital city

that want to start pickleball for seniors. One of those locations already have their equipment ordered. Early in December, my wife and I will start giving Pickleball lessons three days a week. (Article submitted by Garth Matthews)



PCO is very pleased to announce the appointment of two new Area Ambassadors in B.C.

Mani Billan has been appointed as Pickleball Canada's Area Ambassador for Cloverdale, B.C. effective November 13, 2013. Mani has been playing Pickleball for over 2 years at the Cloverdale Recreation Center and thinking about setting up a Pickleball Club. He is constantly promoting Pickleball to anyone he meets and he is working with the Rec Center to introduce more evening slots for players to have more time to play. Thank you, Mani for promoting

#### Osoyoos Pickleball Tournament Results Nov 30 - Dec 1, 2013: Women's Doubles:

Roberta Meakin and Mary Wu GOLD Karen Heinsrichs and Dorothy Telford SILVER Carol Chiswell and Fion Chou BRONZE

#### Men's Doubles:

Henry Paynter and Glenn Cho GOLD Gordon Young and Yasan Athukorala SILVER Peter Neumann and Uli Atzler BRONZE

#### **Mixed Doubles:**

Roberta Meakin and Peter Neumann GOLD Brianne Hearle and Erick Hearle SILVER Kim Nun Kopp and Gordon Young BRONZE

The following article is from the Osoyoos Times written by Keith Lacey. The article is included in full and is an excellent example of why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. (Photos submitted by Ed Burke and Tournament organizers)

Inaugural pickleball tournament in Osoyoos gets rave reviews from many visiting players on Nov 30 - Dec 1, 2013 Glenn Cho was an avid squash player for almost a decade before giving pickleball a try this past summer. At age 58, his squash playing days are

#### Pickleball in Cloverdale!!!

Roberta Meakin has been appointed as Pickleball Canada's Area Ambassador for Penticton, B.C. effective November 21, 2013. Roberta was the Area Ambassador for Osoyoos but moved to the Penticton area. She is conducting workshops for beginner pickleball players in Okanagan Falls and Penticton, and also 2 workshops in Penticton in January 2014. Roberta won a Silver medal in the Under 55 Mixed Doubles at the 2013 Pickleball Canada National Open Championship. Thank you Roberta for promoting Pickleball in Penticton !!



officially over after becoming addicted to pickleball, said Cho, who along with his wife Louisa Lee-Kwon, made the long trip from Vancouver to Osoyoos to compete in the inaugural Thompson Okanagan Pickleball Enthusiasts (TOPE) Pickleball Tournament this past weekend at the Sonora Community Centre. Close to 50 players from across the Okanagan Valley and beyond competed in the tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

"I had played squash off and on for more than eight years, before I decided to give pickleball a try last August and I've been hooked ever since," said Cho. "I just love everything about the game. "It can be very competitive and it's a good

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workout, but it's also an extremely social game

also a sport I can play with my wife and something we can do together that

where everyone shares a laugh and has a good time. I've given up squash and now play pickleball four or five times a week and can't get enough."

Vancouver has thousands of pickleball players and the game is spreading across the province with Kelowna now having more than 400 active participants, said Cho.

While the majority of players are seniors,

the game is starting to gain traction with younger players as well, he said.

"There are more and more young people joining

our club in Vancouver and they love it just as much as us older guys do," he said. "I've played a bunch of racquet sports in my life and I have to say that I enjoy pickleball as much as any of them.

"It's a sport that is really growing in popularity and it's going to keep growing because people get hooked once they play it even once or twice.'

Ron and Dorothy Telford, who made the trip from Kamloops to participate in

the tournament, couldn't agree more.

"I've played badminton, table tennis, tennis and racquetball at different times in my life, so obviously I had to try pickleball and I loved it right away," said Ron. "I've been playing for three years now and it's a wonderful game that has a lot to offer.

"It's obviously a great game for seniors because it's not as hard on the body as other racquet sports, but it's also very competitive and a great deal of fun. I'm 68 years old now and I can play several times a week without getting sore or injuring myself. It's



Osoyoos was exceptional for a firsttime event, he said. "We loved the format because we got to play

with players we had never met before on the first day (Saturday) and then we get to play with our partners in the mixed doubles on Sunday," he said.



"The tournament was very well organized and the courts here are in excellent shape so there are no complaints at all." Michael Carter, the founder of TOPE and avid pickleball player who is trying to promote the sport across the province, said he was thrilled with the response to the first tournament held in the South Okanagan.

