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President's Message - Shirley Shepherd

Thank you to Jules Kay, Area Ambassador for Kingsville, ON for promoting PCO at the Seniors Expo in the Kingsville arena with pickleball demonstrations and at the Lion's Club BBQ last month.

Many thanks also to Peter Darvill, Area Ambassador for Richmond/Delta, B.C. and Magdalene Choy for providing an introductory session at the Arbutus Club in Vancouver, B.C. last month. The club members were really impressed with Peter who instructed intermediate players and Magdalene who worked with the beginners. Their intermediate players are now more pressured to ensure they are scoring and serving correctly!

2014 Pickleball Canada National Open Championship:

The 3rd Pickleball Canada National Open Championship was held at the Abbotsford Recreation Centre in Abbotsford, B.C. on July 4 - 6, 2014. About 200 participants came from as far as Ontario, Florida and Alaska to compete in the largest pickleball tournament in Canada!

There were 21 events including Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, Open and Under 55, Open Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. As a Sanctioned Tournament, PCO members are eligible to receive Tier 1 Tournament Points.

Pickleball Canada had some Board members in attendance: Shirley Shepherd, Ed Burke and Merrie Lee. PCO Area Ambassadors from B.C. participated: Mike Shepherd (Abbotsford), Mike Carter (Osoyoos), Roberta Meakin (Penticton), Tim Mah (Kamloops), Jim Saunders (Kelowna), John Savoy (Nanaimo), Carol Haworth (Chilliwack), Gord Griffin (Chilliwack), Denis Zhekhovskiy (Vancouver), Peter Darvill (Ladner/Richmond), and Linda Brown (Sunshine Coast).

Among the competitors were the top 5.0 players in the

world, from Canada and the USA: Jennifer Lucore, Billy and Darcie Jacobsen, Chris Miller, Christine Barksdale, Wesley Gabrielsen, Steve Wong, Luba Zhekhovskaya, Denis Zhekhovskiy, Theresa Orcutt, Cherilyn Drake, Scott Lennan, Glenn Griffin, Maurice Parobec, Dave Touchet , Andrew Mckimmon and Che Cui.

Pickleball Canada would like to thank all the tournament sponsors: Tourism Abbotsford, Pro-Lite Sports, Onix Sports, Pickleball International, Pickleball Depot, I Got It Pickleball, Courtside Sports, IGA, Kintec, North Bellingham Golf Course, Murray GM Abbotsford, Great Clips and Ocean Park Pizza.

At the Opening Ceremony, City of Abbotsford Recreation Coordinator, Ryan Coreau and Deputy Mayor of the City of Abbotsford welcomed the participants and sang the Canadian and USA National anthems. Shirley Shepherd, President of Pickleball Canada welcomed everyone and thanked the City of Abbotsford's Jenny Thornton, Ryan Coreau, Alanna Carmichael and Kim Griffith for hosting this National event.

A big thank you to all the referees and volunteers: Ed Burke, Carol Haworth, Merrie Lee, Gord Griffin, Ken Witt, Judy Newman, Peter Darvill, Brian Parkes, Danny Garinger, Allan and Julie Turner, Gerry Logan, Janet Hutchinson, Anne and Ralph Laury, Gail Dorst... Many thanks to Abbotsford Recreation Centre for providing a delicious lunch, snacks and beverages. Thank you for your support, hard work, dedication and efforts for making the 2014 Pickleball Canada National Open Championship a great success!

For complete Tournament results go to page 8.

Other Great News and Updates:

The latest statistics from USAPA showed nearly 200,000 players, 8,000 courts and 2,500 places to play, with the lion's share of that growth coming from the past couple of years in North America. B.C. has 89 Places to Play Pickleball with an estimated 6,111 players. Ontario. has 119 Places to Play Pickleball with an estimated 5,197 players.

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***A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL SUBSCRIBERS
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Hello to all those who receive this Pickleball Canada newsletter.

Canada recently introduced anti-spam legislation which imposes special requirements on sending out electronic messages with heavy fines for failing to comply.

As I understand this law, I cannot e-mail This newsletter and any informational emails to you unless you have given your expressed or implied consent.

Since all of you, as far as I am aware, voluntarily subscribed to this newsletter, I will assume I have implied consent and that you wish to continue receiving the newsletter and any informational emails. If your name was added to the list without your consent, or if you no longer want to receive further emails, please reply and request that your name be deleted from the mailing list.

