



Pickleball Canada

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



President's Message - Shirley Shepherd

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Back in 1965, Joel Pritchard and family created a new family game that they enjoyed at their summer home on Bainbridge Island, WA. It turned out to be one of the fastest growing sports in North America!

This year is 2015, let's celebrate the 50th anniversary of pickleball by telling our friends and neighbours about a great sport and a great opportunity to renew friendships and develop new ones, to enjoy life with others as it is meant to be and to pass along to the younger generation that great feeling of bringing friends and family together as the Pritchards' did back on Bainbridge Island 50 years ago. It has been a great 50 years for pickleball, and there will be many more to come. So remember to play hard and most importantly to have FUN!

Below are some questions from our members.

Question 1 "What privileges come with being a Member?"

Answer: Memberships help to support Pickleball Canada Organization, Canada's official National organization. Pickleball Canada Memberships include many benefits and privileges:

- Each member receives a membership number and a membership card.
- Monthly e-newsletters to all Pickleball Canada members.
- Updated rules, policies and information on the National website and newsletters.
- Promoting clubs and groups, places to play, Ambassadors etc.
- Tournament advertising and information on our websites/newsletters.
- Member discounts in many Pickleball Canada sanctioned tournaments.
- Member voting rights at the Annual General Meeting.
- Liability insurance for Pickleball Canada members in sanctioned tournaments.
- Tournament Points for Pickleball Canada members in

sanctioned tournaments.

- Official Player Ratings accepted in Canada and the USA.

Question 2: What are PCO tournament points, how do you earn them and what are they good for? What can you use them for?

Answer: PCO tournament points are only awarded to Pickleball Canada members. You can earn tournament points when you become a medal winner at PCO's sanctioned tournaments.

Benefits of Tournament Points:

- Tournament Points are awarded as recognition of achievement in Sanctioned Tournaments.
- Tournament Points will be used to publish a list of the top point winners at the end of each calendar year.
- Tournament Points may be used by Tournament Directors to determine seeding in tournament brackets.
- Tournament Points may be used by the Ratings Committee to determine a player's rating at the end of each year.

Question 3:

A Question about "sanctioned" paddles

How is a player to determine whether his or her paddle is "sanctioned." I recently purchased a Pickleball Depot Victory paddle and would not know how to determine if it meets the specifications.

The International Federation of Pickleball maintains a list of sanctioned paddles that have been tested and their status for use in tournament play; it is accessible online at ipickleball.org. The list of IFP Paddle Material Specifications will show you what paddles are acceptable and which are not; if a paddle fails, a note will be included.

UPDATE: PADDLE SPECIFICATIONS - Effective November 1, 2014 IFP Rules regarding paddles manufactured with a foam

core material and with a one-piece construction on the surface do not reliably pass the deflection test. Paddles of this design have tested at various deflection rates from paddle to paddle and manufacturing run to run. After use, these paddles have been shown to degrade in a manner that creates more deflection and higher ball speed potential. Because of these attributes, no paddles manufactured in this manner will be accepted for IFP/USAPA/PCO sanctioned tournament play after December 31, 2015. As of November 1, 2014, no additional paddles with this construction will be tested for deflection. At the discretion of Tournament Directors, all paddles now using this construction can be used for sanctioned tournaments up to December 31, 2015.

Clarification Note: Foam core paddles with one flat piece of material on each side of the paddle head (not wrapped around the edge of paddle) and one piece face material paddles with other than foam core material will continue to be acceptable for sanctioned tournaments and will be given the deflection test upon proper submission and payment for testing; provided that these paddles pass all other paddle specifications and meet the requirement of preserving the traditional nature and character of the sport and preserve the skills traditionally required to play the sport.

EYE PROTECTION RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation from a USAPA member response to "Injured by Dead Ball" article from USAPA February eNewsletter...

I was appalled at the above referenced article, not because of the accident, but for not recommending what is obvious: wear eye protection. A good friend of mine, a USAPA Ambassador, suffered a ruptured eyeball when hit by a pickleball during play. He was lucky in that services in the region were able to treat his severe injury. My friend will not play pickleball without having eye protection, either dark glasses, clear glasses or at least

prescription glasses.

