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## Points of Interest

- ▶ Nova Scotia 55+ Games in Truro, NS Sept. 19th to 21st.
- ▶ 220 Players Registered for the Nationals in Abbotsford, BC
- ▶ New places to play in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Great.
- ▶ Valle de Oro adds 6 brand new courts in Mesa, AZ.
- ▶ Chilliwack Tournament a HUGE SUCCESS.
- ▶ Nanaimo Pickleball Tournament is ON, book Now.
- ▶ A new FIRST for Pickleball at the very tip of South America.
- ▶ BIG NEWS - WILSON the huge racket maker now has our paddles.
- ▶ More Clubs Join PCO and get their tournaments sanctioned.
- ▶ Bev Butt's Rules Corner with suggestions and rules we should all follow.
- ▶ Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY \$12.00 per year, \$32.00 3 years and NOW \$50.00 for 5 years.
- ▶ Club Group Rates available, 20 minimum; Contact Dave Shepherd at: president@pickleballcanada.org

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## PICKLEBALL NOW IN NOVA SCOTIA 55+ GAMES - WOW!



The Nova Scotia Pickleball Association is thrilled to announce that the executive of the Nova Scotia 55+ Games has accepted a request for pickleball to be offered in this year's events. The games will be held in Truro, NS. from Sept.

19th-21st. IFP rules will apply. NSPA provincial ambassador Patsy Simon is also pleased to announce there are now several indoor locations to play pickleball in Nova Scotia including the St. Margaret's Rec. Centre in Tantallon, the Bridgewater YMCA and the Michelin Rec. Centre in Bridgewater, the East Dartmouth Community Centre, the Lunenburg Community Centre, and the Fall River Community Centre. (For days and times available please contact [psimon@staff.ednet.ns.ca](mailto:psimon@staff.ednet.ns.ca)) Patsy is also a director for Pickleball Canada a retired educator and active player. Thank you so much for your hard work and devotion to our sport, well done.

## 220 PLAYERS COMING FOR "THE NATIONALS" IN ABBOTSFORD

220 participants have registered in the 2nd Pickleball Canada National Open Championship to be held in Abbotsford, B.C. July 6 - 7, 2013. Many top players are coming from all over Canada & the USA to compete in the largest pickleball tournament in Canada! Top Canadian players include Luba Zhekhovskaya, Denis Zhekovskiy, Dave Touchet, Randy Bourne, Theresa Orcutt, Elaine Lerner, Del and Karen Iggulden, Dan

Jmaeff, Mike and Laura Schwarz, Pat & Sue Fosbery. Top USA players Chris Miller, Jennifer Lucore, Billy Jacobsen, Darcie Jacobsen are coming again this year, more than 10 other top players are coming from Florida, Virginia, Ohio, California, Arizona, Washington. The Abbotsford Mayor will be welcoming the participants at the opening ceremony at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 6. Abbotsford News will be there too.

## WINNIPEG NEW PLACE TO PLAY AND MORE COMING SOON

There is a new location in St James organized by the ST James Seniors. It is at : Sturgeon Height's CC 210 Rita St Winnipeg, 3 indoor courts playing Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 10:00am till 3:00pm Cost is the same as for the Westwood Church. Westwood Church is now available Tues. only 1:00 to 3:00 This is also included in the fee. Norberry-Gleenlee CC 26 Molgot Ave Winnipeg MB 2 Indoor Courts Starting May 27, 2013 Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12 noon to 3:00pm May, June, August & September (closed

July for floor refinishing) Cost \$30.00 Drop in fee \$3.00 Contact: Brian MacKenzie [ccmackenzie@mymtc.net](mailto:ccmackenzie@mymtc.net) Jonathon Towes CC 188 Dakota St. Winnipeg. 3 Outdoor Courts Starting June 1st 2013 9:00 am to Noon Monday to Friday. Fee Membership \$10.00 Plus \$30.00 till end of August. Drop in Fee \$3.00 I have also heard that they are playing once a week in Headingly and a location in North Winnipeg. When I have all the info I will forward this information at a later date. By: Brian Shippam

**2013 Pickleball Canada National Open Championship**  
Registration form: <http://pickleballcanada.org/tournaments>

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## GOODBYE PARKING LOT HELLO 6 NEW COURTS



pleasure of vacationing there I played pickleball in the *PARKING LOT*. Two temporary courts were set up with traffic cones & traffic tapes which we took down at the end of the pickleball day.

