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# PICKLEBALL CANADA

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Le sport qui affiche la croissance la plus rapide  
en Amérique du Nord*

## Points of Interest

- Super new courts in Lakeview Height , West Kelowna
- Acknowledging our associates in India - AIPA are growing.
- West Kelowna Tournament a huge record breaking success.
- Manitou Beach, Saskatchewan now have Pickleball courts.
- Spruce Grove, AB, near Edmonton have Pickleball courts.
- \* Message from President Colin Caldwell.
- \* Check on the new courts at Palm Creek Casa Grande, AZ
- Check out Beverley Butt on rules and etiquette on the back page. Some of your many questions will be answered right here.
- Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY \$12.00 per year.

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## Super New Courts in Lakeview Heights W. Kelowna



**What does one add to the photo above?** Pickleball is exploding on the Westside of Kelowna, these new courts are an example of how West Kelowna Regional District are responding in a positive way. There is a 4th court adjacent to the three courts, so there are actually 4 beautiful dedicated courts here. Not sure of the days and hours they will be open but that information will be coming shortly.



**Report from INDIA by Sunil Valavalkar,** General Secretary, AIPA. In the past 4 years we have spread the concept of Pickleball to nearly 7 states in India, we are getting encouraging responses. In 2 months time we will have our first National level major competition. We invite our fellow Pickleballers from around the world. Dates/place to follow. [HTTP://AIPA.IN](http://AIPA.IN)





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**West Kelowna, see pages 4 & 5 for photos**

## West Kelowna Tournament



This photo is of the first day of players & helpers, many more came on the second day May 20th. Doug Ross lead us in the singing of OH CANADA to open the tournament, Jim Saunders was MC



## MANITOU BEACH, SASKATCHEWAN - NOW HAS PICKLEBALL



Armand Desrosiers (pictured above) who is a member of the CLSA Pickleball Club in Edmonton, AB and his wife Agnes spend their summers in Manitou Beach, SK, which is a resort village located approx. 100 km east of Saskatoon. This tourist destination in Sask., best kept secret "Little Manitou Lake" a natural salt water lake where even a goat can float! It was named after the spirit "Manitou" because of the healing powers of the mineral water. Armand & Agnes spearheaded the introduction & instruction of Pickleball last summer in conjunction with Millie Strueby from the Manitou Beach Recreation Board and they had a huge success. All ages from 7 to 70 are now enjoying this sport on the shores of this beautiful lake. For more information contact: Armand at [happyathome1@shaw.ca](mailto:happyathome1@shaw.ca) Info supplied by: **Linda Dane, PCO Ambassador, Alberta.**

**Parkland Pickleheads, Spruce Grove, Alberta** June 5<sup>th</sup> official opening of 4 new pickleball courts in Spruce Grove, AB. John & Della Bass of Stony Plain, AB caught the "pickleball bug" last winter in Casa Grande, AZ. Wanting to continue playing when home they spearheaded a proposal to the city which was well received and they now have 4 new dedicated courts. The Mayor, Stuart Houston was on hand to officially open the courts. Marg Ouimet, Pickleball Canada Ambassador Edmonton, was on hand to give beginners lessons – although Mayor Houston jumped right up to the advanced level after only a couple of games. The lessons will run all week and so far they have had 32 people attend. That is 32 new pickleball players!!!! Congratulations to all involved in the newest success story for pickleball!! For more information contact [John\\_della@telus.net](mailto:John_della@telus.net) or [www.facebook.com/sprucegrovepickleball](https://www.facebook.com/sprucegrovepickleball) by Linda Dane, PCO.

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### Message from our president, Colin Caldwell

This past month just prior to the West Kelowna Pickleball Tournament I received an email from **Ken Pratt** who lives in Kelowna. Ken has established a business to manufacture pickleball paddles here in Canada. His first step was to find a supplier that manufactures a composite material with a honeycomb core that would be the basis for the paddle's construction and then researched the solution for the paddle edge.

He now has a large stock of paddle components to assemble his paddles in Kelowna. Ken then created a digital design and sourced a company that has CNC computerized routers that can cut out the paddle blanks. He has a large stock of paddle blanks, edge guards and grips so is assembling his paddles in Kelowna.

I applaud Ken for his entrepreneurial spirit. Unlike other supposedly "Canadian" paddles that are produced off shore

Ken's Crush paddles are, in my opinion, **the first truly Canadian made paddles**. In addition, Ken has submitted his Crush pro-to-type paddle to the **USAPA** and **has received approval**.

Ken has indicated that he is looking for other like-minded entrepreneurs across Canada who would be interested in developing their own paddles using his blanks. Anyone interested can contact Ken at [kpratt@shaw.ca](mailto:kpratt@shaw.ca) Web: [www.dotpickleball.com](http://www.dotpickleball.com)

As president of Pickleball Canada I refrain from promoting one manufacturer's paddles over another. There are many paddles on the market and players choices are unlimited but I believe it is newsworthy to recognize the first truly Canadian manufactured paddles. Well-done Ken, best of luck.