Denise Griffin

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PCO Board Members Positions Available:

Sanctioning tournaments and assigning tournament points - to receive Sanctioning requests and approve them according to Sanctioning tournament requirements and rules, and to assign tournament points for sanctioned tournaments.

Ratings Chair - to gather the players ratings from Club/Groups and create a database of IFP/PCO Ratings for all the players in Canada which will be published on our website.

If you are interested in serving as a PCO Board member, please send a resume with your qualifications, experience and ideas to promote the growth of pickleball to: president@pickleballcanada.org

National Seniors Week Across Canada June 2 - 8

On June 3 the Kingsville Parks and Recreation Department held its annual Seniors Expo in the arena. Not only did we have a booth, we also set up a court on the arena floor and did pickleball demonstrations. Many of the guests were invited to try the game and, like the rest of us, they loved it. On top of all that our Kingsville pickleball group, lead by my wife Mary and Wayne Halpert's wife Jude, ran a concession booth selling barbecued sausages and hamburgers. Homemade baked goods supplied by our picklers were also for sale. A few hours after the Seniors Expo Wayne, Jude, Mary and I went to our local Lion's Club for a BBQ. Little did we know that they would ask us to address their members and tell them about pickleball. I spoke on behalf of our group.



There were many questions and much interest from the Lion's members. What a great day we had. Kingsville has clearly adopted pickleball. We are so fortunate. Despite the tennis association not accepting the name change, that will not stop us from growing this great game. Here are some pictures from the expo.

Submitted by Jules Kay

This was our Pickleball Demo day in Port Clements, on Haida Gwaii, BC



2014 BC Senior Games,
September 9 to 13, 2014

Upcoming BC Senior Games

Pickleball is Featured



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<http://www.2014bcseniorgames.org>



Top PCO Tournament Point Earners 2013

Follow this page to read the profiles of PCO tournament point earners



This month Pickleball Canada Organization would like to showcase Russ French. Russ accumulated 2000 tournament points in 2013.

My name is Russ French and I am a pickleball addict.

I started playing this game in the spring of 2010 and haven't stopped. Over the past few years, I have been a convener, ambassador for Durham Region, been into high schools to teach students the game, currently on the



board of Pickleball Association of Ontario and an avid player. I love the social aspect of this game as well as the physical challenge. The people you meet wherever you play is paramount to the game. Wherever I travel, I bring along my paddle and find a club to play at. I have even taught pickleball to a Korean family that I met on a cruise my wife and I were on.

Pickleball is a funny game. Some days your shots are bang on and going where you want and other days it seems that you can do nothing right. That's why playing this sport and going into tournaments is so

important. You can participate in "Recreational Tournaments" or "Sanctioned Tournaments" depending on your comfort level. Regardless of which type of tournament you play in, the social aspect of the game is very important. You meet a lot of wonderful people playing this sport.

Preparing for tournaments is so important and is always the same. Practice, practice and more practice. I play at various venues in Windsor, Ontario five days a week and we have also started a drill workshop where you practice one specific skill till you mastered this skill and then move on to the next – like third shot, dinking, serve etc. I also get a few people together most Saturday mornings at the outside Pickleball courts and we practice drills for an hour and then have fun play.

Tournament play is extremely fun and useful if you are the kind of player that always strives to be a better player. You may be one of the best players in your area but the joy of tournament play is to be exposed to other great players and learning from them. There isn't a tournament that I have played in that I have not learned something about this game from another player. I am fortunate to medal in many tournaments that I have entered in the 70+ category. Some of the tournaments that I have played in were in London, Brampton, Mississauga, PAO Tournament in Oshawa, and Rochester Michigan. Now that I have relocated to Windsor, Ontario I am now playing in the Michigan tournament play and am going into my first rated tournament in August in Royal Oak, Michigan USA. We will see how this goes!!!!

Upcoming Tournaments

Important Note:

This is to advise that - due to popular demand - the Singles has been put back in to the **Nanaimo Pickleball Tournament** this year.

The Singles will be played on Friday, July 25th from 5.00 – 9.00 p.m.



2014 Alberta Open Pickleball Championships

July 18-20 - Oakridge Community Association, Calgary, AB. PCO
Sanctioned and IFP Rules

Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles all skill levels and Open events. Cost \$45/person for first division and \$20 for each additional division.

Entry deadline is July 4th with an early bird draw if registered by June 18, 2014 For more info and to register 2014ABOpenPB@gmail.com



Nanaimo Pickleball Club Tournament at Oliver Woods Community Centre, Nanaimo, B.C. on July 25, 26, 27, 2014 PCO Sanctioned Tournament: Tier 4.

