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Points of Interest

- Meet our amazing Treasurer Christine Badke Perras.
- Meet James Chan a new avid Pickleball Player from Edmonton, Alberta
- Abbotsford Recreation Centre tournament held July 9th is huge success, see photo's.
- Message from our new President Colin Caldwell and changes to our Board of Directors.
- Another award for PCA from the efforts of The Shepherd's
- International Pickleball Federation acknowledges Pickleball Canada as authority for governing Pickleball in Canada.
- New place to buy Paddles and Equipment.
- Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY \$12.00 per year.
- Saskatchewan first ever Senior Games in Regina June 1, 2011

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Meet Christine Badke Perras - Our Treasurer

Christine is a very active woman. A mother of 5 children ranging in age from 12 to 26 with a 2 year old grandson as well. Christine is not yet a senior, in fact she is quite a long ways from becoming one and that is one of her pet peeves. She feels there are a lot of players UNDER 50 who love to play the game and should be welcomed in all tournaments. Why is there an age restriction? Good question. Really why is there one? We can still award the winners medals but let's base it on skill level rather than age.

Christine leads a very busy life, lots of stress between raising her children, helping her husband run their business plus has a cleaning company that she shares with her long time friend Jenny. She is a full time mom, business woman, plus she helps out with COPA (Central Okanagan Pickleball Association) and is our amazing treasurer too. This is one busy lady, believe me.

Pickleball is Christine's stress reliever, a time when she can recover her sanity and actually enjoy the day. "I have always loved sports, I hike, snowshoe, kayak, play badminton (but not since she took up Pickleball) and workout in the gym." Most of these events are done together with her best friend & husband who she describes as "a most wonderful man" she has been married to for 28 years. Now that is something you don't hear very often today.

Christine has been playing Pickleball for just over 2 years and finds it one of the most enjoyable, entertaining sports she has ever played. Plus she has met many wonderful seniors and made many friends through the sport. She LOVES the aggressiveness as well as the competitiveness of the game. She is a strong player.

Christine has found that she can go into a place where Pickleball is played, immediately feels welcome and fits in perfectly. The group of ladies that taught her are very precious to her. They taught her all she knows so she wants to give a big thank you to, Heather, Sandi, Marie & Sue.

"Pickleball is as much a social sport as it is a physical sport," said Christine. "What is good for the mind is good for the heart. Pickleball has been an adventure to climb aboard and meet so many unique, enthusiastic people."

Her pet peeve is, promote Pickleball to younger players (under 50, like her) as well as the youth of today. Last months award to Shirley Shepherd and family for teaching in schools is wonderful to hear. She'd like to see this happen in the Okanagan Valley.

From all of us at Pickleball Canada we want to thank you for your devotion to being our Treasurer and good friend.



MEET JAMES CHAN FROM EDMONTON, ALBERTA



What a great photo of James, taken by an Edmonton, Journal photographer a few weeks back. It truly is worth a 1000 words.

James came to Canada in 2003 from Hong Kong, in his younger years he played a lot of table tennis, then got busy in business and didn't play for 20 years. Racquet sports are something you never forget, you just have to get back in there and it all comes back to you. James took up Pickleball about 3 months ago and now plays 3 times a week, it's addictive he says and would like to play 7 days a week if he could. "We need more places to play" said James. He loves to dink and lob shots to win a point. "It's a fulfilling and exciting sport"

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ABBOTSFORD TOURNAMENT WINNERS



LADIES DOUBLES 55 PLUS

GOLD (centre)

Elaine Lerner & Theresa Orcutt

SILVER (left)

Terry Saunders & Pat Copp

BRONZE (right)

Elaine Griffiths & Kathy Parkes

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MEN'S DOUBLES 55 PLUS

Left to Right (not in medal order):

Ronnie Pitcher (**Bronze**),

John Kusch (**Gold**),

David Touchet (**Gold**),

Garth Watkins (**Bronze**),

Del Iggulden & Paul Ellis (**Silver**).

TOTAL OF 67 COMPETITORS
FROM ALL OVER B.C. PLUS 2
FROM WASHINGTON STATE.



MIXED DOUBLES 55 PLUS

GOLD (centre)

Jon Kusch & Elaine Lerner

SILVER (left)

Colin Caldwell & Theresa Orcutt

BRONZE (right)

Pat Copp & David Touchet

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UNDER 55 WINNERS ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE

LADIES DOUBLES:

GOLD - Karen Iggulden & Luba Zhekhovskaya

SILVER - Madalene Choy & Jody Yeh

BRONZE - Dee Pitcher & Trudy Pitcher

MEN'S DOUBLES

GOLD - Reg Skinner & Denis Zhekhovskiy

SILVER - Rhys Martel & Mike Shepherd

BRONZE - George Pool & Ganbat Tsend

MIXED DOUBLES:

GOLD - Luba Zhekhovskaya & Denis Zhekhovskiy

SILVER - Del Iggulden & Karen Iggulden

BRONZE - Brenda Ellis & Reg Skinner



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Message from our new president - Colin Caldwell



The month of June brought with it many changes to Pickleball Canada. Bill Canning, our president, required hospitalization and while he is recovering successfully, Bill indicated that the duties of President were just too much for him to continue in that position. Bill tendered his resignation but agreed to assume the position of Past President on our Board of Directors.

