

PICKLEBALL CANADA

***The fastest growing sport in North America.
Le sport qui affiche la croissance la plus rapide
en Amérique du Nord***



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Points of Interest

- ▶ Pickleball Invited to Introduce OUR SPORT to the Number ONE US Tennis Resort in CALIFORNIA.
- ▶ STURGEON HEIGHTS WINNIPEG has new place to play Pickleball.
- ▶ Have you booked into our National Championship yet? Do it NOW!
- ▶ Changes at the USAPA as Bill Booth steps down as president.
- ▶ Chilliwack Pickleball Club standing up against bullying.
- ▶ President Dave Shepherd speaking on changes to USAPA with a reminder of our Nationals
- ▶ 2013 Yuma, AZ, Senior Games
- ▶ Correction about Pickleball in Puerto Vallarta, MEXICO. Don't leave home without your paddle.
- ▶ Bev Butt's Rules Corner is back with more good 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.

RANCHO VALENCIA, CALIFORNIA - THE NUMBER 1 US TENNIS RESORT IN 2010



Players in photo at right - back row - left to right; Steve Knapp, Keith Chapman & a member. Players in the front row- left to right; Jennifer Lucore, Alex Hamner, Kathy Parkhurst & member. THIS RESORT INVITED PICKLEBALL PLAYERS TO AN EXHIBITION TO INTRODUCE OUR SPORT TO SOME OF ITS MEMBERS & GUESTS. The exhibition lasted about 2.5 hours, in a very casual setting and about 40 people learned to play Pickleball. This is one of the most prestigious tennis clubs in North America and they have recognized our sport, now that is refreshing and wonderful.

2013 PICKLEBALL AT MANITOBA 55 PLUS GAMES FOR FIRST TIME

STURGEON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE - WINNIPEG



New digs for Pickleball in Winnipeg. They have room for 3 courts and an extra high ceiling that is perfect for lobbing.

Many of their snowbirds have not played here so this will be a nice surprise for them.

They play 4 times a week, 3 times in this new facility and once in the church gym. 55+ membership is \$20.00 for 12 weeks. Average number out in winter is 12 to 16 with summer much higher of course. Everyone is Welcome. By:

Ruby Laughren

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

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MANY CHANGES IN THE USAPA ORGANIZATION

The USAPA Board of Directors have made some major changes. First due to the overwhelming volume of work involved in running the governing body of Pickleball and the need to increase awareness of the sport nationally and internationally they have decided to hire a fulltime professional **Justin Maloof** as the new Executive Director of USAPA. Justin brings 20 years experience as an executive in the sports and entertainment industry (much of that with the Phoenix Coyotes hockey team) and an outstanding record in program management, branding, grassroots marketing and public relations initiatives. He has already designed a new USAPA logo.

Bill Booth, former president and webmaster, who has long maintained a gru-

eling schedule of 50 to 60 hour work-weeks as a volunteer, is stepping down. Under Bill's more than 3 year leadership he has developed the portable net system, enhancing the website, creating mechanism and procedures for testing the deflection of paddles, researching noise remedies and acquiring the 501© status for USAPA. He participated in the formation of International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) which now includes 3 countries and elevated the visibility of Pickleball which resulted in increased growth of the sport and recent inclusion in the National Senior Games summer events. Many of these functions will be assumed by Justin.

Thank you Bill Booth for all your hard work. It will be long remembered by all.

WE STAND TOGETHER AGAINST BULLYING



CHILLIWACK PICKLEBALL CLUB

Supporters above:

Back Row Left to Right:

Gord Leffler, Inge Schuster, Henry Meekerk, Ben Penner, Patty Matthews & Jack Plant.

Centre Row Left to Right:

Dawn Allans, Sharon Fahlman, Donna Lord, Kathy Penner, Art Enns, Henry Wieler & Blondie Wieler.

Front Row Left to Right:

Denise Griffin, Susan Wrayton, Marg Traschset, Lorne Simpson, Peter Kos-sack & Barry Flynn.

The Chilliwack Pickleball Club is proud to support the Pink Shirt Anti-bullying Movement. On Wednesday February 27th, 2013, we showed that we're raising awareness about bullying and getting people involved. Together we can prevent bullying. For more information and resources on bullying:

www.mychildsaftey.net

www.bullyingcanada.ca

We all need to stand behind this movement, it is in our children's best interest. Maybe you can do the same in your area?

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT DAVE SHEPHERD

On behalf of the Board of Pickleball Canada, I would like to congratulate **David Jordan**, the newly elected President of USAPA. We look forward to working with David in the coming years. We have already had the pleasure of working with **Justin Maloof**, the new Executive Director of USAPA. Our email communications help to strengthen the bond between USAPA and Pickleball Canada. Since Pickleball Canada and USAPA are both the National governing bodies for Pickleball in North America representing each country, we share a kinship and a special friendship together. I would like to thank USAPA's former President **Bill Booth** for his friendship, hard work and cooperation in working together with Pickleball Canada over the past years. Our sincere best wishes to Bill for a happy and healthy retirement from the Board of USAPA.

Reminder: Please register early for the National Tournament

2013 Pickleball Canada National Open Championship will be held again in Abbotsford, B.C. on July 6th and July 7th. Teams are coming from all over Canada and the USA. This is the **largest Pickleball tournament in Canada !!!**

The City of Abbotsford will again be hosting the Pickleball Canada National Tournament. Abbotsford Recreation Centre (ARC) has 8 indoor courts and we will use an additional 6 indoor courts at Yale Secondary School located right next to ARC. We have 3 more indoor courts at William Fraser Elementary School next to Yale Secondary School. This would give us a total of **17 indoor courts available for our National Tournament.**

There will be 21 events of Men's, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Age 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, Open and Under 55 Men's, Women's Doubles & Mixed Doubles, Open Men's and Women's Singles and Junior Singles (18 years & under).