Two years later residents and guests of Valle del Oro enjoy the courts. There is an organizing committee that schedules weekly round robins as well as competitions in other area 55+ resorts.

Finally Valle del Oro residents celebrated the 2012-2013 season with the installation of six, not one, but six dedicated pickleball courts. Valle del Oro of the Cal-Am group is a resort catering extremely well to the 55+ group. It is situated in the eastern part of Mesa along highway 60, about 30 minutes from Phoenix. Two years ago when I had the

I am sorry to say I was not able to play this winter due to a knee injury but I watched enthusiastically those who did play. I am looking forward to next winter's pickleball season in Valle del Oro. There is also a great covered seating area to enjoy watching the games in the shade. Article & photo link supplied by Linda Drouin.

## CHILLIWACK, B.C. PICKLEBALL IS GREAT



### CHILLIWACK SPRING TUNE-UP INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

About 35 players enjoyed this event at the brand new Yarrow Community School with 4 large courts, acrylic surface and lots of room behind base line. Tournament Directors were **Gord & Denise Griffin**. Format was Round Robin using the green Jugs Ball, IFP Rules. Each player played about 6 games. The tournament was well run and the lunch excellent. This is a great example of a small community (Yarrow) having a very active 40 player membership from playing one day a week to now 5 days a week in less than a year. WOW!

## Nanaimo Pickleball Tournament July 26-27-28, 2013



Oliver Woods Centre, Nanaimo, B.C.

This tournament is sanctioned by PCO and has been playing under IFP Rules for awhile now.

Friday 26, Men's & Ladies Doubles 5pm - 9 pm  
Saturday 27, Men's & Ladies Doubles 8:30 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 28, Mixed Doubles..... 8:30 am - 4 pm  
Entry \$30.00, plus \$5. for event entered (lunch Incl.)  
Round Robin, minimum 4 games per player. Call Oliver Wood (250) 756-5200 before July 8th.



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - DAVE SHEPHERD

I am very sorry to report that our Director and Rules Chair **Beverley Butt**, "First lady of Pickleball" and best friend to us all is retiring from the Board of Pickleball Canada due to ill health. Bev has travelled all over the world, helping and teaching others, and learning from the experiences so she could share the value of those experiences with others. I have always admired her passion for the game and her ability to see what is for the greater good, both for pickleball and for us all. She has played a very big part in the development of pickleball in Canada and of PCO itself. We all owe a big thank you to Bev for what she has done for our game. I am sure Bev will continue to follow our progress with interest and we hope that she is able to enjoy some time away from pickleball with the other love of her life, her husband Dave. Her contributions will be missed by all Pickleball Canada members.

### UPCOMING MAJOR SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS:

#### 1. *Pickleball Canada National Open Championship*

Tournament Dates July 6 -7, 2013

Location - Abbotsford Recreation Centre and Yale Secondary School

Name of Tournament Directors: Dave and Shirley Shepherd

**Number of Participants: 230**

#### 2. *Nanaimo Pickleball Club Annual Tournament.*

Tournament Dates July 26, 27, 28,

Location - Oliver Woods Recreational Center

Name of Tournament Director - John Savoy

**Number of Participants: 75**

#### 3. *The Investors Group Ontario 50+ Pickleball Open 2013*

Tournament Dates August 14 to 16

Location - Oshawa Ontario

Name of Tournament Director - Ken Twilley

**Number of Participants: 100**

**Pickleball Canada Membership Chair Position Open.** Larry Evans is retiring as the Membership Chair. The Board is looking for a qualified candidate to fill this position. Contact: [president@pickleballcanada.org](mailto:president@pickleballcanada.org) for more information about the duties of this volunteer position.



A purple banner for Pickleball Canada membership. It features the Pickleball Canada logo at the top center, flanked by two circular "SANCTIONED" logos. Below the logo, it says "OFFICIAL GOVERNING BODY FOR CANADA SINCE 2009". The main text reads "SIGN UP HERE FOR MEMBERSHIP". Below that, it lists membership costs: "Membership only \$12.00 a year", "\$32.00 for 3 years", and "\$50.00 for 5 years". It also mentions a "\$5.00 Discount at all 'Sanctioned' tournaments". At the bottom, it says "The fastest growing sport in North America". There are two QR codes on the banner.

