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A record 228 participants from Canada and the US registered for the **2nd Annual Pickleball Canada National Open Championship** held at Abbotsford Recreation Centre and Yale Secondary School in Abbotsford, BC, July 6-7. There were 21 events, held on 14 indoor courts, including Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, Singles, and for the first time a Junior event. It was so exciting to watch all levels of

players competing at the largest pickleball tournament in Canada. **A big thank you to our sponsors: Investors Group, Tourism Abbotsford, Pickle-Ball Inc., Pro-Lite Sports, Pickleball International, All About Pickleball, Pickleball Outfitters, I Got It Pickleball, Courtside Sports, IGA, Safeway, Bridgestone Tires, Saxbee Insurance, North Bellingham Golf Course, Murray GM Abbotsford, Great Clips, Pickleball Chilliwack, Ocean Park Pizza, Boston Pizza and Domino's Pizza.**

Saturday morning, Abbotsford Mayor, Bruce Banman kicked off the Opening Ceremonies with a fine speech and led a resounding rendition of O Canada. Dave Shepherd, PCO President welcomed all and on a sad note announced the passing of Bev Butt, Pickleball Canada's First Lady (in memory on pg 3). Dave and Shirley Shepherd, Tournament Directors, wish to thank the City of Abbotsford, Ryan Coreau, Dino Tsembelis and Kim Griffith, plus all the referees and 50 volunteers. Rosie Roper (CA) was the Head Referee and a player as well as referees Ron Pitcher and Brian Parkes. Medals were presented by Bill Canning and Shirley and Dave Shepherd. Len Taal and his wife (BC) manned the PCO Membership table and Len refereed. Ed Burke was the Official Tournament Photographer. Abbotsford Rec Centre provided a much appreciated lunch and beverage room both days.

Many enthusiastic spectators cheered on the Gold Medal Matches with Chris Miller/Billy Jacobsen (WA) vs Denis Zhekhovskiy/Scott Lenan (BC/WA) in Open Men's Doubles and Luba Zhekhovskaya/Denis Zhekhovskiy (BC) vs Christine Barksdale/Josh Grubbs (CA/IN) in Open Mixed Doubles. Proud parents, relatives and friends cheered on six Junior Competitors in a very entertaining Junior Event. There were more than a dozen 5.0 rated players performing incredible athletic skills and talent with fantastic dink shots, overhead smashes and volleys. The 2nd Annual Pickleball Canada National Open Championship was a resounding success!! *For the complete results see page 4*

Pickleball Canada is very pleased to welcome Investors Group as the Presenting Sponsor of the Pickleball Canada National Open Championship Abbotsford, BC, July, 2013



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Presidents Message - Dave Shepherd



The Pickleball Canada Annual General Meeting was held in Kelowna on June 14th 2013. The meeting was well attended with some members attending through the use of Skype. All the reports from Committee Chairs were read and approved. Three of our directors, Bev Butt, Bill Canning and Larry Evans have retired and on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank each one of them for

their major contribution to Pickleball Canada since the early years of PCO. Ed Burke has retired as Newsletter Editor/Publisher after three years. He will stay on as a Board Member.

Two new Directors were elected. We extend a very warm welcome to Denise Griffin from Chilliwack, BC who has been quite instrumental in helping the growth of pickleball in Chilliwack and surrounding communities. We also extend the same warm welcome to Merrie Lee from North York, Ontario. Merrie is one of PCO's Area Ambassadors in Ontario and is very active in getting new senior and drop-in pickleball programs established in her area of North York. Denise has volunteered to take on the role of PCO Newsletter Editor/Publisher and Merrie is our new Membership Chair. We thank Denise Griffin and Merrie Lee for taking on these important and challenging positions and welcome them to the Board.

PayPal has been implemented on the PCO website to make it easier and

quicker to pay online as a new member or a renewal. Of course, membership applications and renewals can still be mailed in.

Thank you to all the 230 registered participants who attended the 2nd Annual Pickleball Canada National Open Championship which was held in Abbotsford, B.C. on July 6 - 7 2013, a record turnout in support of the 2013 National Open. We also sincerely thank the City of Abbotsford, Mayor Banman, all our generous sponsors and the close to 50 volunteers and referees who helped to make it a resounding success.

