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PICKLEBALL CANADA

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Points of Interest

- THE GREY CUP SHOWN with Pickleball players in Coverdale.
- Abbotsford hotel room rates for July 7-8th, National Tournament.
- Kincardine Ontario has new gym with new floors. Great facility.
- Meet Peter Clinkard just an all around great guy.
- The Richmond Olympic Oval, the finest place to play in B.C.
- * Message from our President Collin Caldwell
- * Traglic death of the man who started Pickleball Orleans ON
- * Meet Sabine Schouten a brand New player in Surrey, B.C.
- Don't miss our new column by 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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Great photo to promote Pickleball in Canada



No, we do not have a Pickleball trophy that looks like the Grey Cup, this IS the GREY CUP.

In photo above LtoR: Mani Msbillan, Dave Ulis, Wilson Hu and Maurice Liau all avid Pickleball players in the new CLOVERDALE (Surrey) BC Recreation Centre, where photo was taken.

The trophy arrived with a number of BC Lions

players, cheerleaders and media types. One of the players was top CFL kicker & local resident **Paul McCallum**. This was an opportunity for residents to have their photos taken with the cup and meet the players. Believing that the Grey Cup had never met Pickleball before **Dave Ulis** arranged with the media lady to have this group photo taken, compete with Pickleball paddles. Then they took the opportunity to explain the game to the BC Lions players. They also offered to provide a hands on lesson but couldn't entice them on the courts (probably afraid of getting hurt) after looking at Mani and Dave, I think we'd all be a little intimidated by them.

Dave thinks he'll recruit **Paul McCallum** to come out & learn the game because he is a local resident saw how popular the sport is in his community. He also wants to welcome all the hordes of Pickleball players to support the BC Lions.

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If you know of anyone offering to billet players please let us know. The organizers have now expanded the tournament to a maximum of 150 players. *Now that alone is amazing don't you think?*

They have beautiful new custom designed medals that any winner will be proud to show and wear and indeed they should. This is a new frontier for Pickleball in Canada, see you there for certain.

It is with fondness and sadness that we inform you of the passing of **BILL CANE** shortly after playing Pickleball on Feb. 6th, 2012. He was one of the 12 original players who introduced Pickleball to South Surrey, B.C. He was an all around athlete and former PE teacher. He will be sincerely missed.

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BRAND NEW GYM TO PLAY ON IN KINCARDINE

DAVIDSON CENTRE - KINCARDINE, ONTARIO



JOHN KESTELOOT
CHAIRMAN DISTRICT 27 OSGA

Two ladies in the front are (kneeling) Mare Faryon and Elly Jantzen. Standing left to right: Ken Macksey, Eleanor Roppel, Kath Thomas, Vic Zettler, Nicolle Whitwell and Ewald Rothmaier. These players are part of the 55+ group that has now grown to 30 to 36 in total with some of the snowbirds missing of course. John Kesteloot, on the right supplied the photo and information. There is a FREE clinic/playing/training session April 27th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. open to anyone in Grey & Bruce Counties, no matter what age you are. This is a Spring Breakout Event for District #27. Training to be done by P.A.O. staff and held in the Davidson Centre on Durham St., Kincardine, Ontario. **YOU MUST WEAR GYM SHOES, NOT STREET SHOES, THIS IS A BRAND NEW GYM.** There are 3 courts to play on.

MEET PETER CLINKARD all around nice guy and now a PICKLEBALL TEACHER



Peter Clinkard was born in England and emigrated to Canada in 1963 so he is not an illegal alien but he still talks kind of funny. He worked in Toronto, Saskatoon and Kelowna selling pharmaceuticals and retired in 2008. Peter discovered Pickleball in February 2011 and fell in love with the game. Here is a guy who had never played any racquet sport, so it was a total learning experience for him.

In December 2011, Peter decided to start teaching new people the game beginning at 12 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Rutland Seniors Centre (Kelowna area), this has been a great success with on average of 10-12 newbies coming out each week. 95% like the game and come back again and again. Some join regular play after just one practice session.

Peter says scoring seems to be the hardest to understand but they eventually get it. We need more people like Peter who give so freely of their time. Keep up the great work, Peter.

If you are anywhere near the Olympic Oval in Richmond, B.C. you must take the time to stop by and play Pickleball there.

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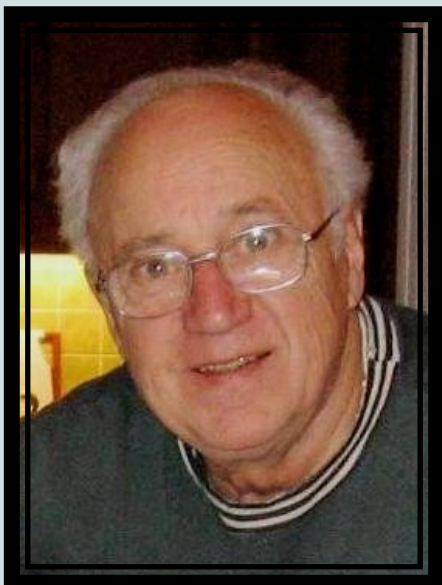
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BILL FRANZMAN STEPPING DOWN - by COLIN CALDWELL



Last month I received notification from our Vice President and Ambassador Chairman, **Bill Franzman**, that he will not be seeking reelection for another term. He has indicated that the time has come to retire from active duty, so to speak, and enjoy some time with his wife Audrey.