"We had close to 50 players and I didn't hear a single negative comment all weekend," said Carter. "I couldn't be happier with the response and I would like to thank the Town of Osoyoos for allowing us to hold this tournament and all the great support we received."

Local players play at the Sonora Centre every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. New players are welcome. All they need is gym wear and running shoes.

(KEITH LACEY Osoyoos Times)

we both really enjoy." There are 90 active players at the club he's member of in а Kamloops and more more younger and players are joining up, he said.

"We're playing five or six days a week ... it keeps us young and keeps us fit," he said. The tournament in

## **Upcoming Tournaments**



### Pickleball Canada National Open Championship July 5 - 6, 2014 at Abbotsford Recreation Centre, Abbotsford, B.C.

21 events including Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles and Junior Doubles. Current IFP rules apply.

Registration form available on December 1.

#### India National Tournament December 2013



Pickleball is alive and well in India...the game is gaining a much wider acceptance and in December 2013 a first ever National Tournament will be held. It is expected that players from 12 States of India will attend. It would add glory and sanctity to our event if we had guests from Canada and also give a great boost to the international movement of pickleball. For further information please contact: Sunil Valavalkar, Founder General Secretary, All India Pickleball Association.

> The Amsterdam International Tournament, May 16-18, 2014 See November newsletter for details

2nd annual 3.5+ Outdoor Pickleball Tournament Paddlewheel Park, Vernon July 26, 2014 10:00 - 3:00 (approx) 7 games, 7 partners, 1 play-off game



London Pickleball Club 2nd Annual Tournament May 24-25, 2014 May 24, 2014 Mixed Doubles May 25, 2014 Men's & Women's Doubles North London Optimist Community Centre, London, Ontario No registration until March 2014. Contact Ken Twilley pickleballlondon@gmail.com

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

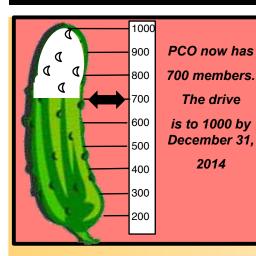






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# Membership in a National Organization -What's In It For Me?.....

How many times do you hear this comment when membership in Pickleball Canada Organization is promoted? How do you respond? Initially, I personally had to think about it. What do I gain by being a member? I realized I had become pretty complacent about the availability of the sport, rules of the game, the facilities, and the opportunities to compete. I just expected it all to happen and be there for me whenever and wherever I wanted. I had forgotten how dedicated Area Ambassadors, Directors, Board Members and all the unrecognized players in many small communities across Canada volunteer behind the scenes to make pickleball possible for me. I had forgotten how easy it was for me to access pickleball on line during my travels and how

many new pickleball venues have sprung up in the past year. I had forgotten that all major and minor sports in Canada have governing bodies that support their players and keep their sport legitimate and true.

I would love to hear what you think or how you respond to, "What's In It for Me?" Submitted by Editor

# 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 Patter PICKLEBALL CANADA ORGANIZATION Patter Patter Patter New/restrict Patter MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR PICKLEBALL CANADA New/re-new membership rates are: New/re-new membership rates are: One year \$12.00 Three years \$32.00 Five years \$50.00 Vert Patter Club Group Rates available (20 members min.), contact: president@pickleballcanada.org

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## from your PCO RULES GURU

A reminder of some IFP rule changes which take effect next month.



<u>Rule 2.E.5. Alterations</u> has been changed and goes into effect January 1, 2014.

The *revised* rule reads: **2.E.5. Alterations:** The only alterations that can be made to a commercial paddle are changes to the grip, adding an edge guard and adding name decals and/or other identification markings on the paddle face. These decals/markings can extend no farther than 1" (25.4 mm) above the top of the handle nor more than 1/2" (12.7 mm) from the outer edge of a paddle, or paddle edge guard if in place. Altered paddles must meet all

specifications. Homemade paddles are not permitted.

**Rationale for the change**: In the past modified paddles were acceptable as long as they met all specifications. What we found, however, is that people were getting "creative" with modifications to the paddle head and even to the core of the paddle. These modifications may not be obvious, but could substantially alter how the paddle plays, to the point that it no longer meets paddle specifications. Such alterations would be difficult, if not impossible, for tournament directors to detect, and therefore would be counter to the intent of the rules, which strive to keep pickleball a game based on skill rather than equipment. In an attempt to keep paddles within specifications and the hitting surfaces fundamentally the same as tested and approved, the rule now more clearly limits the modifications that can be made to the paddle. As stated, post-manufacture changes may only be made to the grip, the edge guard and

#### Your Board Of Directors

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Rule 2.E.8. Model Designation was added June 23 2012, becoming effective January 1, 2014.