In Canmore, Alberta; work to upgrade and convert an outdoor skating rink into a multi-use facility, designed to accommodate three long-awaited pickleball courts, was

completed on the 12th of June. The local group of senior pickleball enthusiasts managed to get in just three scheduled sessions in the sunshine below the towering, scenic peaks of the overlooking Rockies, before Mother



Mother Nature Strikes a Mean Blow!

Nature struck merely one week later!

The tragic flooding of the near-by Cougar Creek which, unfortunately destroyed several homes along its route, did not spare the newly-upgraded multi-use facility. The photo on the left shows the first day of play on the courts with the Three Sisters' Peaks in the background and the banner advertising the new venue for the sport. The pictures below show the aftermath of the flooding. Very disappointing sudden turn of events!

Article from Rick Thral www.bowvalleypickleball.com



BEVERLEY BUTT "THE FIRST LADY OF PICKLEBALL"***In Memory***

As I am sure you are all now aware, our good friend Bev lost her brief and courageous battle with cancer and passed away peacefully on July 1st. with her family at her side. As a founding member of Pickleball Canada, Bev played a huge part in the growth of pickleball in Canada. The entire pickleball community has lost a great Ambassador. She was a very active member of the Board of Pickleball Canada and her thoughtful input on all matters will be greatly missed. Bev learned to play pickleball at Venture Out Resort in Mesa, AZ in 2003. She was a great athlete and pickleball player herself, and won gold medals in singles and mixed doubles that same year in the Arizona Senior Olympics. She was hooked on pickleball from that day on! She thrived on teaching beginners and putting on demos wherever she was and especially in her home province of Saskatchewan. More than that, Bev was a wonderful human being, always there to help others. and she valued her happy family life above all. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go to her husband Dave and son Shane, at this time of deep personal loss. *Dave Shepherd, President*

**An extract from a letter to the PCO Board of Directors written by Bev:**

"So appreciate each day of life. If you live it as if it is your last one, then one day you'll will be right. Love yourself and love each other! A sign hangs in my kitchen that says Life is Uncertain. Eat dessert first. That's a good motto. When you wear purple, that's my favourite colour! Love and hugs to everyone and keep on playing and enjoying pickleball."

From Dave (husband) and Shane (son)

Thanks so much for the awesome flowers - Bev's favourite thing. She wrote "Awesome" on everything for the last two months. Everything positive. We have all her last notes - there is nothing but positive. It's a good way to be.

There have been so many tributes from around the world that talk about her contribution to the lives of so many. The newspaper articles I am finding in so many things have been amazing. You can't believe what she has done to help so many kids get through university when they may have ended up on the street.

Shane, Don, Mary, Linda, Laurie, Keirsten, Sarah, and Bruce and Laurel have been so helpful the last weeks. The neighbours have come in droves to support and send poetry, flowers and hugs.

I have been going through the files and finding so many articles in the news that I didn't know about. How about the Sask Woman of the Year and nomination for the Order of Canada. You should all be proud of this woman.



2nd Annual Pickleball Canada National Open Championship Tournament Results

Pickleball Bouquets

On behalf of pickleball players across Canada and the USA we would like to thank Dave and Shirley Shepherd, President and Secretary of PCO and Tournament Directors for the Nationals. Dave and Shirley have created a unique opportunity for the development of competitive pickleball in Canada. They have set the bar and lead by example both in leadership and support through the donation of time, knowledge and commitment. Thanks so much Dave and Shirley!!