Colin Caldwell,  
President PCO



**THE CRUSH PADDLES, SHAPED, FORMED AND ASSEMBLED IN CANADA.** Truly a Canadian paddle and USAPA APPROVED TOO. I took the liberty to call **Ken Pratt** and talk with him about his paddle. **The introductory price is \$30.00 plus shipping.** Estimated shipping is: Vancouver \$12.93, Calgary \$12.67, Winnipeg \$16.86, Toronto \$17.90, Montreal \$16.86 and Halifax \$17.90. **By ordering 6 at a time the freight cost per item will be much lower.** Ed Burke, Editor

**PALM CREEK GOLF & RV RESORT, Casa Grande, AZ** is adding 210 additional homes & RV sites along with a sports facility that includes a softball field and **24 pickleball courts** (as per attached at left). The resort management have seen the rapid growth and popularity of Pickleball. They know the new courts will be a huge draw and help fill the sites.

Palm Creek Pickleball Club members were thrilled to hear about the new courts. In 12 years Pickleball has grown from no players and no courts to 12 courts with 600 players. The Pickleball Club prides itself on its organizing ladder play, beginner lessons and ongoing training classes at all skill levels. Between the organized play and open play hours the current 12 courts were being used to capacity. They had no room left on the court schedule for anything, players were being turned away. With the new courts everyone will have a chance to play. Fantastic. Plus Palm Creek management will be offering financial incentives for new visitors and win-back incentives for returning visitors



### LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA GROWING NICELY

There are about 20 players who meet regularly at Paradise Canyon Golf Resort here in Lethbridge. We started playing this Spring with a combination of beginners and returning Snowbirds who played in Arizona, California and Mexico.

We'd like to acknowledge and give special thanks to Paradise Canyon Golf Resort for allowing us to take over their tennis courts and introduce Pickleball to the locals. Last weekend we painted permanent Pickleball lines on the two existing courts and have plans to add two more courts with portable nets over the new few weeks. Photo & article supplied by **Jim Wood**.



**DURHAM REGION SENIOR GAMES GROW EXPONENTIALLY.** The Pickleball event was held on May 16th, 2012. It is their 3rd year for Pickleball at their games. The first year had 17 participants, this year 71. Very rapid growth for one sport in 3years! This was the largest group of competitors to participate in a single event in Durham let alone Ontario. The participants from the Port Perry Pickleball Club are from left to right, **Grant & Heather McLaughlin, David & Tracy Vernest and Dave Werry**. This year's event was held at Kingsway College in Oshawa. The facility has 8 courts and they were used to capacity to complete this event in one day. The convener was **Carol Doughty**, she is the PC Ambassador Oshawa/Bowmanville, she did an exceptional job of scheduling & running the event. Most players competed in both doubles & mixed. Award winners will be honoured in June at a banquet.



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**BRONZE:**

Carole  
Chiswell

And

Gillian  
Paynter  
(also won  
Bronze in  
Mixed)



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### MEN'S RECREATIONAL DOUBLES WINNERS



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#### SILVER:

Leo Touw  
& Warren  
Edwards

#### BRONZE:

Bill Reid  
& Dave  
Shepherd



## TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR FOLLOWING IFP RULES

2012 PICKLEBALL CANADA FIRST NATIONAL TOURNAMENT— ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE  
2499 McMILLAN ROAD, ABBOTSFORD, B.C. ALL PLAYERS WELCOME. IFP RULES APPLY.  
JULY 7TH & 8TH - 2012, PCO & USAPA MEMBERS WELCOME, OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS.

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

AUGUST 21TH to 25TH - B.C. SENIOR GAMES, BURNABY, B.C. IFP RULES APPLY. **URGENT, TAKE NOTE:**  
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS JUNE 15TH, GO TO: [WWW.BCSENIORSGAMES.ORG](http://WWW.BCSENIORSGAMES.ORG)

### 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](http://www.pickleballcanada.org)**

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### RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

Chair Rules Committee P.C.O.

**Did you know?**

*"In tournament, referee called score and ball was served. Receiver then said he wasn't ready. Can we ask for a re-serve?"*

It is server's and referee's responsibility to determine receiver is ready before calling score and ball is served.

*Readiness. Serves shall not be made until receiver is ready and score called. After score is called, server and receiver have 10 seconds to be ready. (rev. April 1, 2011).*

*Not Ready Signals. Receiver must use one of the following to signal not ready: 1) raising paddle above head, 2) raising non-paddle hand above head or 3) completely turning his/her back to server.*

Source: IFP Rules. Send comments/questions to [bbutt@sasktel.net](mailto:bbutt@sasktel.net)

*"In a Tournament, a Referee calls NVZ line faults and service faults. Anything else?"*

When there are linespersons, they call line faults on exterior lines of court and middle serve line. Otherwise, players on side where ball lands make the call. Players can query opponents' or linesperson's call. If Referee clearly saw ball landing, he/she can decide. If not, the call remains. Referees have duties related to conduct of players and may warn or expel a player. A player or Referee may call in Tournament Director if needed. (Section 14: Tournament Management and Officiating.)