PICKLEBALL MACHINE: You can purchase a portable Pickleball machine from Simon, the Pickleball machine to practice your groundstrokes, volleys, overheads and get a great workout. Contact:

<http://www.thepickleballmachine.com/?utm>



Canadian Champions at 2015 Palm Desert Senior Games

Over 1000 athletes came together at Palm Desert, Arizona, February 12-15, 2015 to compete in many athletic events, which we are happy to report, included pickleball. Over 200 pickleball players from across North America competed and PCO wishes to announce that 2 women from Canada were successful in winning medals.

Judy Van Aert, from Langley BC, competed with Nancy Jordan, USAPA President's wife, and won a Bronze medal in the Womens Doubles, 65-69 years division. Judy sent a message as follows, - "12 teams, we lost first round and came back from the losers bracket. There were two 4.5, 5.0 teams in our division. Came from 10-0 to win 16-14, then from 8-0 to win second game to 15, 3rd game from 8-5 to win. Strategy used: pick worst side with the shadows first and had a solid wall to look at on last half; slowed down game against hard hitters."

Just goes to show that you never give up! Canadian pickleball players are very proud of you Judy. Wow, in a sweat thinking about those comebacks!

Cookie Drake, from Cold Lake AB, won a Gold medal in Mixed Doubles, 60-64 years division, and a Silver medal in Womens Doubles, 50-54 years division. Cookie is an amazing 5.0 skill level player who has been very successful in many USAPA tournaments and the Canadian Nationals in Abbotsford, BC. PCO thought readers would enjoy reading about Cookie's pickleball history and so we asked her to submit a writeup for this month's newsletter.



Pickleball- the game everyone LOVES!

Hi, I am Cookie Drake and I am a northern Albertan. I was born and raised in the small town of Cold Lake. I have spent most of my life in northern Alberta, leaving only to attend university and live in Ottawa for a few years during the first few years of my marriage. I am a mother of three and a grandmother of two, I'm 59 years old and I LOVE Pickleball! In fact I would have to say that I am a "Pickleball Addict". I became an addict quite by accident.....

When I retired from teaching my husband and I took a week long trip to Phoenix, AZ to look around. I had little interest in going as I believed I was far too young to go south as so many retired people did. I reluctantly went and in one week we bought a vacation home in Sun City Festival - home of the USAPA National Pickleball Tournament. I had never heard of Pickleball, so it was just good luck that we ended up near Surprise, Az which is known as "Pickleball Heaven". The first three years we owned our home I would not go play - my husband kept telling me to go try this game with the funny name. When he would mention it I would laugh thinking it must be a silly, easy game for "old people"! I preferred to go to the gym to work out and ride my bike - I really didn't think I wanted to join an organized club.

In late 2011, I tried playing for the first time and much to my surprise I thought it was a lot of fun! In Feb 2012 I went and watched Grand Canyon State Games- my first ever tournament experience. I watched and thought that I would like to take this game a bit more seriously. In April 2012 I played my first tournament - I was so nervous beforehand I couldn't sleep for a week and spent each day wishing I had never entered. I ended up winning in 3.5 mixed doubles and I was hooked! From there I just started playing as

much as I could and I loved the tournament scene so I started entering more and more tournaments. I have so many Pickleball friends from all over North America. Every tournament is like a homecoming.

I was very fortunate to meet up with some great Pickleball players very early in my development. Steve Wong, a national champion, took me under his wing and began working with me and coaching me. I owe a lot of my development as a player to his teaching. I had never played a racquet sport seriously but I was always an athletic person.

I played college level basketball, volleyball, ladies fastball and danced ballet, tap and jazz at a fairly competitive level. All of these sports helped me to have a sense of awareness on the court. I had only played a little over 1 year when I was given a 5.0 rating. I felt like I was on a fast track at times, so much to learn, sometimes it was overwhelming but I always managed to find a positive in every tournament I played, in every practice session I had and in every lesson I took. I love the challenge of learning a new shot, of trying to perfect my skills, of being a good, reliable partner whether I am playing mixed doubles or women's doubles. I love to practice and this sport is like any other - in order to excel you have to drill. When I am home in Canada my husband and I drill at least three evenings a week. We have taught a few people to play but we do not yet have a club going. We sometimes drive to Edmonton which is 3 hours away and get together with our Pickleball friends there for a fun day of play.