PICKLEBALL CANADA TOURNAMENT POINTS July 8, 2013

Purpose of Tournament Points

1. *Tournament Points are awarded as recognition of achievement in Sanctioned Tournaments.*
2. *Tournament Points may be used by Tournament Directors to determine seeding in tournament brackets.*
3. *Tournament Points may be used by the Ratings Committee, as one of several criteria, to determine a player's rating at the end of each calendar year.*
4. *Tournaments Points will be used to publish a list of the top point winners in each event at the end of each calendar year.*

Tier 1 Gold 1600 points Silver 800 points Bronze 400 points

3200 points: John Kusch, Elaine Lerner, Jennifer Lucore

2400 points: Nancy Stern

2000 points: Brian Lam, Henry Meerkerk, Kathy Parkes, George Pool, Claire Pool

1600 points: Denis Zhekhovskiy, Terry Saunders, Brenda Jmaeff, Dan Jmaeff, Debby Holley, Diane Hill, John Savoy, David Ulis, Maurice Parobec

1200 points: Luba Zhekhovskaya, Brian Parkes, Peter Darvill

800 points: Matt Khan, Jim Saunders, Roberta Meakin, Shirley Knorr, Wendy Porteous, Susan Nigh, Inge Scholz, Trudy Pitcher, Vera Loskot, Diane Gillis

400 points: Beryl Kusch, Pat Khan, Sue Fosbery, Pat Fosbery, Feige Li, Shirley Edwards, Karen Peniuk, Colin Caldwell, Ken Franz, Gene Latray

Meet the Winners:





60+ Womens Doubles

Kathleen Parkes
Brenda Jmaeff

Terry Saunders
Wendy Porteous

Pat Khan
Beryl Kusch

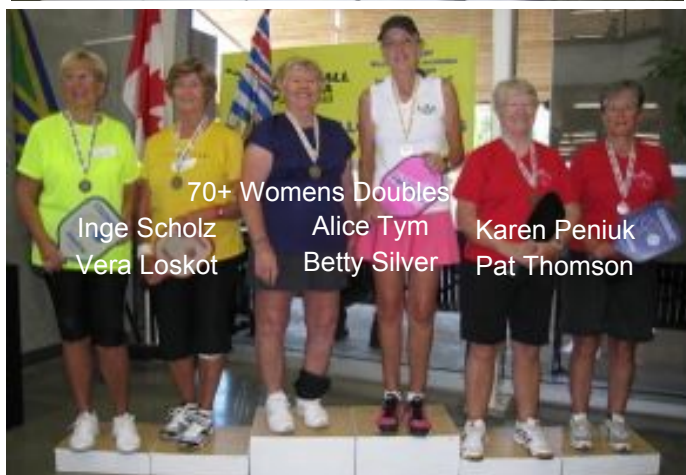


65+ Womens Doubles

Diane Hill
Olga Jetdina

Dianne Weeres
Susan Nigh

Janis Pssepp
Pat Crawford



70+ Womens Doubles

Inge Scholz
Vera Loskot

Alice Tym
Betty Silver

Karen Peniuk
Pat Thomson



Open Womens Doubles

Jennifer Lucore
Darcie Jacobsen

Christine Barksdale
Kimberley Bennett

Trish Graham
Luba Zhekhovskaya



Open Mens Doubles

Chris Miller
Billy Jacobsen

Denis Zhekhovskiy
Scott Lenan

Zachary Grubbs
Josh Grubbs



Under 55 Doubles

Rob Schneider
Dave Briones

Mat Khan
Rhys Martell

Ken Franz
Gene Latray



55+ mens Doubles

Brian Brunink
Matt Annan

Maurice Parobec
Dan Jmaeff

Brad Pape
Henry Paynter



60+ mens Doubles

Randy Bourne
Dave Touchet

Brian Parkes
George Pool

Basil Taylor
Paul Bannes



65+ Mens Doubles

Peter Darvill
Bud Meltsner

John Kusch
Henry Meerkerk

Brian Parks
Earl Hill

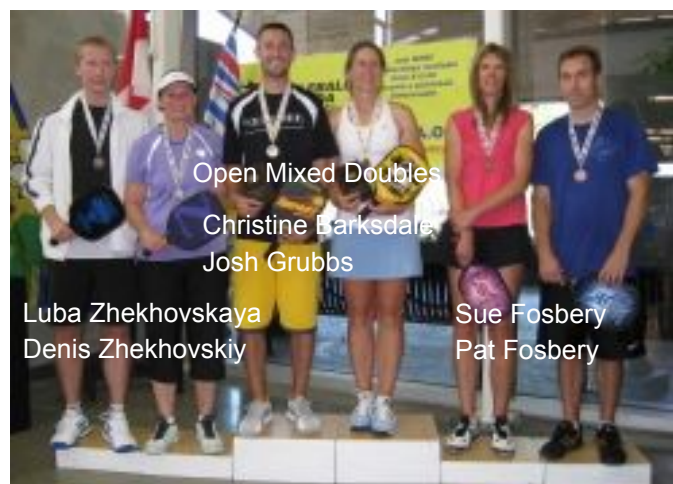


70+ Mens Doubles

John Jetelina
Wayne Kennedy

Ron Hohman
Larry Silver

Dave Anthony
Danny Hui



Open Mixed Doubles

Christine Barksdale
Josh Grubbs

Luba Zhekhovskaya
Denis Zhekhovskiy

Sue Fosbery
Pat Fosbery



Under 55 Doubles

Roberta Meakin
Peter Neumann

Brian Lam
Milda Postler

Magdalene Choy
Peter Darvill



55+ Mixed Doubles

Bill Dumper
Evelyn Kaatz

John Savoy
Nancy Stern

George Pool
Claire Pool



60+ Mixed Doubles

Jim Saunders
Terry Saunders

John Kusch
Elaine Lerner

Colin Caldwell
Theresa Orcutt



65+ Mixed Doubles

Anne McCallum
David Ullis

Tom Staites
Sjoukje Lehmann

Kathleen Parkes
Henry Meerkerk



70+ Mixed Doubles

Wayne Kennedy
Vera Loskot

Ron Holman
Alice Tym

Larry Silver
Betty Silver



Open mens Singles

Chris Miller

Billy Jacobsen

Brian Lam



Open Womens Singles

Jennifer Lucorer

Darcie Jacobsen

Joy Leising



Open Juniors Doubles

Jimmy Ahn

Spencer Laughlin

Brandin Kirk
Ryan RizzoSamuel Brittain
Brayden Latray

ball back and forth with eventual gold medal winners Spencer Loughlin and Jimmy Ahn, approximately 50+ times before eventually losing the point! Brayden started pickleball about a year ago when father Gene, brought him to A.R.C. for an evening game. Samuel was introduced to pickleball 2 years ago by his dad Grant (owner of Pickleball International.) Samuel always had his eye on the new paddles his dad sold, and would take any opportunity to play in the front driveway with his dad or brothers. Brayden & Samuel have played a lot of outdoor games in Abbotsford and Chilliwack.

Junior Event Comes to the Nationals - Featuring our Youngest Competitors

Brayden Latray is 10 years old & Samuel Brittain is 11 years old. They thought the Canadian Nationals setup was really great and were very excited to play in their very first tournament. They were both a little nervous, but once they got playing,

they quickly settled down and had a lot of fun, making many outstanding soft shots and powerful slams. A favourite moment during the tournament was one rally where the young partners dinked the



Recently both boys helped out with a family day sports expo where they demonstrated pickleball to other young folks in Pitt Meadows. They love the chance to demonstrate pickleball and are constantly being Jr. Ambassadors of the sport.

This year at the Nationals a new category, Jr. Doubles for players under 18 years of age was introduced, which allowed Samuel & Brayden to partner up and take (Continued on page 10)

Parkland Pickleheads—Spruce Grove, Alberta-- Successful Inaugural

A first for Northern Alberta—the newly formed Parkland Pickleheads Club Open Outdoor Tournament was held June 22/23, complete with bright sunshine!



Greg Srogen and Cathy Fuller

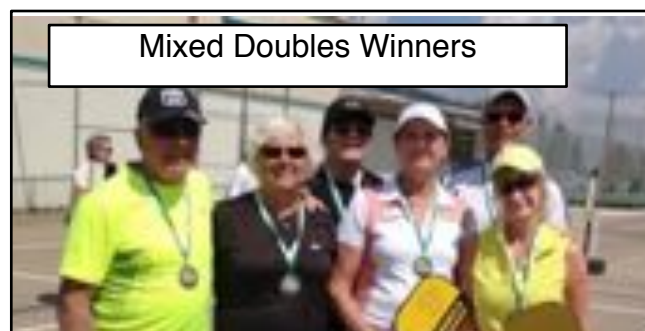
The event, which featured doubles and mixed doubles rated play, drew in

competitors from around the tri-county and plenty of curious spectators. Kudos to Tournament Director, Greg Srogen and Tournament Registrar, Cathy Fuller, who ran a smooth and very well organized fun event. “The club really came together and we really learned on the fly how to run a successful tournament so that we become even better the next time around,” said organizer and founding member, Della Bass.

