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Points of Interest

- ▶ Places to stay during the Abbotsford International Championship Tournament July 6-7 2013
- ▶ Thanks PCO National Organizers for 2012 tournament huge success
- ▶ Chilliwack, B.C. Pickleball Christmas Party and growth.
- ▶ 21 Events at International Championship in Abbotsford.
- ▶ 2 new Ambassadors for PCO In Ontario, welcome guys.
- ▶ Our President Dave Shepherd's Message and report for 2012.
- ▶ Vince Cuschieri passed away from a massive aneurism 1947-2012
- ▶ 2012 In review - many accomplishments and benefits.
- ▶ Bev Butt's Rules Corner is back with more good suggestions and rules we should all follow.
- ▶ Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY \$12.00 per year, \$32.00 3 years and NOW \$50.00 for 5 years.

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PLACES TO STAY AT "THE BIG ONE" PCO TOURNAMENT JULY 6-7 2013

We have been in contact with the following motels/hotels in the immediate area.

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Please note we now have 17 courts
book for this championship and
are expecting over 200 players.**

THANK YOU TO 2012 PCO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS, ETC.

Thank you all 2012 National Championship Organizers, Sponsors and Volunteers:

As 2012 passes, Dave and Shirley Shepherd (National Tournament Directors) would like to thank all the organizers & volunteers who helped to make the Inaugural 2012 Pickleball Canada National Championship a resounding success. Our big thank you to the City of Abbotsford, Mayor Bruce Banman, ARC's Facility Manager Jenny Thornton, Recreation Coordinator Mandy Hadfield (now working in Langley Rec. Centre to be closer to home), ARC Recreation Coordinator Ryan Coreau, Dino Tsembelis, ARC registration, setup, food and clean-up crew and 16 volunteers

from Yale Secondary School. Our sincere thanks to Tourism Abbotsford, hotels who offered discounts, and many National and local Sponsors and our local volunteers: Henry and Rita Meerkerk, Herb Peters, Ken and Mandy Witt, Henrietta Waters, Jerry Rudolph, Mike Shepherd, Iris, Henry and Dawna, etc. Thank you to all the Referee volunteers: Carol Haworth, Grant Brittain, Brian & Kathy Parkes, Karen & Del Iggulden, Mandy Witt, Elaine Griffiths, Pat Khan, Earl Hill from WA, Rosie Roper from San Diego & many more. Last and not least, thanks to the PCO Board. Thank you very much for volunteering your time, effort & hard work, it was very much appreciated!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas from Chilliwack, BC Pickleball Players! From their courts to yours, best wishes and may you pickle on in 2013. This pic is from their Ho, Ho, Ho Fun Pickleball Tournament and Potluck held on December 12. They have had more than 30 new players join since October. It seems like every week a curious newcomer visits their drop-in 50 and over, for an intro at Evergreen Hall in Chilliwack. They are also expanding their drop-in to all ages at Yarrow Community School in January. Excitement or what! Cheers! Article and photo supplied by Denise Griffin. Happy New Year to everyone! See you on the courts.



PCO 21 EVENT NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Pickleball Canada is very pleased to welcome Investors Group as the Presenting Sponsor of the

Pickleball Canada National Open Championship
Abbotsford, B.C. in July, 2013



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2013 Pickleball Canada National Open Championship will be held on July 6 - 7, 2013, hosted by the City of Abbotsford at Abbotsford Recreation Centre, 2499 McMillan Road, Abbotsford, B.C. The 2013 Open Championship will be open to all players including players from all countries. There will be Open (singles, doubles and mixed), 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, under 55 in mixed, men's and women's doubles & a Juniors Singles event.