I have had many people ask me what makes Pickleball so great and my answer is this. It's a game which allows you to be as competitive or as recreational as you want to be. It is a game that you can have fun playing across the generations. There are not many sports that you can play with your son or daughter or grandchild and be competitive with them. In

tournaments I am eligible to play in the 60 + division but I most often play in younger divisions. I am very fortunate that I can still move quickly and keep pace with younger players. When I am on the court playing I feel like I am a teenager again - I laugh, I have such fun and I compete with my friends.

What have been my highlights? I have had many - the day I realized for the first time that I actually could see an opening on the court and I put the ball there was so exciting. In mixed doubles, passing the ball behind the man as he came over too far thinking he was going to intimidate me into making an error, realizing I could dink more than 3 times without trying to hit it hard was huge. My tournament wins are awesome - my first medal will always be precious to me, winning a medal at Huntsmen World Senior Games, playing with Steve Wong at my first Canadian Nationals last year and getting silver in open

mixed and bronze in WD open, Tournament of Champions- bronze in WD Legends division, winning a gold and bronze at Grand Canyon State Games this year...there are many others but what warms my heart the most is what my Grandchildren say to me before I leave for a tournament: "Grandma, can you bring me another medal? I will try my best!" I always reply.

I have had the best partners and friends - I look for people who I think I will be a good fit with. Although I play very competitively I always want to have fun, have a smile on my face and treat my partners with respect. I truly believe that the most respected players are those who "win with grace, and lose with grace". This applies whether you are a recreational player or a tournament player.

That being said, get out there and play PICKLEBALL! See you on the court - somewhere I hope!

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Top PCO Tournament Point Earners 2015

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



This month Pickleball Canada Organization would like to showcase Michael Bellis, who has earned 1300 tournament points to date in 2015. Mike is from the Nanaimo, BC area.

"I can't imagine how good you would be without your disability."

I've heard this comment many times in the two and a half years I've been playing Pickleball. I've also heard: "Are you ok?" "Did you injure yourself?" "Are you in pain?" I can understand why people are curious, as my mobility issues are obvious. At age 31, I suffered a spinal cord injury that left me permanently disabled, technically an incomplete paraplegic.

I've entered a handful of Pickleball tournaments since I took up the game, and being around strangers in new surroundings always creates a lot of speculation about what, exactly, has happened to me. Rumours spread – some true, some a bit off and others, well let's just say that being attacked by a bear is a bit of a stretch!

The truth – I was golfing and swung the club like I had a million times before. By the time I had finished my swing, my lower body was completely numb. A disc had ruptured and crushed my spinal cord leaving me paralyzed, a rare condition called cauda equina syndrome. I required emergency surgery followed by a month in hospital and six months of rehab to get on my feet again.

Since my injury in 2005, I had to hang up my golf clubs and leave my job as Director of Golf at a private course. I don't have the balance and

lower body strength to move the ball where it needs to go anymore. And while I still enjoy a good round of golf – I can even post a decent score – it's no longer my passion. I don't get those butterflies when I head to the course. All those feelings of excitement and joy have been transferred to my new passion: Pickleball!

Post injury, I suddenly went from a high-level athlete to a guy rolling around in a wheelchair. And, like anyone would, I struggled with that reality. My prognosis was all speculation, and after two years I stopped seeing improvements. Defeated, I just gave up. In the years that followed I put on an extra 75lbs. I developed a powerful addiction to alcohol and pain medication. And I spiralled into a deep, dark mind set.

Recently, I've been told I'm the kind of person that people "just want to be around", yet back then I was toxic. I merely existed, coasting through the days and years under a black cloud. Thankfully, things have changed. Yes, I am still disabled. I can't run or jump and I'll always walk with a limp. I deal with internal issues and chronic pain. Despite this, instead of feeling shame and embarrassment about my condition, I wear my injuries like a badge of honour.