Registration and information:

This is a rated tournament with ratings from 2.5 / 3.0 / 3.5 / 4.0 / 4.5+ ". The dates are July 25th, 26th and 27th.

Reminder - registration fee for the tournament is \$30 and \$5 per event.

Singles will be played on Friday 25th from 5.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Men's and Ladies Doubles on the 26th and Mixed Doubles on the 27th.

Lunch included Saturday / Sunday.

Register by phone at Oliver Woods Recreation Center, 6000 Oliver Street, Nanaimo, B.C. Phone: (250) 756-5200
nanaimopickleball@gmail.com



2ND ANNUAL VERNON OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

A Player Rating 3.5+ tournament, limited to 64 participants, will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at MacDonald Park, Vernon, BC. International Federation of Pickleball Rules apply. Non-compliant equipment is not permitted. For further information and Registration contact:

brianburgesslaw@hotmail.com

***Pickleball Open Tournament******Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street, Peachland, BC*****Saturday August 23 and Sunday August 24, 2014**

Sanctioned by Pickleball Canada

SATURDAY: Doubles Round Robin - Men's and Women's 3.0 and 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5

SUNDAY: Mixed 4.5 and 5.0

Each player is guaranteed 7 games within a group of 8 players for each event entered.

ENTRY FEE: PCO members \$15.00

Non members \$20.00 (includes a PCO membership)

Add \$5.00 for each event entered

LUNCH is included each day

SATURDAY NIGHT - 5:00 PM - BUFFET \$20.00

REGISTER: In Person: Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street,
Peachland, BC

By Phone: 250-767-2133

Online: <http://www.peachland.ca> click on Recreation Link ACTIVITY: 2236For further information contact the Tournament Directors: Mike Carter
250-484-0245 mike.carter108@gmail.comDoug Power 250-494-7494 powerdoug@hotmail.com***Any player or group who would like to have their tournament advertised ,
please send request to: Denise at de.griffin@sasktel.net***

The National Results

Pickleball Canada National Open Championship - 2014-07-04

Men - Singles

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Open	Wesley Gabrielsen	Brian Lam	Chris Miller

Women - Singles

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Open	Jennifer Lucore	Roberta Meakin	Shelley Lawrence

Men - Doubles

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
55+	Maurice Parobac - Dan Jmaeff	Brian Lam - Garry Lum	Glenn Cho - Henry Paynter
60+	Doug Dimery, - Jim Scorgie	Tim Mah - Ross Perkin	Louis Lalonde - Ray Timbers
65+	Brian Parkes - Rich Skaare	Peter Darvill - John Kusch	Matt Khan - Henry Meerkerk
70+	Ron Hohman - Larry Silver	Jim Saunders - Doug Ross	Tim Ames - Danny Hui
Open	Steve Wong - Glenn Griffin	Chris Miller - Billy Jacobsen	Denis Zhekhovskiy - Scott Lennan
Under 55	Dave Touchet - Andrew McKimmon	Rob Schneider -Dave Briones	Michael Epp - Mark Lowe

Women - Doubles

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
55+	Karen Sawatsky -Terri Welch	Lori Beechinor - Mary Dallas	Beryl Kusch -Claire Pool
60+	Brenda Jmaeff -Nancy Stern	Elaine Lerner - Teresa Orcutt	Shirley Edwards - Mida Postler
65+	Linda Brown - Sharon Moore	Doreen Holmes - Faye Oakes	
70+	Alice Tym - Betty Silver	Karin Rees - Silvia Simpson	Merrie Lee - Barbara Miachika
Open	Christine Barksdale - Luba Zhekhovskaya	Jennifer Lucore - Darcie Jacobsen	Cookie Drake - Che Cui
Under 55	Fion Chou - Magdalene Choy	Karen Heinrichs - Kim Hun Kopp	Jill Jackson - Elizabeth Peckham

Mixed Doubles

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
55+	Ken Franz - Karen Sawatsky	Matt Annan - Terri Welch	Maurice Parobec - Rosemary Nichol
60+	John Savoy - Nancy Stern	Brian Parkes - Elaine Lerner	Dan Jmaeff - Brenda Jmaeff
65+	David Ulis - Anne McCallum	Jim Saunders - Terry Saunders	John Kusch - Kathleen Parkes
70+	Alice Tym - Ron Hohman	Larry Silver - Betty Silver	Andy Bakogee - Sharon Moore
Open	Christine Barksdale - Wesley Gabrielsen	Steve Wong - Cookie Drake	Luba Zhekhovskaya - Denis Zhekhovskiy
Under 55	Andrew McKimmon - Fion Chou	Roberta Meakin - Peter Neumann	Magdalene Choy - Peter Darvill

Pictures on page 9.

