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Points of Interest

- ▶ SUPER WEEKEND, SUPER WEATHER, SUPER TOURNAMENT
- ▶ The Importance of Sanctioning.
- ▶ Ontario's Fantastic 55 PLUS SUMMER GAMES
- ▶ MANITOBA 55 PLUS SUMMER GAMES A GREAT SUCCESS.
- ▶ Message from President Colin Caldwell
- ▶ Meet Peter Darvill from LADNER B.C. 2 years of work finally paying off.
- ▶ South Falling Brook ONTARIO playing for fun.
- ▶ HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY BEVERLEY AND DAVID BUTT. May you have many more. Take a break this month. You earned it.
- ▶ Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY \$12.00 per year, \$32.00 3 years.

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JULY 7-8TH - 2012 FIRST NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



Awesome, amazing, unbelievable, fantastic, fabulous 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 see for Pickleball lovers and that certainly does include yours truly.

It was a "picture perfect" day as well. Could not have been nicer and truly was the nicest weekend this year in the Fraser Valley. So even the weather cooperated with this event.

We would love to tell you the many stories that happened during this wonderful time but we just do not have room to tell everything. We will try to highlight as much as space allows. We will also attempt to put many of the photos taken on FACEBOOK for those of you who access the Internet. The link is in the email you just received.

You could not, would not find a nicer, happier group of people in North America this weekend.

So many smiling faces, so many outstanding players and so well organized by Dave & Shirley Shepherd plus a small army of volunteers. It ran with precision with next to no hiccups.

From the opening speech from the mayor of Abbotsford to the singing of our national anthem, it was a treat to behold.

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

There were players from all over Canada, I was told from 8 provinces plus a contingent of our wonderful U.S. neighbours who really did show us how skillful they are by winning lots of GOLD. Not to be outdone, most medals were won by Canadians at all levels of play.

We have attempted to give you a good cross section of the winners on pages 4 & 5 of this issue. Enjoy the photos and your comments are welcome.



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

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

- 1) It adds prestige to your local tournaments.
- 2) It protects your organizers from liability claims against them.
- 3) 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.
- 6) Equipment suppliers will attend your tournament.
- 7) All this for about \$2.00 per registered player (\$50. minimum).

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ONTARIO 55+ SUMMER GAMES by Wayne Roswell



A COMMUNITY SPONSOR FOR ABBOTSFORD NATIONAL PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The cut-off for these games was June 26th but you still might get in if you apply immediately, there are also caps on the number of people for each category. This is strictly for **ONTARIO RESIDENTS ONLY**, you must have a partner, be 55 plus and a member of the OSGA. To become a member, you just pay the membership fee at the time of registration. Please remember you can only enter ONE event. You can enter Doubles and Mixed for Pickleball but you can not enter Pickleball if you are in another event. One or both players can play down but not up.

The registration fee for the games is \$150.00 plus HST= \$169.50, the price **INCLUDES** accommodation, meals, entertainment, gifts and a fun time. The hotel is the Courtyard Marriott in Brampton and all picklers will be staying at the same location unless you have requested a room mate that is participating in a different event.

The registration forms are on the website at: **www.ontario55plussummertimegames.com** click on the REGISTRATION button and read all the information on this event. All your questions should be answered there. If you

have any questions after reading the complete registration, contact Wayne Roswell at: **rwroswell@gmail.com** or contact the district. **DO NOT CALL THE BRAMPTON OFFICE**, the recreation director in charge of this whole event is looking after 19 different venues and she is swamped, as you can appreciate. Many questions can not be answered until they know how many players have registered. For pickleball there are only 6 courts but with ample space between courts and run back room too.

The 1st day will be a round robin, the 2nd day will be the preliminary and medal rounds. Note: **All players will play both days.** All games will be played under IFP rules

There will be **1,300** participants coming from all over Ontario to play in the games over a 3 day period. A great place to network with like minded people and have fun.

Wayne is asking everyone to bring a friendship pin from their district or city to exchange with their opponents, referees and conveners during this event. A voluntary suggestion but he hopes all the players would participate. He is calling it **"Pin a Pickler for Life."**

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.

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Message from our President Colin Caldwell



Pickleball Canada's first National Tournament was 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

the many volunteers from the Abbotsford pickleball group that helped to run the event.

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

Dave Shepherd, for all their hard work. It 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.P.A. 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

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60 Plus Mixed Double



65 Plus Mixed Doubles



70 Plus Mixed Doubles



Women's Doubles Under 55



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Men's Doubles Under 55



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. URGENT, TAKE NOTE:
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS WAS JUNE 15TH, GO TO: WWW.BCSENIORGAMES.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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Wow! 50 Happy Years Together!

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Living in Canada, Africa, Israel, India, Asia, USA