In May of 2012 I had hit rock bottom, so I checked into a drug & alcohol treatment centre. After a life-changing month, I never looked back. While I now live free of my addictions, sobriety and recovery is still a huge part of my daily life. I wouldn't be writing this story if I had continued down the path I was on. I am proud to say I will be clean and sober three years next month.

As for the 75 lbs, they're gone too, along with a bunch extra – 135lbs in total! I reached my highest weight in 2010, when I tipped the scale at 360lbs. I look back on those years and feel so sorry for that guy. My whole life I was defined by my athleticism, even putting myself through University on a football scholarship. When that was taken away I totally gave up on myself, and I gave up on life. I don't think I would have made it through that dark time without the love and support of my beautiful wife, Kristi. Kristi is a health coach and she could see how much I was struggling, both physically and emotionally. I just wasn't open to her advice at the time. It put a major strain on us both, and on our marriage. After my month at The Orchard Recovery Centre, I was ready for a fresh start. I had new hope and was prepared to make changes. I walked out the door determined, with the words of my counselor ringing in my ears, "Suit up and show up." I continue to live by that piece of advice to this day and it has certainly served me well on the Pickleball court!

When I returned home, I told Kristi it was time for me to get healthy, and asked for her help. I fully embraced what has become our health program, and had instant results. I was energized. I gained mental clarity and confidence. After a seven year hiatus, I was reminded how my body is supposed to feel. I also welcomed releasing the extra weight that I'd struggled with my entire life – I'm Haida and have always been "big boned". I wasn't capable of going for a jog or doing typical workouts, so you can imagine I was pleasantly surprised to find the pounds falling away easily. I did the

activities I could manage. I started with gardening. I walked the dog daily. I got a gym membership and rode the stationary bike. I discovered new workouts I could manage involving core and resistance. And, I watched myself transform.

On a rainy night in November 2012, I had just finished a workout on the bike and was heading home when I heard a voice from the Fairwinds' gymnasium, "Hey, we need a fourth for pickleball!" So, I took my motto to heart and joined in – suit up and show up! I figured if I didn't like it, I wouldn't play again. Obviously, I loved it!

After that first night playing, I came home and YouTubed every Pickleball video there was. I recall wondering, where has this game been my whole life?! I threw myself into learning the skills, playing at least 3 times a week. I've created strong friendships with my Nanoose Bay playing partners and, more recently, have been charmed by the delightful players at the Nanaimo Pickleball Club. I stay in contact with many of the awesome folks I meet when playing out-of-town, and look forward to seeing their improved games and new tricks at the tournaments.

The 'picklers' have become my social circle, on and off the court. Many of them have their own challenges and we lean on each other for support and take inspiration from one another too. I've made some true lifetime friendships.

Pickleball has hugely impacted my life. It got me moving again, dramatically improving my mobility and agility. It played a major role in my weight-loss journey. The physical activity and friendships have supported my sobriety. I have rediscovered the confidence I had ten years ago. I've submerged myself in the game, the characters, and the community of this awesome game. It's so much more than winning matches and medals, although the competitor in me enjoys that part too!

by Michael Bellis www.michaelbellis.com

Upcoming Tournaments



FIRST ANNUAL

Puerto Vallarta Tropical Pickleball Tournament

March 11-15, 2015

Tournament Venue

The Sheraton Buganvilias Resort & Convention Center

Blvd. Francisco Medina Ascencio. No. 999, Zona Hotelera Las Glorias, 48333 Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

Book your hotel stay with us: www.PickleballPuertoVallarta.com

Vernon Pickleball Club Indoor Charity Tournament

Saturday, March 28, 2015

At Priest Valley Gym, 3310 37th Ave, Vernon, BC

Vernon Pickleball Club has chosen to support the Vernon Hospice House and the Cancer Society in a Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Schedule: Women's and Men's Doubles in the morning. Mixed Doubles in the afternoon.