Podium positions: (Left, Bronze) (Centre, Gold) (Right, Silver)

Ladies 55+



Ladies 60+



Ladies 65+



Ladies 70+



Mens 55+



Mens 60+



Mens 65+



Mens 70+



Mixed Doubles 55+



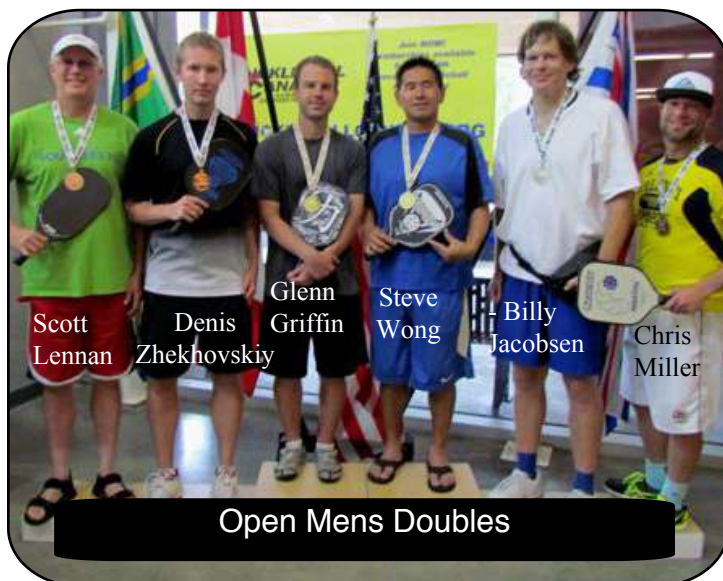
Mixed Doubles 60+

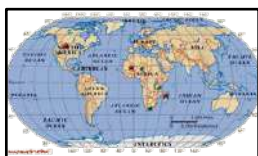


Mixed Doubles 65+

Mixed Doubles 70+







Pickleball Around the World



Pickleball Tournament Amsterdam

What happened:

75 participants from 6 countries competed in the first International Pickleball Tournament in Europe. The atmosphere was very friendly and we think everybody enjoyed it very much. For a lot of the participants it was the first time they played in a tournament with people from abroad. This, together with the great clinics from Zack Grubbs and Bobbi Little brought pickleball to a higher level in Europe and Asia! We're inspired to work on the growth of pickleball in the Netherlands and Europe. So the next tournament in Amsterdam will be the Dutch Championship in April 2015. Another plan is to organize a European Championship in October 2015 in Madrid. In May 2016 (probably May 20-22) we'll organize the 2nd International Pickleball Tournament in Amsterdam. We'll keep you posted. And if you can't wait: Michael Hess from Spain organizes great pickleball tours in Europe with clinics and culture: www.vivapickleballtours.com. Next ones are in September 2014! The following are links to Videos of the tournament:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWsdFjWlv1o>,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82VlIGb_E80,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gv5mDSQJZAc>.

We hope to see all of you and your friends again! Thanks for your participation and support.

Bernadette Snijders Blok, Carine Thesingh, and Yolande de Waal



Pickleball News Coast to Coast

PICKLEBALL RECOGNIZED AS A "GROWING SPORT" in Whitby

On Tuesday, May 26, 2014, Bruce Doughty, the President of the Pickleball Association of Ontario (PAO) attended the Whitby Operations Committee Meeting in the Whitby Council Chambers to hear the Draft Sports Facility Strategy Technical Background Report from Todd Brown of Monteith Brown Planning Consultants. Todd has been surveying and meeting with user groups of recreation facilities to help Whitby plan for sports facilities for the next 20 years. It was reported by the consultants that the facility should be age-friendly, culturally relevant, accessible to all and include drop-in programs. He also specifically mentioned pickleball as a "growing sport". Monteith Brown will be tabling a draft report for the community to review in early 2015. There will be further opportunity for public input. You can be sure that the Whitby pickleballers and the PAO will be participating and following with interest the development and implementation of a sports facility strategy for Whitby that includes more pickleball venues, indoors and outdoors! *Submitted by Carol Doughty*

MANITOBA 55+ SUMMER GAMES NEEPAWA MANITOBA

A great turnout for our second year of pickleball participation in the 55+ Manitoba Summer Games. I was pleased to see such good representation from so many communities in the Province. Winnipeg, Morden, Neepawa, Carmen, Killarney and Flin Flon. A very enthusiastic group of people who really enjoy the game of pickleball. A big thanks to all the Neepawa volunteers who made the games so successful.