Organization was evident, as Parkland Picklehead Club members volunteered to referee and act as linesmen for the finals and Spruce Grove Minor Ball opened and ran a concession all weekend. Local Sports Editor for the Stony Plain Reporter/Grove Examiner, Gord Montgomery came out to cover the event and featured an article in the Friday, June



Sunday Mixed



Mixed Doubles Winners

Trevor Cook, Marg Ouimet, Ken Shaw, Linda Dane, John & Della Bass
Gold Silver Bronze

28th edition.

Pickleball Canada Ambassadors for Alberta, Marg Ouimet and Linda Dane were participants in the tournament and would like to congratulate the Parkland Pickleheads Club on the success they have achieved in one short year!! “We can’t wait to see what they have in store for all the pickleball players in Alberta in the future!” *Article submitted by Linda Dane*

Complete Results of the Spruce Grove Event

Skill Level 3.5 +

Men's Doubles:

Gold—Mike Cooper & Ted Biggs

Silver-- Don Hunter & Butch Marc

Bronze-- James Trynchy & Marvin Richter

Ladies Doubles:

Gold—Leslie Srogen & Della Bass

Silver—Debbie Henwood & Marg Ouimet

Bronze—Jo Anne Murdock & Linda Dane

Mixed Doubles:

Gold—Linda Dane & Ken Shaw

Silver—Della & John Bass

Bronze—Marg Ouimet & Trevor Cook

Skill Level 3.0-2.5

Men's Doubles:

Gold—George Oko & Bernard Lowe

Silver—Dion Laramée & Rob Twitchin

Bronze—Bill Bossman & Robert Frank

Ladies Doubles:

Gold—Vivian Oko & Kelly Tinant

Silver—Sue Then & Tracy Thompson

Bronze—Cathy Fuller & Geri Carruthers

Mixed Doubles:

Gold—Hazel Sakuluk & Kevin Weise

Silver—Kelly Tinant & Bill Bossman

Bronze—Vivian Oko & Francis Tinant

2013 Victoria Pickleball Tournament

**See if you can find yourself in this picture!!**

Not there, then you missed the 3rd Annual Saanich Recreational Pickleball Tournament held June 8-9 in Victoria, BC. With over 100 players ranging in age from 15 years old to 83 years old, Men's and Ladies Doubles were played on Saturday and the Mixed Doubles and 65+ Doubles on Sunday. All winners and runners up received prizes donated by local

businesses. Draws for prizes were made throughout the day with the grand prize being drawn at the end of each day for a one night stay for two at Tigh Na Mara Beach Spa and Resort in Parksville, BC. Still can't find yourself in the picture?? Mark your calendars for next June for the 4th Annual Saanich Recreational Tournament in Victoria.

**The 5th Annual Mount Boucherie Annual Tournament**

Bill Franzman and Brian Stovel organized another pickleball tournament, June 16th at Mount Boucherie School in Kelowna. Eighty players had a blast in a rated, round robin tournament which has become so popular players had to be turned away.



Winners received Canadian Tire Gift Certificates: Gold, \$45, Silver, \$35, Bronze, \$25