Registration forms and tournament details to follow. Inquiries contact:

vernonpickleballclub@gmail.com Cheri, Vernon Pickleball Club 250 545-5864



Sturgeon Heights Community Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Friday & Saturday, April 3 - 4, 2015

Pickleball Tournament for 55+ only

Mens & Womens Doubles 3.0 and 3.5 Mixed Doubles all levels

Guaranteed a minimum of 4 games

Contact Craig Vickery for registration or information vickeryc@shaw.ca

Byrne Creek Leos Charity Pickleball tournament, Burnaby, B.C.

April 18-19, 2015

PCO Sanctioned (Tier 4) IFP rules Apply

Mens and Ladies Singles, Doubles and Mixed doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Open

To register go to: <http://www.pickleballtournaments.com>

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Kitchener-Waterloo Pickleball association is Hoisting a Pickleball Tournament

Sunday, April 12 & Monday, April 13

KW Badminton Club; 69 Agnes Street in Kitchener

Open Womens, Mens and Mixed (Sunday)

Womens 55-64, 65+

Mens 55-64, 65+

Registration and information is now ready!! Please email at kwpickleballassociation@gmail.com if you need a copy emailed to you!!





Nanaimo Pickleball Tournament, Nanaimo, B.C.

May 1,2 and 3, 2015.

The Nanaimo Pickleball Club and The City of Nanaimo are pleased to offer our second officially ranked tournament sanctioned by Pickleball Canada and in the process of USAPA sanctioning.

We are offering the following rating levels 3.0, 3.5, 3.75, 4.0, 4.5+ subject to the number of entries. You are guaranteed at least four games in each competitive event category that you register. If playing in the doubles category, you will need the name of your partner when registering and codes provided on our website. If you are playing doubles, your team registers in the ranking of the highest skilled player.

You can register beginning March 4th, 2015, online at Reg.nanaimo.ca or call 250-756-5200.

If you are not sure of your ranking, please check the links section of our Home Page - Pickleball - Self Rating. Read through the various skill levels to self rank or come to our Rating Clinic on March 21, 2015. For \$5, your pickleball play will be evaluated by our rating committee.

The Club will be offering limited billeting for our visiting participants. If you need a place to stay, please email Nanaimopickleball@gmail.com with Billeting in the subject title.

More information will be available on our website:

nanimopickleball.com>Events>Tournament.

Mens and Ladies Singles, Doubles and Mixed doubles.

This will be a ranked tournament. <http://nanaimopickleball.org>

PCO Sanctioned (Tier 4) IFP rules Apply



5th Annual Sannich Recreation Pickleball Tournament

June 12-14th, 2015.

Men's & Women's Singles, Doubles,

Mixed doubles and 65+ Mixed doubles.

IFP rules apply. To register: <http://www.victoriapickleball.org/>



Pickleball Kelowna Indoor Spring Tournament

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Location: Kelowna Secondary School

1079 Raymer Avenue

Kelowna B.C V1Y 4Z7

Name of Tournament Directors: Dale Charlton, Ray Timbers & Gilbert Guenette
email address: DCharlton@sinclairidental.com <DCharlton@sinclairidental.com>

Phone: 250-878-8791

PCO Sanctioned (Tier 3) IFP rules Apply



KAMLOOPS OPEN PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

May 30- 31, 8:30 am to 5:00pm

MacDonald Park Kamloops

Tournament Director: Ross Perkin, rossperkin328@yahoo.ca 250-318-1275

Tournament will use IFP rules and all participants will be expected to sign a PCO waiver

Format: Double knockout (2 of 3 main draw, games to 15 in back draw)

Events: Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles, Mixed Doubles

(Men's and Ladies Saturday, Mixed Sunday)

Categories: 3.0. 3.5, 4.0 plus

PCO Sanctioned (Tier 4) IFP rules Apply

Lunch will be provided each day and all participants will get a gift.

Registration fee: 1 event \$35, 2 events \$50

2015 Pickleball Canada National Eastern Open Championship to be held in the Manulife Financial Sportsplex and Healthy Living Centre at RIM Park in Waterloo, Ontario on July 10th, 11th and 12th, 2015.

