



PICKLEBALL CANADA ASSOC.

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en Amérique du Nord***



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- Bill Franzman new Director Pickleball Canada.
- Whitby Pickleball Club hosts "Co-Meet" with two other clubs.
- Donna & Morgan Robins win medals in Tucson, AZ.
- HUSH production paddle rejected by USAPA
- Message from our President Bill Canning
- 2 Provincial Ambassadors appointed by committee.
- Need to fill up our slate of Directors for PCA, looking for nominations.
- Time to JOIN, RE-JOIN Pickleball Canada. We need your continued support.

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BILL FRANZMAN - Mr. Pickleball is one of our New Directors - for Pickleball Canada

Bill Franzman served 26 years in the Canadian Forces: Para Training with PPCLI and in Korea, Northwest Highway System - Yukon, 4th Canadian Brigade Group-Germany, Training Command Headquarters -Winnipeg and several locations within Canada ending up with the 1st Service Battalion - Calgary as a Warrant Officer.

Bill says he wishes he had known about Pickleball while serving his career in the Canadian Forces, but only found out about the game when it was introduced to Kelowna in 2000.

He and Audrey are now retired and living in Kelowna, B.C. Their children are all grown up and married. Bill's time on the Rules Committee USA Pickleball Association has ended but his membership continues with the USAPA. Cur-

ently he is a new Director, Pickleball ventures he is involved with. Ambassador Program, with Pickleball Canada Association, a work in progress. Bill helped introduce Pickleball to Kelowna in 2000 and continues to do so. He also has holding Pickleball clinics from time to time are areas of interest. "I am embarrassed with some of the kind words players have said to me about me. I have done nothing that many others have done before me, and are still doing.

Bill has served as USAPA Ambassador for Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska. A re-organization with smaller areas gave him British Columbia only. He then gave that up and now looks after the Okanagan Valley in south, central B.C.

Bill helped establish the Kelowna Pickleball Club but did not stand for election on its inception due to many other

Bill was an adviser to the newly formed Pickleball Canada Organization and is now a director as noted above.

He sells paddles and balls for

the promotion of the game and

has and is trying to find a retail

outlet to stock these products.



BILL FRANZMAN

WHITBY PICKLEBALL CLUB HOSTED INVITATIONAL CO-MEET by Carol Doughty

On Tuesday, Dec. 14h, 2010, Whitby Pickleball Club hosted an invitational "co-meet" at Heydenshore Pavilion with Oshawa and Port Perry clubs. In this "co-meet" the games were prearranged so that one member from Whitby played with one member from either Port Perry or Oshawa in each 10 minute game. Each player had different partners each game.

The "meet" was from 9:00 a.m. to noon with 21 people participating in all: 10 from Whitby Club plus 2 guests and 9 from Port Perry & Oshawa. There was no written record of scores and the

teams kept playing until the 10 minute bell rang. There were many challenging games throughout the morning. It was a good time of playing pickleball, meeting new people and socializing.

This event was sponsored by **Whitby Toyota** who donated the prizes for all since we were all winners that day: Whitby Seniors Activity Centre for arranging the use of the Heydenshore and members of the Whitby club who provided the food & drinks. As the saying goes: "A good time was had by all." One commented: "**It seems like only fun-loving great people play Pickleball.**"

THE ROBINS WIN MEDALS IN TUCSON, AZ



Donna Robins (left above from Ontario) and Theresa Orcutt (from B.C.) won GOLD at the 4.0 skill level at a recent USAPA sanctioned tournament in TUSCON, ARIZONA.

Donna said: "There must have been 200 players competing over the four day event because there were both skill level and age level brackets." It was a challenging time.

Morgan Robins (left above from Ontario) and Theresa Orcutt (from B.C.) won SILVER at the 55-59 age bracket.

Yes, Morgan and Donna are a married couple but play at different levels because of their age. We have many couples doing this.

Bev Butt and Bob Robillard won GOLD in their age group as well. Sorry, No photo.



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WHY NOT JOIN PICKLEBALL CANADA ASSOCIATION

If you are reading this newsletter and are not a member of Pickleball Canada, we'd sure like you to join and HELP US GROW. We need members, we need funds and we need to get recognition from our cities, towns, provincial and federal governments to help us grow.

We need to make those in power know about this wonderful sport, how it is not only getting

out the seniors but it is stimulating and exciting for the kids too. We need money for start up equipment for schools, even churches who want to introduce Pickleball to their members.

Our rates are low, our numbers are growing but we always need new members. Even if you only play 6 months of the year here in Canada - **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

HUSH PADDLE - REJECTED BY USAPA

The saga continues. It seems the HUSH paddle submitted for testing by the USAPA is not the same paddle shipped from the factory production run. We are told the HUSH paddle is simply the APIKE paddle with a different cover.

You can view the USAPA remarks on their website as they have retested the production paddle and found it does not meet their standards so is NOT approved for tournament play in the U.S.A.

Pickleball Canada have at

this time accepted all paddles for all tournaments. This may change after our AGM meeting in Phoenix, AZ, next month. Until then all paddles are welcome in Canada.

To say that the HUSH or APIKE paddles were rejected because they were made in Canada, is false. The paddles are actually made in China like most products today.

All sports have qualifications and tests that must be met before any new equipment is approved by their

Simply put both the APIKE and HUSH do not meet those standards.

I am sure Frank Wu will be back with a new improved version very soon and will eventually get approved.



REJECTED FOR USAPA SANCTIONS TOURNAMENTS

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Message from our President - Bill Canning

We are now into February which will be a very busy month for Pickleball Canada. As most of you already know, our first Annual General Meeting will be held on February 19th. We will have a number of things to deal with including a new set of Bylaws, committee reports, a request to join the International Federation of Pickleball, and an election to fill at least three vacancies on the Board. As per our existing Constitution and Bylaws, the terms of three existing Board Members are up, but they can serve another term if elected.

