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### **JULY 7-8TH - 2012 FIRST NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**



ulous are just a few words that come to mind trying to describe our National Tournament in Abbotsford this past weekend. It truly was a sight to with precision with next to no hiccups. see for Pickleball lovers and that certainly does include yours truly.

It was a "picture perfect" day as well. Could not was a treat to behold. have been nicer and truly was the nicest weekend cooperated with this event.

We would love to tell you the many stories that do not have room to tell everything. We will try to BOOK for those of you who access the Internet. Canadians at all levels of play. The link is in the email you just received.

group of people in North America this weekend. Enjoy the photos and your comments are welcome.

Awesome, amazing, unbelievable, fantastic, fab- So many smiling faces, so many outstanding players and so well organized by Dave & Shirley Shepherd plus a small army of volunteers. It ran

> From the opening speech from the mayor of Abbotsford to the singing of our national anthem, it

If you missed it, we are sorry but it will happen this year in the Fraser Valley. So even the weather again next year (date and place to be mentioned in the not too distant future).

There were players from all over Canada, I was happened during this wonderful time but we just told from 8 provinces plus a contingent of our wonderful U.S. neighbours who really did show us highlight as much as space allows. We will also how skillful they are by winning lots of GOLD. attempt to put many of the photos taken on FACE- Not to be outdone, most medals were won by

We have attempted to give you a good cross You could not, would not find a nicer, happier section of the winners on pages 4 & 5 of this issue.



IT IS NOW OFFICIAL. PICKLEBALL CANADA ORG., can now SANCTION tournaments as we did in Abbotsford this past

What does it mean to you? There are tremendous benefits to all local and provincial clubs.

- It adds prestige to your local tournaments.
- 2) It protects your organizers from liability claims against them.
- It gives you provincial recognition when soliciting prizes.
- 4) Sponsorships are easier to attract when you are part of PCO.
- 5) Discounts are offered because of the national connection. Equipment suppliers will attend your tournament.
- All this for about \$2.00 per registered player (\$50. minimum).

## ONTARIO 55+ SUMMER GAMES by Wayne Roswell







**A COMMUNITY SPONSOR FOR ABBOTSFORD NATIONAL PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** 

The cut-off for these games was June 26th have any questions after reading the complete but you still might get in if you apply immedi-registration, contact Wayne Roswell at: ately, there are also caps on the number of **rwroswell@gmail.com** or contact the district. people for each category. This is strictly for DO NOT CALL THE BRAMPTON OFFICE, ONTARIO RESIDENTS ONLY, you must the recreation director in charge of this whole have a partner, be 55 plus and a member of the event is looking after 19 different venues and OSGA. To become a member, you just pay she is swamped, as you can appreciate. Many the membership fee at the time of registration. questions can not be answered until they know Please remember you can only enter ONE how many players have registered. For pickevent. You can enter Doubles and Mixed for leball there are only 6 courts but with ample Pickleball but you can not enter Pickleball if space between courts and run back room too. you are in another event. One or both players can play down but not up.

plus HST= \$169.50, the price **INCLUDES** games will be played under IFP rules accommodation, meals, entertainment, gifts and a fun time. The hotel is the Courtyard all over Ontario to play in the games over a 3 Marriott in Brampton and all picklers will be day period. A great place to network with like staying at the same location unless you have minded people and have fun. requested a room mate that is participating in a different event.

www.ontario55plussummergames.com during this event. A voluntary suggestion but click on the REGISTRATION button and read he hopes all the players would participate. He all the information on this event. All your is calling it "Pin a Pickler for Life." questions should be answered there. If you

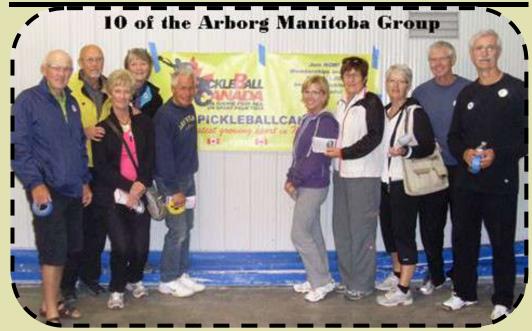
The 1st day will be a round robin, the 2nd day will be the preliminary and medal rounds. The registration fee for the games is \$150.00 Note: All players will play both days. All

There will be 1,300 participants coming from

Wayne is asking everyone to bring a friendship pin from their district or city to exchange The registration forms are on the website at: with their opponents, referees and conveners

Thanks for your participation, Wayne

#### **PICKLEBALLERS WHO WENT TO MANITOBA 55+ GAMES**



They went to Arborg, Manitoba to demonstrate pickleball to the Manitoba 55+ Senior Games. Over 100 adults and students participated playing pickleball over this 2 day event, plus there were many observers. The response was very positive and they expect to be going out to many schools in several areas to demonstrate the sport. They are also working on more places to play in the near future. The above players are from L to R: Group on left: Brian Shippam, Ron & Diane Dunsford, Tanis Calhoun, Ernie Treichel. Group on right: Nina Constable, Marggie Martin, Ruby Laughren, Jim Vincent and Ken Biberdorf. Submitted by Brian Shippam.