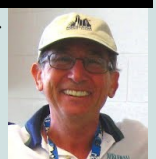
There are 21 events with limit of players:
Juniors Singles (18 years and under)
OPEN Singles Men's
OPEN Singles Women's
OPEN Doubles Mixed
OPEN Doubles Men's
OPEN Doubles Women's,
Under 55 Doubles Mixed

Under 55 Doubles Men's
Under 55 Doubles Women's
55+ Doubles Mixed
55+ Doubles Men's
55+ Doubles Women's
60+ Doubles Mixed
60+ Doubles Men's
60+ Doubles Women's
65+ Doubles Mixed
65+ Doubles Men's,
65+ Doubles Women's
70+ Doubles Mixed
70+ Doubles Men's
70+ Doubles Women's

You can mail in your registration or register at Abbotsford Recreation Centre (ARC) 2499 McMillan Road, Abbotsford, B.C. Spaces are limited. Please register early !!!



Mr. Doug Stubbs (left) of Brampton, ON and Gerry Infeld (right) of Mississauga, ON have been added as new Pickleball Canada (PCO) Ambassadors from Ontario. Welcome aboard gentlemen. We'd love to hear from all our Ambassadors on a regular basis.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT DAVE SHEPHERD

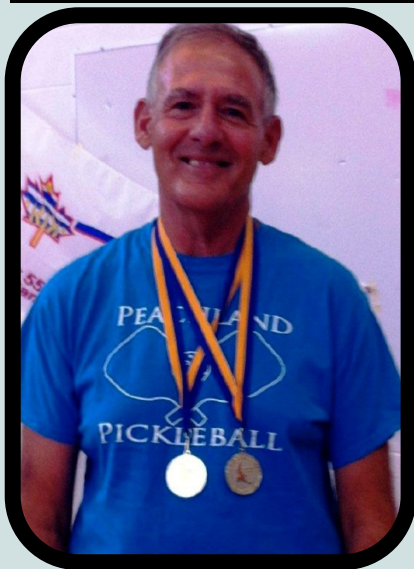
We hope all of you had a great holiday season with your family and friends. Maybe Santa brought you a new paddle? If so, now is the time to get back on the courts, use that new paddle, and burn up those excess calories. With this being the colder time of the year in Canada, and yes, there are still some of us wintering at home here, it is wise to remember and stretch your muscles before playing. We are less flexible as we get older and for this reason we should all have a specific warm up routine. A few minutes of stretching will prevent injuries from pulled muscles and the inevitable few weeks of recovery time.

As we leave 2012 I would like to thank all the PCO Board Members for their hard work throughout the year. Please remember that ALL PCO Board members are volunteers! They all spend many, many hours every month on all their various PCO assignments and more. They, like many of you, have one goal in mind...to promote and develop the game of pickleball. I would also like to acknowledge the friendships we have with all our

provincial associations including PAO our affiliated Association in Ontario and Pickleball Canada Westcoast Association our registered BC affiliate. As members of IFP we have enjoyed and benefited from the association. We also appreciate the cooperation we receive from USAPA in achieving our mutual goals. They have been most generous in sharing their ideas and expertise. Thank you to all the players and volunteers who set up new groups this past year. The growth of the game is unbelievable! Now that January is here it's time to start implementing all those wonderful New Year resolutions - both personal and pickleball related - that you formulated over the last little while that will enhance your life, your skills and your contributions to others in this new year. Make this a year to volunteer, to introduce others to the game and help them to play. Let's remember most of all to be thankful for the fun we have and the friends we've all made through this wonderfully enjoyable sport of pickleball.

Happy pickling in 2013!!

THE PASSING OF VINCE CUSCHIERI - AMAZING PICKLEBALL PLAYER AND FRIEND



1947 to 2012

I have known Vince for approximately 3 years or so, we have played together and against each other, he was always a challenge because he was such a great athlete. Hard serve, hard fast returns and yes he loved to "slam" the ball when given the opportunity.

Here was a man in excellent physical condition, sharp mind and amazingly quick reflexes.

Vince was my partner in the West Kelowna Tournament last Spring (2012) and

we were talking about playing together again this Spring plus possibly playing together at the Abbotsford National Championship in July.

Vince not only played an awesome game of Pickleball, he was quick to help others by teaching, without charge of course, the finer points of the game.

Vince mainly played in Peachland & Kelowna, B.C. plus he played in Calgary and Cochrane, Alberta.

