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Points of Interest

- Lodging selection in the Abbotsford area
- PCWA an associate club with Pickleball Canada since Oct./11
- Aurora Ontario Tournament with photo of winners & helpers
- Abbotsford Pickleball is all about growth and youth.
- Solar lights, a new use for them, wish I had thought of it.
- * Message from our President Colin Caldwell
- * Sunshine Coast Pickleball Club is alive and well
- * Larry Evan, on assignment in Victoria, B.C. Well not really.
- Don't miss our new column by Beverley Butt on rules and etiquette on the back page. Some of your many questions will be answered right here.
- Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY \$12.00 per year.

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ABBOTSFORD IS THE PLACE TO BE - JULY 7-8TH

At this moment in time, 72 players have signed up and paid for their spot in the First Pickleball Canada National Championship to be held in Abbotsford on July 7 & 8th. There are 140 openings so please do not wait too long & be disappointed. We want you there. We know it will be a fun event for everyone.

The local club is looking for players who will welcome billets but at this time we have none to offer you. When they come in, they will be noted here or possibly on our website.

We have our first community sponsor,



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We would like to acknowledge, Pickleball Canada Westcoast Association (PCWA) a registered B.C. non-profit society that was incorporated on Oct.31/11 in Victoria, B.C. Reg. No: S-0058995. PCWA is an affiliate of Pickleball Canada and supports all Pickleball Canada (PCO) members and non members who are residents of British Columbia. PCWA follows IFP rules, as does PCO, USAPA (U.S.A.) & AIPA (India). For further information please visit <http://pickleballbritishcolumbia.blogspot.com>

Error in last months newsletter regarding the ABBOTSFORD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT, some of the games will be under the ROUND ROBIN RULES but some will have to be on the "DOUBLE KNOCKOUT RULE" as well because of the size and depth of this HUGE EVENT.

BSCG (BC Senior Games) Rules Change Announcement: Under rule #5 (a) The competition will be played under BC Pickleball Association Rules, with the exception that all paddles must meet the specifications of the International Federation of Pickleball rules (IFP).

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PICKLEBALL PLAYOFFS AT ASA - ONTARIO DEC.

Aurora Ontario Round Robin Tournament



Players in photo above from left to right are. Front Row: Minoo Sedighi Nejad, Annette Gagne, Joanne Keates, Aghdas Akhavan, Charles Sequiera & Neil Pemberton.

Back Row: Sue Wilding, Harry Basil, Cam Wilding, Richard Howard & Maureen Lawson.

Cam & Maureen were line referees & Richard the Championship referee.

After 10 play days (over a 5 week period) of round Robin Pickleball at the Aurora Seniors Centre, the top eight players were selected for the playoffs on December 6th. The playoff was

combined with a potluck social event and was participated by several members from ASA and Pickleball players. They have a unique way of listing their winners:

- 1) Men's Winner Champions: Minoo Sedighi Nejad & Aghdas Akhavan.
- 2) Finalist Consolation: Harry Basil & Charles Sequiera.
- 3) Consolation Championship Winners: Joanne Keates & Neil Pemberton.
- 4) Consolation Finalist Winners: Sue Wilding & Annette Gagne

Prizes and certificates were awarded to the eight players following the playoffs. Everyone enjoyed the excellent potluck refreshments while watching the competitive matches. A total of 4 matches (each the best of three games) were played to determine the championship standings of the playoffs.

Information and photo supplied by Joshy Kallungal from the Aurora Seniors Centre Pickleball group. Keep up the good work.

ABBOTSFORD GROWS WITH YOUNG PLAYERS

Catering to the younger players is a way of life at ARC (Abbotsford Recreation Centre) as more and more younger players join their ranks. They have regular players from the age of 16 all the way up to the ripe old age of 40 year olds. This is by no means only a Senior Sport in Abbotsford (locally called Abby). ALL PICKLEBALL PROGRAMS are open to younger players and they have a good regular turnout in the evenings.

"Our programs welcome younger players" said Shirley Shepherd. "Senior players happily invite their children and grandchildren to play Pickleball." she added. Michelle Wetzstein introduced Pickleball to both her married daughters, Page & Perry (in their 30's), she has also taught her grandson (age 10) the game as well.

Barry McKeown introduced the game to his 17 year old son Mark, now he and his wife

Eddie play regularly together. Jane Squires, plays occasionally with her daughter Robin (in her 30's) who visits from Calgary, they love to play together. Kathy Parkes also plays with her daughter (in her 30's) from Chilliwack.

The previous two Annual Pickleball Tournaments in Abbotsford included a under 55 Division in Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles and Ladies Doubles. Two years ago there were 10 younger players in the under 55 Division at the tournament, last year it doubled to 20 players. The number of new players is increasing at a very fast pace because they are discovering that Pickleball is a fun game and also a great workout that everyone can enjoy. Plus they meet new friends that love to keep active and alert.

So who said this was a "seniors only" sport? It is for all ages and a lot of fun too. Thank you Shirley Shepherd for this article.

SOLAR LAMPS - New emergency lights. Why didn't I think of this? If you have any solar lights in your front yard, garden area just bring one in and test it out.