## A FIRST - PICKLEBALL BEING PLAYED OFF THE COAST OF CAPE HORN, SA

In their efforts to spread the good word of pickleball, these four adventurers have started to travel the world to play our amazing game.

In March of this year, Marilyn Hopp & her husband Hugh Clemence with their good friends Peter & Lesley Werry took a cruise around South America. Their goal was to play pickleball off the coast of Cape Horn. Normally, the oceans in this area are windy & rough. Most sailors thank the Lord just for managing to navigate these waters safely.

They however managed to find calm for several hours and played several spirited games on the top deck as above, on the Celebrity cruise ship The Infinity. We believe this is the first time in world history for this to happen off Cape Horn. They would like to put out a challenge to all pickleball players. Find some unusual or exotic place to play a game of pickleball and share the news. Several people on the ship were intrigued by the game so we shared the joy. Article/photos supplied by Hugh Clemence.



### UPDATE ON PICKLEBALL PADDLES

Most pickleball tournaments in Canada and the USA use IFP Rules, it is important when buying a paddle to purchase a rules conforming paddle. In March the IFP website has listed 3 new paddles manufactured by **Wilson** which have passed IFP Material Specifications. **WILSON: BLX (3/25/13), Champ (3/25/13), Xcel (3/25/13)**. The IFP website listed 21 paddle manufacturers. It is good to have so many choices. Always check the IFP website to make sure the paddle that you want to purchase meets the specifications. It really is a "buyers beware" market out there.

### MORE PCO SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

Now that Pickleball Canada has the ability to sanction tournaments, we have found an increasing interest from other clubs across Canada. The only requirement is the tournament organizers must follow IFP Rules, a very basic request.

Ontario already has asked us to sanction their tournament and recently Victoria & Nanaimo, BC have asked us to do so. As we grow we can help other clubs that could face liability issues that sanctioning can protect them from. **BC Senior Games**, August 20 to 21st, are using IFP Rules (no non-conforming paddles).

## TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR FOLLOWING IFP RULES

PICKLEBALL CANADA NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (2nd annual), ABBOTSFORD, B.C.  
CANADA'S LARGEST TOURNAMENT - JULY 6TH & 7TH. 21 EVENTS, 17 COURTS. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

NANAIMO B.C. PICKLEBALL CLUB TOURNAMENT JULY 26-27-28TH, OLIVER WOOD REC. CENTRE  
OSHAWA, ONTARIO, THE INVESTORS GROUP ONTARIO 50+ PICKLEBALL OPEN AUG. 14 TO 16TH  
CALGARY, ALBERTA TOURNAMENT, OAKRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOC. JULY 12 TO 14TH, 2013  
VICTORIA, B.C. SAANICH RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT JUNE 8 & 9TH, COMPLETED.

BC SENIOR GAMES, KAMLOOPS, B.C. - AUGUST 20 - 21ST ALL FOLLOWING I.F.P. RULES (NO EXCEPTIONS).

### 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.

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### RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

Chair Rules Committee P.C.O.

*Did you know?*

**Question** - We started pickleball in our area in October 2012 and have over 30 people now playing. We still have some concern over rule 4.A. regarding the serve!. Should we continue to try to enforce it or should we not stress it? We have players that want to serve side-arm with the paddle head above the wrist which is allowing them to put quite a bit of spin on the ball. The arm is going in more of a sideways motion rather than in an upward arc. What do you suggest? **G. from Alberta.**

**Answer:** I think the serve is fundamental to the game of pickleball and it can at times be a contentious issue. Ensuring that new players get the correct instruction at the beginning is crucial. If the serve doesn't meet the requirement of being an upward motion "prior to hitting the ball" with the top of the paddle below the wrist with the hitting point below the waist (navel level) then the server can gain an unfair advantage over every other player that serves legally. It is important to continue to stress the fundamentals and fairness of our game. Critiques to players serves should be given in a constructive, friendly manner trying not to be confrontational. When dealing with new players, I think it is advantageous to show them what is within the rules and what isn't. A lot of players learn by watching others and enforcing the rules of the game is good for all players. Players are always looking for an advantage but bypassing the rules should not be allowed. Send questions/comments to: [bbutt@sasktel.net](mailto:bbutt@sasktel.net).