Bill was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1933 and like all young Canadians played a variety of sports including hockey, baseball, badminton, curling and football.

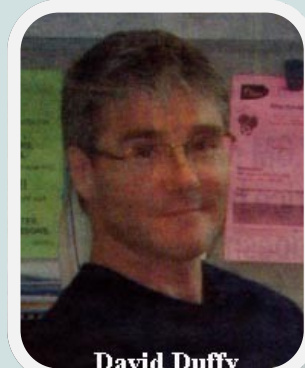
In 1950 he joined the Canadian Armed Forces and spent time in Korea, Europe and several Canadian provinces and retired from active duty in 1977.

In 2000 Bill was introduced to pickleball at the local Rutland Seniors Centre. From that beginning he became one of the founding members of Pickleball Canada. When the first Board of Directors was formed Bill was elected and served as the Ambassador Chairman and recently, after my appointment as President, I asked Bill to take on the position of VP when that position became vacant.

He has served on our Board of Directors with distinction and with his retirement he leaves a huge vacancy to fill. On behalf of our Board of Directors and our membership I'd like to personally thank Bill for all his guidance, dedication and commitment to pickleball and to Pickleball Canada. Well done.

Bill is still available for consultation & teaching Pickleball at local clubs and schools in the Okanagan Valley, he is not quitting Pickleball, just retiring from PCO directorship.

Ottawa area Pickleball supporter dies in fatal car crash



David Duffy

It is with great sadness that the Pickleball community mourns the sudden passing of **David Duffy**, (who died with one of his sons in a horrific car accident) he was the program coordinator of the South Fallingbrook Community Centre in Orleans, ONT. David was an avid supporter of this growing sport. He was instrumental in having one of the tennis courts painted with proper Pickleball lines; the first such court in Ottawa thereby allowing this sport to be played outdoors. He then arranged for two of the tennis courts to be reserved two evenings a week for Pickleball. It was so popular that David arranged for a second court to be painted. It was **THE Place** to play Pickleball in the summer. He also arranged for the modification of badminton net poles so that Pickleball nets could be attached. This allowed Pickleball to be played inside during the winter.

David was a pleasure to deal with; a great representative of the City of Ottawa. Always pleasant, he was happy to be able to accommodate our requirements. He will be sorely missed.

Information supplied by: Wynand Segstro, Ottawa Ambassador, Pickleball Ontario.

So What is Pickleball? by Sabine Schouten

Last week I played Pickleball for the first time, just in learner mode at the moment but immediately enjoyed the game and got a good workout. Until recently, I had only heard vague references to this sport and was not terribly interested because I used to be an avid tennis player & any other racquet sport seemed somewhat inadequate. But then acquaintances said "It's a good sport for older people because it's not as strenuous as tennis."

Well, time to check it out and I was amazed at its popularity. As a matter of fact, it is the fastest growing sport in North America and rapidly expanding Internationally. Although my initial information was that it was an "old peoples" sport, I've discovered that it is played by racquet aficionados of all ages. There are governing bodies in Canada and the USA and there are clubs in nearly every province and town/city. There are approx. 80,000 players in the USA alone and even an International Pickleball Federation. All this certainly surprised me. No doddering old fogies slurping across the court, but active lively people rapidly whacking the ball and racing from one corner of the court to the next in order not to miss a shot. Nothing sedate about this sport.

There are approx. 225 pickleball players at the South Surrey Rec. Centre so you have to wait to play, it is obviously a sport of the future. I certainly plan to attend but not play in the National Pickleball Championship in Abbotsford in July. I expect it will become one of my favourite sports. See you on the courts.

Meet
Sabine Schouten
New Pickleball
players at the
South Surrey
Rec. Centre.



Sabine has since been out 3 times and is just as enthusiastic as ever.

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR & NEXT

2012 PICKLEBALL CANADA FIRST NATIONAL TOURNAMENT— ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE
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Did you know?

Last issue I mentioned Line Call Code of Ethics.

Question from BC: When playing, my opponent said I crossed the NV line. I disagreed. This made the difference between his getting another point and our side getting the serve. What should happen?

6 D/D1. There is a **Code of Ethics**. In the absence of referees, players call all lines on their side of the court. Questionable calls must be resolved in favour of opponents.

The NV line fault is harder to see from the side hitting the ball. Common sense allows for opponents to call this fault, provided they were in a position to make an accurate call. Fortunately, most players call the NV line fault on themselves even when opponents may not have seen them. A reminder that a player on one half of the court should not be calling balls out on his/her partner's side of the court. If it is a close call, then the opponent on the same side of the court where ball landed can be asked and that opinion accepted. If there is doubt, give opponent the benefit. Recreational play should be fun, and battles not fought over questionable points. It usually balances out if both teams have a positive attitude. Send your questions to: Email: bbutt@sasktel.net

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