Yes, those are TWO GOLD MEDALS that he won at the BC Senior Games in Burnaby in 2012. He won in SINGLES and Men's Doubles (with partner Jim Saunders).

We as a Pickleball community are deeply saddened by the death of Vince, he was an inspiration to all of us. He touched lives wherever he went with that wonderful smile.

Vince was a very active member of Pickleball Canada and an area Ambassador as well. He also was very instrumental in organizing the Peachland Pickleball Tournament every Spring. He will be deeply missed by all of us at Pickleball Canada.

2012 Pickleball Canada in Review by Shirley Shepherd, Secretary PCO

On behalf of Pickleball Canada, we want to thank all our members and supporters who help us promote pickleball in Canada. We are proud of the accomplishments and we are looking forward to a great 2013. Let us take a look at what we have accomplished:

- *Approximately 80 New Places to Play started up in Canada, some as far away as New Brunswick, PEI and Nova Scotia.
- *Welcomed Garth Matthews, new Provincial Ambassador P.E.I.
- *We appointed many Provincial Area Ambassadors in Canada.
- *New B.C. Area Ambassadors include Bruce Simpson, Walter Hermann for Vernon, Betty Loyst for Peachland, Alex Gendron in Nanaimo and Wayne King in Comox.
- *Pickleball Canada have over 500 members & increasing monthly

*We held our first Pickleball Canada National Open Championship on July 7-8, 2012 with 168 players.

*Pickleball Canada sanctioned the National Tournament in Abbotsford plus the Ontario Tournament in 2012.

*Pickleball Canada implemented the Tournament Point system to award points to winners in sanctioned tournaments. We have announced the top 18 Pickleball Players who competed in sanctioned tournaments in Canada.

*Pickleball Canada implemented the Player Rating system in cooperation with USAPA/IFP so that players can have the same player ratings in the USA and Canada.

Happy New Year !!! Happy pickling in 2013 !!!

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR FOLLOWING IFP RULES

2ND ANNUAL PICKLEBALL CANADA NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, ABBOTSFORD, B.C.
CANADA'S LARGEST TOURNAMENT - JULY 6TH & 7TH. 21 EVENTS, 17 COURTS. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
WE ANTICIPATE OVER 200 PLAYERS FROM ALL OVER NORTH AMERICA
LONDON, ONTARIO PICKLEBALL CLUB WILL BE HOLDING THEIR FIRST TOURNAMENT MAY 25TH, 2013
DETAILS AT: WWW.PICKLEBALLASSOCIATIONOFONTARIO.ORG

IF YOU HAVE A TOURNAMENT YOU WOULD LIKE OUR MEMBERS TO KNOW ABOUT LET US KNOW AND WE'LL POST IT HERE. ONLY REQUIREMENT IS IT MUST FOLLOW IFP RULES AND SACTIONING IS AVAILABLE (INCLUDING INSURANCE) FOR APPROXIMATELY \$2.00 PER PLAYER (MINIMUM \$50.)

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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RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

Chair Rules Committee P.C.O.

Did you know?

LESS KNOWN RULES – pt. 2- IFP Rules Section 12
These are situations that can cause arguments if Rules are unknown:

12.G. **Items on Court.** If anything player wears or carries lands on court, it becomes part of court and if ball hits item, ball remains in play. If item lands on opponent's court, it is a fault.

If item lands in non-volley zone as a result of a volley, it is a fault.

12.H. **Distractions.** Players may not yell, stamp feet, or otherwise try to distract an opponent when opponent is about to hit the ball. Loud communication when opponent is about to hit ball may be considered a distraction and referee may declare loss of rally.

12.J.4. **Ball bounces back:** If player hits ball over net and then ball bounces back over net without being touched by opponent, the striking player wins rally.

12.J.3. **Hitting ball that bounces back:** If ball bounces into player's NVZ and then spins back over net, that player may reach over net to hit ball but may not touch net. That player is also allowed to go around net post and cross imaginary extension of net so long as he/she does not touch opponent's court.

Now you know these Rules, help others to know!

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