The manufacturer must have a clearly marked brand and model name or model number on the paddle. Paddles with a different core material, surface material, or other significant differences must have a unique name or number. Each unique model must have been offered for sale to the general public and samples of each unique model must have been submitted to IFP and passed paddle material specification tests. Paddles IFP/PCO/USAPA used in sanctioned tournaments after January 1 2014 must conform to this rule.

"KNOW THE RULES AND BECOME A BETTER PLAYER!!"

Pickleball Canada National Open Championship

Abbotsford Recreation Centre

# **Registration Form**



Tournament Date: July 5 & 6, 2014 Time: 8:30am – 6:00pm Entries must be received no later than <u>June 12, 2014</u>. \*\*CURRENT IFP RULES, NO NON-CONFORMING EQUIPMENT PERMITTED\*\*

REGISTRATION OPTIONS
Online: Direct2Rec.com
In person: Abbotsford Recreation Centre
Mail: RETURN COMPLETED FORMS & PAYMENT TO:
Ryan Coreau, Recreation Coordinator, Abbotsford Recreation Centre,

2499 McMillan Road Abbotsford, BC V2S 7R3

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

PICKLEBALL CANADA MEMBER: \$20\* NON MEMBER PLAYER: \$25\* NON-PLAYER: \$10\* JUNIOR PLAYER: \$20\* EVENT FEES: \$10 each event – max 2 events per person

\*Fee includes 2 lunches & eligibility for prizes.

\*All players registered in a doubles team must be registered 60 days before the tournament to ensure your teams spot. All incomplete registrations will be removed from the selected event at this time.

Cancellations and refund requests must be received no later than June 6, 2014. Requests sent after this date will not qualify for a refund. Event fees will be refunded in full. Registration fees will be refunded less a \$10 administration fee.

#### Mail REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

I AM A:			
() PLAYER () NON-PLAYER			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		
EMAIL ADDRESS	GENDER	BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY, PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	
PHONE	EMERGENCY CONTACT	EMERGENCY PHONE	
PICKLEBALL CANADA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:			

PAYMENT INFORMATION	PLEASE NOTE: Payment must accompany registration form.

() Cheque – made payable to	"City of Abbotsford"		
() Cash			
() Credit Card (Type:	)		
Name of Cardholder:		_Card Number:	
Expiry Date:	Cardholder Signatur	e:	

#### DIVISION INFORMATION

Please select the divisions you are entering and enter your partner's name where applicable. *\*Your eligible age is your age on Dec. 31, 2014.* 

For all tournament inquiries please contact Dave and Shirley Shepherd: <u>dwshepherd@shaw.ca</u> or (604) 859-2841.

<b>MEN'S DOUBLES</b> ( ) 55+ ( )60+ ( )65+ ( )70+ PARTNER'S NAME:	
<b>WOMEN'S DOUBLES</b> ()55+()60+()65+()70+ PARTNER'S NAME:	
Saturday Afternoon Events: A player may only enter either Open or Under 55 event	
OPEN MEN'S DOUBLES Skill level 4.0+	
PARTNER'S NAME:	
OPEN WOMEN'S DOUBLES Skill level 4.0+	
PARTNER'S NAME:	
Under 55+ MEN'S DOUBLES	
PARTNER'S NAME:	
Under 55 WOMEN'S Doubles	
PARTNER'S NAME:	
Sunday Morning Events: A mixed doubles a player can only enter one event	
<b>MIXED DOUBLES</b> ( ) 55+ ( )60+ ( )65+ ( )70+ PARTNER'S NAME:	
OPEN MENS SINGLES Skill level 4.0+:	
OPEN WOMENS SINGLES Skill level 4.0+:	
OPEN JUNIORS Doubles: (18 and under)	
Sunday Afternoon Events: A player may only enter one event	
OPEN MIXED DOUBLES Skill level 4.0+	
PARTNER'S NAME:	
Under 55 MIXED DOUBLES	
PARTNER'S NAME:	

Registration table will be open at 7:30am on Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>.