Our sport of Pickleball is rapidly growing, not only here in Canada but also in other countries. The United States has about 3000 members under the umbrella of the United States of America Pickleball Association (USAPA). There are also members of the All India Pickleball Association, and players on the island of Guam. Now is the time for all of these countries to join together to agree on standardizing the rules of the game and

the equipment used. Many Canadian Pickleball players travel to the southern parts of the USA for the winter and play in Florida, Arizona, Texas, California, and in other states. It would make little sense for these players to play under a particular set of rules in Canada, and then have to change when the play in their winter surroundings.

Many Canadians have their first exposure to Pickleball in various parks in the south. That is where they are learning the game. They then return to Canada and look for clubs to join to continue to play. That is where our website www.pickleballcanada.org and our Board Member Wayne Roswell enter the picture. Wayne maintains a "Places to Play" directory which includes clubs across Canada. If you are a "Snowbird" that will be returning this spring without a place to play, contact Wayne and he will try to help. Further, those players that are presently playing in a club and haven't registered your location with Wayne,

please do so. There may be someone near you looking to play that doesn't know about your club.

Pickleball Canada's Ambassador program is off and running under the guidance of Board Member Bill Franzman and his capable committee. Some Provincial Ambassadors have yet to be appointed and Area Ambassadors are needed. If you would like to be an Area Ambassador, or know someone that would do a good job in that roll, please get in touch with Bill Franzman at: bafran@shaw.ca

That's about it for me for this edition. Remember this----"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."



OUR FIRST TWO PROVINCIAL AMBASSADORS FOR PCA



Wayne Roswell has just taken on the added responsibility of organizing the ambassadors in his province of Ontario.

Many of you already know Wayne, he has been instrumental in opening many places to play in Ontario, plus was the force behind ACTIFEST 2010,

We are very pleased that Wayne has accepted this position for Ontario, we could not have a better representative in the interest of Pickleball.

Email: rwerswell@gmail.com



Shirley & David Shepherd have been playing and promoting Pickleball in the Fraser Valley for quite sometime now and have now been appointed Provincial Ambassadors for British Columbia (BC), effective immediately.

You can contact Shirley at this email address:

shirleyshepherd@shaw.ca Shirley also has a couple of blogs and is building a website for Canada West Pickleball. If you are in BC, please take the time to contact her or David.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

I know, this will never happen to you but it sure is good information to know. During a BBQ the lady of the house stumbled and fell, she blamed it on a brick and her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. She appeared shaken up but she went about enjoying herself.

Her husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital and at 6:00 p.m. passed away. She

had suffered a STROKE at the BBQ and **no one knew**.

A neurologist says if he can get to a stroke victim with 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke. He suggests three simple questions:

S = Ask the person to SMILE **T** = Ask the person to speak a simple sentence (Coherently). **R** = Ask them to raise both arms = that is **STR**. The final test, Ask them to stick out their tongue, if it is CROOKED or goes on one side or the other it is also a indication of a STROKE. Knowing this could save a life.

COMING TOURNAMENTS IN 2011

SNOWBIRDS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW - BIG TOURNAMENT KELOWNA - MAY 14TH, 2011 - 50+

CANADIAN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP - JULY 14TH TO 17TH 2011 - CALGARY - Call (403) 238-0687

OSHAWA ONTARIO Pickleball Open Tournament - University of Ontario Institute of Tech. Aug. 13th & 14th, 2011
Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/ontariopickleballtournament/>

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

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BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED FOR PICKLEBALL CANADA ASSOCIATION

We are actively looking for nominations for board members of Pickleball Canada Association (PCA). We have had some members unable to perform their duties because of health issues so we need to add at least one or two new members to the board.

If you are interested in serving, kindly submit your name to Wayne Roswell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee at: RWROSWELL@GMAIL.COM on or BEFORE FEBRUARY 17TH. Our first AGM is being held on Feb. 19th in Phoenix, Arizona, with 4 to 5 members in attendance. Other members will be contacted by SKYPE during this time so personal attendance is not a requirement. You may nominate someone as well.

Your Board of Directors

Bill Canning, President - email: president@pickleballcanada.org
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Donna Robins, Chair-Rules Comm. - email: morg28@msn.com
Wayne Roswell - Places to Play - email: rwerswell@gmail.com
Bill Franzman - Ambassador Program - email: bafran@shaw.ca

PICKLEBALL AMBASSADORS YOU ARE DEARLY NEEDED TO HELP US GROW

Bill Franzman, our new director (article on front page) - also known as "Mr. Pickleball" for having introduced Pickleball to Canada is looking for Provincial Ambassadors to work with groups of Pickleball Players in each province. We need increased membership to accomplish the goals and desires of our clubs both provincially and nationally. When you look at a membership fee that breaks down to about \$3.00 to \$5.00 per month, it's not like we are asking a lot.

The purpose is to help organize each province with a leader who works directly with the Board of Directors for PCA.

They will report to us on a monthly basis, be there to support your local events and keep your local club informed of changes and improvements to the game, rules and equipment.

Some provinces will be divided into 3 or 4 sections because of their size but each will report to the Provincial Ambassador so we can have continuity for the game throughout Canada.

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If you love the game as much as we do and you want more places to play, plus recognition as a national sport, it comes with a price. Your \$3.00 to \$5.00 per month is that price.

Regional, city and federal governments only recognize national sports. To be national, we need to spend money, buy banners, run ads and have tournaments.

So you see, there are benefit to being a member and supporter of Pickleball Canada. **JOIN, RE-JOIN and HELP US GROW**, as each province benefits.