2.5 Level

Gold--Brian Snyder,
Parksville

Silver--Jackie Stakkestad,
Vernon
Bronze--Leanne
Desmond-Coster,
Kamloops

3.0 Level--Court D

Gold--Marilyn Tamblyn,
Summerland

Silver--Denis Jacques,
Kamloops

Bronze--Bill Reid, Vernon

Court E

Gold--Scott Tiper, Vernon
Silver--Walter Baumer,
Peachland

Bronze--Mary Gardner,
Kelowna

3.5 Level--Court A

Gold--Robin Jarman,
Kelowna

Silver--Wendy Porteus,
Kelowna

Bronze--Darrell Sherrin,
Kelowna

Court C am-

Gold--Rob Relling, Vernon
Silver--Carol Anderson,
Vernon

Bronze--Anne Touw,
Kelowna

Court C pm-

Gold--Ellen Dale, Kelowna

Silver--Brian Burgess,
Vernon

Bronze--Keith Brown,
Salmon Arm

Court D

Gold--Michael Arding,
Vernon

Silver--Bill Franzman,
Kelowna

Bronze--Dorothy Telford,
Kamloops

4.0+ Level--Court A

Gold--Tim Mah, Kamloops
Silver--Dale Charlton,
Kelowna

Bronze--Paul Malkinson,
Kelowna

Court B

Gold--Ross Perkin,
Kamloops

Silver--Eric Tyler, Kelowna
Bronze--Jim Saunders

Court B-am

Gold--Dave Dimmery,
Abbotsford

Silver--Van Mallow,
Kelowna

Bronze--Jim Scorgie,
Kelowna



(Continued from page 7) a bronze medal. These "Davids" played against teams of 18 year old "Goliaths." Samuel & Brayden want to thank the other Jr. Doubles teams for their sportsmanship. Samuel & Brayden lost their first game to eventual gold medalists Spencer & Jimmy, 15-8 and then lost their next game to silver medalists Brandon Kirk & Ryan Rizzo, 15-12. They want to encourage other jr. pickleball players to start playing so more tournaments can offer Jr. Doubles.

Thank-you Brayden & Samuel, you are the future of pickleball in Canada.

Article submitted by Grant Brittain



The Whitby - Brooklin Pickleball Club Aid Local Food Banks

Pickleball Players in Whitby and Oshawa are Winners For Assisting Local Food Banks

The Whitby-Brooklin Pickleball Club and the Kingsway Pickleball Ladder League in Oshawa, Ontario held fun end-of-session Red and White Tournaments recently.

The participants were asked to bring donations of for both events, wrote that the 2 centres were very food to help local Food Banks. Well, the pickleball appreciative of the generosity of the pickleballers. players came through and scored big with six very full

Article submitted by Carol Doughty

About Hunger in Canada (source Hunger Count 2011, Food Banks Canada)

-each month, close to 900,000 Canadians are assisted by food banks

-38% of those helped are children and youth

-7% of adults helped are over 65

-14% of food banks in Canada ran out of food during the survey period

and very heavy bags of food for each Food bank. The donations were gratefully received by All Saints Anglican Church Food Bank in Whitby and also to Simcoe Hall Settlement House Food Bank in Oshawa. Carol Doughty, a Pickleball Canada Ambassador and convenor

Upcoming Tournaments

July 20 Kelowna, BC 3rd Annual Fun Tournament, PRC Courts-members only

July 26-28 Nanaimo, BC, Club Tournament, Oliver Wood Rec. Centre

August 14-16 Oshawa, Ontario, The Investors Group Ontario 50+ Open

August 20-21 Kamloops, BC, British Columbia Senior Games

September 14 Vernon Outdoor Pickleball Tournament Sawicki Park

September 19-21 Truro, Nova Scotia, 55+ Games

(if any player or group would like to have their tournament advertised here please send info to Denise gwgriffin@shaw.ca)

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Rules Corner

from your PCO
RULES GURU

Non-Volley Zone or "kitchen"

A reminder that the NVZ line itself is part of the zone.

If you volley a ball and your foot touches the line or crosses the line, you are committing a fault. If your momentum on the follow through in playing the shot forces you to touch the zone or line, this is a fault even if the ball has been returned or is a dead ball. If your serve lands on the NVZ line it is a fault. It is not a fault if you lean over the line to volley a ball providing you do not touch the court in the no volley zone.

Indoor pickleball generally uses badminton doubles lines. The badminton short serve line is generally used for the recreational pickleball NVZ line but is not the correct distance from the net. The pickleball NVZ line should be 7ft. from the net to the outside edge of the line. Remember, it is a fault if you or any part of your clothing or equipment touches the non-volley zone including the line.

When you are putting on a tournament, it is a good idea to tape a NVZ line the correct distance from the net.