## **Message from our President Colin Caldwell**



National Tournament was helped to run the event. held this past weekend in Abbotsford, B.C. and 168 registered players from all over Canada and from the USA attended the event.

The two-day tournament was an excellent example of the enthusiasm that the sport of pickleball has generated here in Canada. Young & old alike participated & demonstrated that our sport has become a sport that allows all ages to join in the fun.

I'd like to thank the City of Abbotsford, the Mayor's office, City Council, Abbotsford Recreation Centre and specifically Mandy Hadfield from ARC for their help in organizing and providing the facilities for the event. In addition, I'd like to thank

Pickleball Canada's first the many volunteers from the Abbotsford pickleball group that

Lastly, I'd like to thank the tournament directors, Shirley &



Dave Shepherd. all their for hard work. was a monumental task to organize & host the tournament. Well done, we all had a great time & you did an exemplary job in all areas.



#### MEET PETER DARVILL from LADNER, B.C.

Peter took up the curiously named sport of Pickleball two years ago and has been hooked ever since. The Ladner, B.C., resident is now our Pickleball Canada Ambassador for Richmond/ South Delta and plays the game six days of the week.

There are about 30 active pickleball players in South Delta who play at the Ladner Community Centre and the South Delta Rec Centre. They now have a new outdoor venue at Cromie Park adjacent to Ladner Elementary School. The Corporation of Delta last year resurfaced the tennis courts and added permanent pickleball lines. The outdoor game requires a harder ball so it does travel a bit faster and you have to deal with the wind and sun glare. He is happy to teach newcomers the basics who pick it up quickly. Play times are Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 3:00 p.m. at Ladner Community Centre and Mondays 6:30 p.m. at South Delta Rec Centre, reg. fees apply.

### Gerry Gleason at right playing in S.Fallingbrook, ON

Orleans, ON, residents adapt tennis courts for Pickleball, regular matches enjoyed at South Fallingbrook Community Centre tennis courts, at least twice a week. They meet every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the summer months.

It is a slower paced game than tennis but requires tactics & skill too plus a bit of a good sense of humour. "We can go up to the net and laugh and be social" said Wynand "Ziggy" Segstro, who plays on a regular basis and was one of Ottawa's first pickleball players.

Gerry Gleason said "At one Florida location there are 100 plus pickleball courts and they often have a line of people waiting to get on to play."

Pickleball is played outdoors in Carleton Heights and in Stittsville, also played in many indoor locations throughout the city in the colder months. "Some people play competitively' said Segstro, "We don't take the game seriously, we just want to have fun."





More Abbotsford Pickleball news. Yes, that is quite a statement "4 top players in the world" but it is a fact. They came, they challenged us and they won in different events. It truly was a great learning experience for all Canadians. Watching them play was worth the price of admission into the tournament. Chris Miller is a "slammer" and believe me, that ball screams through the air when he hits it. Billy Jacobsen on the other hand finesses his shots with deadly accuracy. Both Darcie and Jennifer have a bag full of amazingly deadly shots combined with speed that leave your mouth ajar at times.

They came at their own expense to show goodwill between our two countries, which they graciously did. To be the top ranked players in the U.S.A. is no simple feat with upward of 100,000 pickleball players nationwide.

As a side note, **Jennifer Lucore** is also publisher of the U.S.A.PA. newsletter and it is a connection I as Editor/Publisher of PCO was very happy to make.

Thank you so much for gracing our First National Tournament. Ed/Editor

































## TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR FOLLOWING IFP RULES

JULY 27TH to 29TH - NANAIMO PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT, OLIVER WOODS REC. CENTRE, NANAIMO,B.C. REGISTRATION & INFORMATION AT: WWW.PICKLEBALLNANAIMO.COM IFP RULES APPLY.

AUGUST 21ST to 25TH - B.C. SENIOR GAMES, BURNABY, B.C. IFP RULES APPLY. <u>URGENT, TAKE NOTE:</u> DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS WAS JUNE 15TH, GO TO: WWW.BCSENIORSGAMES.ORG

AUGUST 14TH to 16TH - ONTARIO SUMMER GAMES TO BE HELD AT THE JIM ARCHDDEKIN REC. CENTRE 292 CONTESTOGA DRIVE, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO. ONTARIO RESIDENTS 55 PLUS ONLY.

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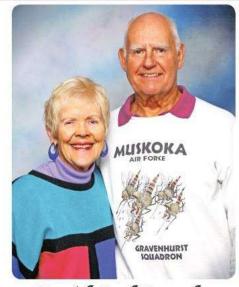
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