Due to thunderstorms, people have lost power for up to 5 hours and are scrambling around in the dark looking for matches, candles, flash-lights etc. Look outside and you will notice your solar lights shining brightly all around

your patio, stairs, dock etc. They are beautiful and when taken indoors continue to light up the rooms inside the house. Just stick the base into a plastic pop or water bottle and you have a super emergency lamp that is also portable. Put them all over your house.

In the morning just put them back outside & let the sun recharge them & you are good to go the next night. Thanks Barney Biggs for this.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - COLIN CALDWELL

GREETINGS FROM SUNNY ARIZONA. I have had the great good fortune of enjoying the winter months here in Casa Grande, Arizona for the past 3 months along with many other Canadian Pickleball players from an assortment of provinces. All of us here are basking in the Pickleball filled days where you can pretty much play from 7:30 a.m. in the morning till 8:30 p.m. at night.

For those who enjoy tournament play there is an abundance of tournaments that one can enter. I've personally been able to play in four already and we've not yet gotten into the meat of the season. My mixed doubles partner, Therese Orcutt from B.C., won gold in one of two tournaments in Tucson. She's a great partner and plays with a level of intensity that is obvious in the picture at the right, that is not a pickleball suspended in the air it's a lamp

The one thing I find refreshing here is the lack of stress among the Pickleball community, unlike the situation I deal with at home in B.C. There's no raging debate on the paddles one can or should use and there is no angst over opposing associations whose primary agenda is to promote a line of equipment that Pickleball Canada and the mainstream pickleball associations around the world have ruled unacceptable. How refreshing!



SUNSHINE COAST PICKLEBALL GROUP - SECHELT, B.C.



Karen Renfrew - Chair

Dennis Regnier - Co-Chair

Having started pickleball just fifteen months ago with 3 players, they are now upwards of 65 individuals at the Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre. Having only 2 indoor courts so they have implemented the standardized USAPA rating system to accommodate everyone. Ratings from 1.0 (beginners), 1.5 (novice) 2.0 - 2.5, 3.0 - 3.5, these groups all have separate playing times per week. This format allows everyone to play twice a week and to play at similar levels where they are comfortable, yet challenged and having fun too.

"We had a clinic organized by Grant Brittain and Ken Witt. It was greatly appreciated & very well received. We are looking forward to having them back," said Karen Renfrew.

They had their first Invitational Pickleball Tournament & it was a great success. 24 players from the North Shore & Sunshine Coast, the level of play was fantastic. First place went to Leslie Hemphill & Art Drew with Donna Drew & Serge Planidin as runners up. The ladies winners: Sharol Brown & Jane Puusepp while Pat Crawford & Georgia Hunter were runners up, all from the North Shore. Karen Renfrew (Chair) & Dennis Regnier (Co-Chair) at left.

LARRY CHECKING OUT PICKLEBALL IN VICTORIA

PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE - VICTORIA B.C.

Left to Right: Jim Boris, Larry Evans, Lloyd & Carla Munro



In his never ending quest to increase memberships in **Pickleball Canada**, Larry Evans, one of our Directors and head of Memberships was in Victoria with his wife Deb, trying out different location he found on our PCO website and he was impressed.

He first played at Pearkes Recreation Centre where they have 4 excellent indoor courts and lots of good competition. On the day he was there, they had upward of 24 players out. Several dedicated players came from up Island for a day of Pickleball. Now that shows dedication and love of the game. Jim Boris (far left) drove in from Chemainus, but there was also an Alex Genbron from Nanaimo and Ken Thompson from Ladysmith.

Larry found time to play at Saanich Commonwealth Place as well and it was also a very enjoyable & excellent facility.

He just wanted to give a big **THANK YOU** to the Victoria clubs for letting someone from Regina join them playing Pickleball. I don't know how many memberships he signed up but he had a great time.

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR & NEXT

2012 PICKLEBALL CANADA FIRST NATIONAL TOURNAMENT— ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE
2499 McMILLAN ROAD, ABBOTSFORD, B.C. ALL PLAYERS WELCOME. IFP RULES APPLY.
JULY 7TH & 8TH - 2012, PCO & USAPA MEMBERS WELCOME, PLUS ALL OTHER PLAYERS.

MAY 19TH TO 20TH, WEST KELOWNA PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - TWO DIVISIONS, RECREATIONAL & COMPETITIVE, MENS & WOMENS DOUBLES, PLUS MIXED DOUBLES. SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 3

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RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

Chair Rules Committee P.C.O.

Did you know?

SECTION 6 – LINE CALLING (IFP)



6.AB. Served balls may not land on NV line. Other balls may land on any line.

6 C. Ball landing outside a line is out even if edge overlaps line.

6.D.3. Spectators should never be consulted or offer opinions.

6.D.4. All participants must strive for accuracy. Avoid calling balls out on far side of your court. Your partner and opponent on that side have much better view. Opponent's opinion should be asked on questionable calls and opinion accepted.

6.D.5. No player should question opponent's call unless asked (unless referee is present).

6.D.6. Don't call "out" unless you can clearly see space between line and ball as it hits.

Call "let" or "out" instantly. Otherwise ball is presumed good and in play.

Players should not request a re-serve or re-play just because one or both are unsure where ball landed. Play is decided in favour of opponents.

Next edition we'll discuss **Line Call Code of Ethics** and some interesting questions submitted by players. Read all Section 6 in IFP Rules. Be prepared to be the judge. Email Bev: bbutt@sasktel.net

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