Bill has been a steady force in Pickleball Canada since its inception in 2009. He has provided unwavering guidance and support and his leadership will be greatly missed. Pickleball Canada would like to extend our gratitude to Bill for all his efforts and we wish him well during his period of recovery.

In addition, Wayne Roswell, from Ontario, also tendered his resignation. Wayne heads up Pickleball Ontario and the two affiliations were just too much to manage. Wayne will continue his efforts with Pickleball Ontario and we would also like to extend our gratitude to Wayne for all his efforts on our board.

Donna Robins, tendered her resignation stating her need to devote more time to her new Bed & Breakfast venture in Ontario. Donna has agreed to remain on both our Rules and Tournament Sanctioning Committees until the next AGM. The Board wishes to extend to Donna a hearty good luck in your future business venture. Donna will certainly be missed.

All these resignations within such a short period of time left the Board with some major positions to fill. According to our By-laws, the vacant position of President was filled with our newly appointed VP (myself) Colin Caldwell from British Columbia. Then the board discussed who should be our new VP and wisely & unanimously elected Bill Franzman as our new VP, plus nominated and elected two more Directors, Bill Furse and Patsy Simon.

Bill Furse, from Ontario was our first new Board member. Bill is an avid Pickleball player who plays at The Villages in Florida during the winter. We welcome Bill to our Board and extend our thanks for joining us on the Board.

Patsy Simon, from Nova Scotia, was also recruited and has accepted a position on our Board. Patsy was our Ambassador for Nova Scotia and also plays in The Villages in Florida. Patsy is an enthusiastic supporter of Pickleball and will also be a great addition.

Every organization goes through changes in personnel. Change can be a very good thing. New members bring new talents, perspective and new optimism. Our Board faces many challenges in promoting our game and protecting our name. I can foresee great accomplishments being made with our new team. Welcome on board, Bill & Patsy.



PICKLEBALL CANADA RECEIVES 2ND AWARD FROM SIMONDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL & THE KIDS

Pickleball Canada Association received a "Certificate of Thanks" from Simonds Elementary School, Spring 2011, signed by Ms. T. Rogers, Principal.

Pickleball Canada volunteers, Dave, Shirley & Mike Shepherd gave 18 hours of free Pickleball instruction at Simonds Elementary School in Langley, B.C. on June 8th, 2011. They taught four Physical Education classes of about 120 students from grades 5 to 7. The school and teachers were very happy to learn how to play Pickleball. At first the students could hardly hit the ball but after one and a half hours, they were even rallying, playing mini-games, laughing and having a great time! Two teachers played tennis so they were excellent at it and The Shepherds even played a game with them during the lunch hour. "It was a very satisfying experience seeing them learning this new game of Pickleball and enjoying it" said Shirley.

The young students took it upon themselves to award Dave, Shirley and Mike Shepherd their own special award of thanks. They created this fine handmade plaque in honor of their teaching. I don't know about you but I think this handmade trophy is pretty special and very original.

What do you think? Which would you like to have in your possession? I think it would be a hard choice to make, don't you.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PICKLEBALL, founded by All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) and the U.S.A. Pickleball Association (USAPA) have officially acknowledged and welcomed **PICKLEBALL CANADA** into this prestigious group as of May 1st, 2011. These three member organizations are currently the only organizations that are the governing bodies of the sport in their respective countries. The IFP sets the stage for all countries to join in future international competition with a common set of rules, Bylaws & Constitution. We, Pickleball Canada, are proud to be accepted and part of this governing body.

You can view the IFP website at: <http://ipickleball.org> it was established April 2010.

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR

Let us list your tournament here. Just send an email to: ed.burke@shaw.ca and if you are a member of Pickleball Canada and follow IFP (International Federation of Pickleball) rules, we will be happy to promote your event here.

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

**NEW
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**NEW
ADDRESS**

We have 2 new Board of Directors:

Bill Furse, from Ontario and **Patsy Simon**, from Nova Scotia.

Both these individuals are active Pickleball players and in the winter play out of THE VILLAGES in Florida.

Their photos & bios will be shown in this newsletter over the coming months. Pickleball Canada is very pleased to have these fine individuals as Directors and Members of our Organization.

We are looking for new members in PEI, NB, NF, Quebec and Manitoba so we can have representation in all provinces. If you know of anyone who would like to either be an Ambassador or possibly a Director, kindly contact one of the Directors below. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR PICKLEBALL CANADA

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Saskatchewan Senior Games at SSFA

Regina's first time entry into the Sask. Senior Games.
Back row: Tony Sherman, Larry Evans, Tom Nauta, Fran Rust, Jack Lucyk, Ed McFarland, Carol Martens & Bruce Murray. **Front row:** Gail Stakiw, Mary Ann Sherman, Bev Butt, Annette Kolybaba, Elfie Widham and Lynne Stewart. A round robin format.