Current IFP rules apply. Players may enter a maximum of 2 events. Pickleball Canada members will receive a \$5.00 discount from the registration fee. A few events are getting filled up. Please register early!

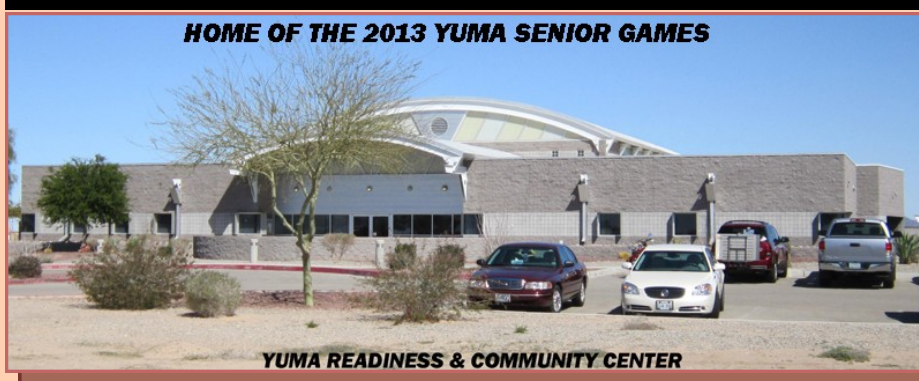
For people driving up north to Canada, Abbotsford is only 5 minutes drive from the USA/Canada border. If you fly into Vancouver, it is one hour drive to Abbotsford. If you fly into Bellingham, WA., it is about 30 minutes drive to Abbotsford. There are many hotels to choose from in Abbotsford. Some hotels offer room discounts so be sure to ask for "Pickleball Tournament" group rates. We look forward to welcoming all participants in the 2013 National Open Championship.

The tournament registration form is located on Pickleball Canada, USAPA and other websites:

www.pickleballcanada.org www.usapa.org www.pickleballbritishcolumbia.blogspot.com www.abbypickleball.blogspot.ca

You can call ARC 1-604-853-4221 Front desk ladies can take your credit card no. and info. to register for the National Tournament.

2013 SENIOR GAMES YUMA - PICKLEBALL IS VERY MUCH A PART OF THE GAMES



What a marvelous facility located just outside the city. They have 4 large open courts, high ceilings and fully enclosed for all weather playing. Not just for winter but for hot summer use as well. One of the best facilities I have ever seen. Two more GOLD'S for Canadian women players in the 2013 Yuma, AZ Senior Games held in February. **Doris Albert** from Grand Forks won GOLD in the 55+ Doubles and **Madeleine St. Cyr** from Kelowna won GOLD in the 65+ Doubles. Other Canadians won medals in this tournament but their information was not available as press time. I have played here before and found the atmosphere encouraging and excellent at all levels of play. Drop in fee is only \$2.00 and you can play most days of the week. Building photo by Ed Burke

CORRECTION & UPDATE RE: PUERTO VALLARTA PICKLEBALL

Further to an article in the March 10th issue of this newsletter, We are pleased to reiterate that pickleball is alive and growing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. There are over 40 players from the USA, Mexico and Greece, but with the majority from Canada.

Last month's article mentioned that pickleball began this year. **Actually, it was launched in January 2012 by Roberta Seeburger and 90 year-old Mike Barbara.** They also secured our playing location – at **Canto del Sol Tennis Club** that, thankfully, has covered courts. It's hot in paradise and the covered courts allow for afternoon play.

But not only is there pickleball in Puerto Vallarta, snowbirds have now brought the game to Mazatlan, Rincon de Guayabitos, and La Cruz de Huanacaxtle. For all the Canadians who visit Mexico's west coast during the winter, **bring your paddles!**

Thank you **Jim Wood** from Vallarta Pickleball, we need to take our paddles on every holiday to help grow our sport.

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR FOLLOWING IFP RULES

2ND ANNUAL PICKLEBALL CANADA NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, ABBOTSFORD, B.C.
CANADA'S LARGEST TOURNAMENT - JULY 6TH & 7TH. 21 EVENTS, 17 COURTS. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
WE ANTICIPATE OVER 200 PLAYERS FROM ALL OVER NORTH AMERICA
LONDON, ONTARIO PICKLEBALL CLUB WILL BE HOLDING THEIR FIRST TOURNAMENT MAY 25TH, 2013
DETAILS AT: WWW.PICKLEBALLASSOCIATIONOFONTARIO.ORG

IF YOU HAVE A TOURNAMENT YOU WOULD LIKE OUR MEMBERS TO KNOW ABOUT LET US KNOW AND WE'LL POST IT HERE. ONLY REQUIREMENT IS IT MUST FOLLOW IFP RULES AND SACTIONING IS AVAILABLE (INCLUDING INSURANCE) FOR APPROXIMATELY \$2.00 PER PLAYER (MINIMUM \$50.)

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

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RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

Chair Rules Committee P.C.O.

Did you know?

REVISION TO COACHING RULE

I tried unsuccessfully to "stop the press" of our Feb. Newsletter when a Revision of the IFP Coaching Rule was made. Too late- so replace what I wrote in our last issue by this Revision.

12.L. ****Revised Feb. 9, 2013**

Coaching. *Players may consult with coaches or any other person during time-outs and between*

Games. *Once the game has begun, except during time-outs, any communication between a player and any person not on the court, if determined by the referee to be coaching, shall result in a technical warning to the offending player or team and a verbal warning to spectators. If the communication occurs a second time, it shall result in a technical foul and a point will be awarded to the opponent.*

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