Our experienced Ladies Doubles winners, Dianne Dunsford and Nina Constable will be travelling to the



Congratulations to all the winners

Mixed Doubles: Novice

Gold-Lindsay Danielson/Brian Danielson
Silver-Patricia Bobko/Mike Bobko
Bronze-Carol Gabrielle/Terry Gabrielle

Mixed Doubles: Experienced

Gold-Sharon Klassen /John P Klassen
Silver- Ellen Torbiak/ Jim Vincent
Bronze-Nina Constable/ Louis Allec

Women's Doubles: Novice

Gold- Roberta Johnson/Wendy Evans
Silver - Linda Brazil/Judy Law
Bronze-Ruby Laughren/ Daphne Allec

Women's Doubles: Experienced

Gold- Dianne Dunsford/ Nina Constable
Silver- Carol Chmil/ Chi Ominga
Bronze- Wanda Young/ Tannis Calhoun

Men's Doubles:

Gold- Brian Danielson/ Lionel Piche
Silver- Peter Dyck/ J.P. Klassen
Bronze- John H Klassen/ Jim Lowen

Canada 55+ Senior Games in Edmonton at the end of August and we want to wish them the best of luck.

This sport is growing in

Manitoba as it is all over the country and we look forward to many more participants for next year's Manitoba 55+ games in Beausejour. Keep Pickling and have fun. *Submitted by Nina Constable*

Reporting from rain drenched Saskatchewan. We are now on our summer schedule for pickleball. Individuals can play every day except Sunday at some facility or tennis court. The interest is there, the people are coming out, what more can we ask for. *Submitted by Carol Martens-Clappison, Pickleball Saskatchewan Ambassador.*

Results Bill Franzman Tier 3 Co-ed Doubles Round Robin Tournament at Mount Boucherie School Gym in Kelowna, BC on June 14, 2014

GOLD:

Darrell Sherrin,	Kelowna
Ed Burke,	Kelowna
Ernest Treichel,	Penticton
Eva Hambley,	Vernon
Raymond Timbers,	Kelowna
Roberta Meakin,	Penticton
Van Mallow,	Kelowna
Vicklyn Foshole-luke,	Calgary

SILVER:

Carole Chiswell,	Peachland
Dale Charlton,	Kelowna
Jim Scorgie,	West Kelowna
Manfred Schulz,	West Kelowna
Margaret Kessler,	West Kelowna
Nancy Agassiz,	Vernon,
Pat Andrews,	Coldstream
Yasantha Abhukorala,	Summerland

BRONZE:

Colin Chiswell,	Peachland
Dan Bawn,	Kelowna
Gord Young,	Oliver
Lisa Thompson,	Vernon
Marilyn Tamblin,	Summerland
Peter Neumann,	Penticton
Pierre Poirier,	Kelowna
Wendy Porteous,	West Kelowna

Junior Programs and Camps Starting Across the Country

Kingsville, Ontario

The Kingsville Parks and Recreation Department will be running a pickleball camp during the

week of July 14. The purpose is to introduce pickleball to the Kingsville youth.
Submitted by Jules Kay

PICKLEBALL JUNIOR PROGRAM - 2014 - PARKINSON RECREATION CENTRE OUTDOOR COURTS

Pickleball Kelowna has introduced a new Pickleball Junior Program scheduled on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Registration fee \$5.00 for the summer.

This program is for those 12 to 18 years old. Players who are 12 or 13 must be accompanied by an adult. The adult must remain at the courts for the full time of play and may be asked to help and if time is available may also join in the play. This is a game for everyone, no matter what your age. However, this particular program is for

juniors. The game is played on a badminton-sized court, indoors or outdoors, using a plastic perforated ball and a smooth surface paddle. Paddles and balls are provided. Please wear loose fitting clothing and suitable court shoes.

The aim of the program is to have fun while learning how to play a game that we are sure will keep your interest and make you anxious to return as soon as possible.

This is a great opportunity for juniors to play with their peers, learn skills and maybe introduce the game to their school recreation program....we are here to help with this if needed.

Players may register anytime by phone 250-860-4425 or email bafran@shaw.ca.

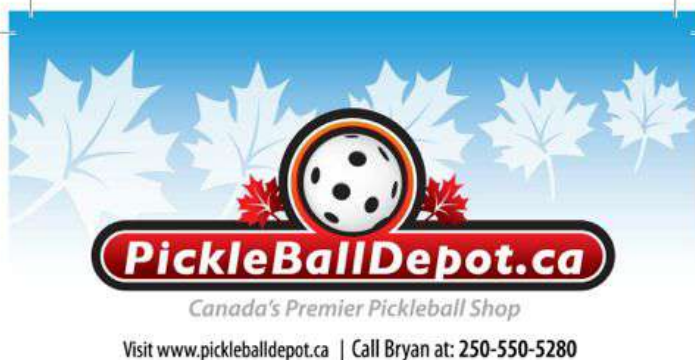
Last Call For Canada Senior Games In Sherwood Park, Alberta!



Yes, there is still time to enter the Canada Senior Games hosted by the amazing Strathcona County, Alberta in a beautiful state of the art facility. Contact Linda Dane for last minute information prior to July 23, 2014 ldane@daneco.com This is not just a pickleball tournament, this is a weeklong celebration honoring wellness and the benefits of being an active senior. Besides lots of pickleball, included in your registration package is:

- Opening and Closing ceremonies
- Admission to an Art Festival
- Transportation to events
- A pancake breakfast
- Entertainment every evening

submitted by Linda Dane, Board Member and Treasurer PCO



New Club Memberships Announcements

Pickleball Canada would like to welcome the following new affiliated club memberships:

Oceanside Pickleball Club,
Parksville, BC with 117 club members.

Pickleball Saskatchewan,
Regina, Saskatchewan with 50 club members.

Spruce Grove Pickleheads,
Spruce Grove, AB with 64 club members.

***This brings the Total
number of affiliated
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Submitted by Shirley Shepherd



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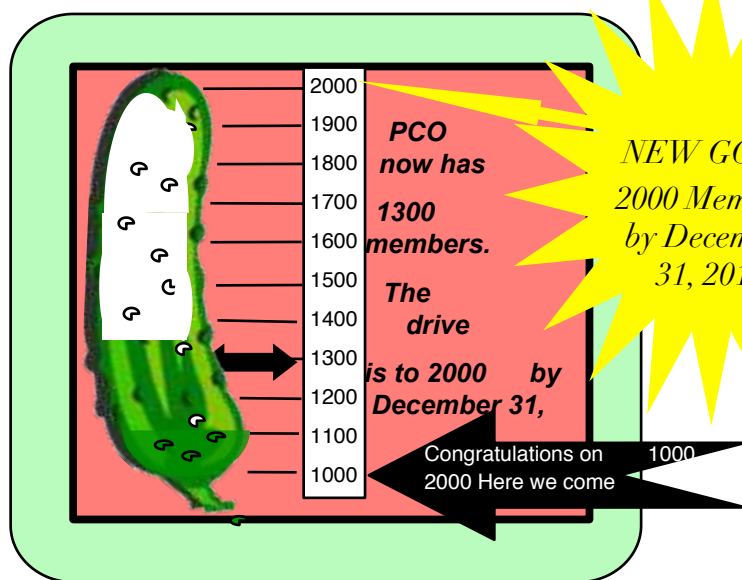
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from your
PCO ROLES
GURU

Question: It absolutely makes no sense that the server can serve,

fast and hard to the wrong court, hit the receiver's partner and get the point.... because of this rule of interference. Can anyone comment on this? Thanks in advance for your attention.

Answer: Rule 7 covers the item in question, more specifically 7.F.

""SECTION 7 – FAULT RULES

7.F. The ball in play strikes a player or anything the player is wearing or carrying. .. In doubles, if the serve strikes the receiver's partner, it is a point for the serving team.

In the example you were referring to, it could not be a fault on the server since the ball was still in play when it hit the receiver partner or his/her clothes. In the same fashion, if the ball hit the receiver or his/her clothing it would be a point for the serving team. Sometimes the receiver's partner encroaches on the receiving court and the servers intended path for the ball, as a means of intimidation or distraction, but he or she does run the risk of being hit and losing the point. If you are paying attention to the game, you should be able to get out of the way of a serve.

In similar fashion, when opponents are playing close to the net it is quite common to aim at the opponent to prevent him/her from returning the ball. It is an integral part of the game.

Know the rules and be a better player!

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