PCO Sanctioned (Tier 1) IFP rules Apply

To register go to: http://www.pickleballtournaments.com/pbt_main.pl

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2015 Pickleball Canada National Western Open Tournament to be held in Kelowna, B.C. on July 10th, 11th and 12th, 2015.

PCO Sanctioned (Tier 1) IFP rules Apply

To register go to: http://www.pickleballtournaments.com/pbt_main.pl

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2015 Salmon Arm Open Pickleball Tournament

To be held at Club Shuswap Golf & RV destination—east side of Salmon Arm.

-on Saturday July 25 & Sunday July 26, 2015.

Saturday—Mixed Doubles (4divisions) 3.5 3.75 4.0 4.5 +.

Sunday—Men's Doubles / Women's Doubles: Div.#1 (3.5-3.75) + Div.#2 (4.0 - 4.5+)

***register with your own partner. (a list will be kept of "single entries" if necessary)

Limited to 48 people. **Guaranteed 5 games each day.

Any player or group who would like to have their tournament advertised , please send request to: Denise at de.griffin@sasktel.net

**The Nationals
2015**



Pickleball News Coast to Coast

Fraser Valley Pickleball 2nd Annual Rosebowl Tournament was held February 20-22 at Rosedale, BC in a beautiful community school, with over 75 players.

Fraser Valley Pickleball Rose bowl Tournament Results

Mens Doubles 3.5

Gold Josh Lockington - Daryl Dix
Silver Chuck Jung - Frank Luey
Bronze Bob Stoffberg - Mark Beynon

Mens Doubles 4.0

Gold Yoram Zer - Idan Zer
Silver Lee Manansala - Peter Tsao
Bronze Gordon Griffin - Piet Komen

Mens Doubles Open

Gold Ronnie Pitcher - Mike Bellis
Silver Ryan Rostek - Binu Brar
Bronze Andrew McKimmon - Glenn Cho

Mens Singles 3.5

Gold Josh Lockington
Silver Daryl Dix
Bronze Peter Tsao

Mens Singles 4.0

Gold Jakob Larsen
Silver Grant Brittain
Bronze Ross Priebe

Mens Singles Open

Gold Ryan Rostek
Silver Mike Bellis
Bronze Glenn Cho

Mixed Doubles 3.5

Gold Lorraine Subtelny - Paul Legree
Silver Debby Morgan - Tom Watson
Bronze Patrice Van Nieuwkerk - Bob McQueen

Mixed Doubles 4.0

Gold Debby Holley - Barry Mckeown
Silver Dee Pitcher - Piet Komen
Bronze Anne McCallum - Dave Ulis

Mixed Doubles Open

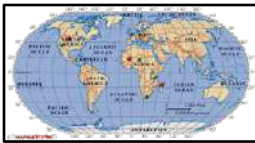
Gold Roberta Meakin - Pete Neumann
Silver Magdalene Choy - John Kusch
Bronze Dawn Dueck - Mike Bellis

Womens Doubles 3.5

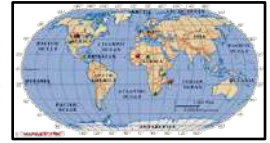
Gold Debby Morgan - Dawn Dueck
Silver Dee Pitcher - Trudy Pitcher
Bronze Denise Griffin - Aila Najda

2015 Fraser Valley Pickleball Rosebowl PCO Total Tournament Points

<i>Mens</i>				<i>Womens</i>	
Name	Points			Name	Points
Josh Lockington	1400	Piet Komen	600	Debby Morgan	1100
Mike Bellis	1300	Grant Brittain	400	Dawn Dueck	900
Daryl Dix	1100	Glenn Cho	400	Roberta Meakin	700
Ryan Rostek	1100	Chuck Jung	400	Lorraine Subtelny	700
Jacob Larsen	700	Frank Luey	400	Debby Holley	700
Yoram Zer	700	Lee Manansala	400	Dee Pitcher	600
Idan Zer	700	Binu Brar	400	Trudy Pitcher	400
Ronnie Pitcher	700	Tom Watson	400	Magdalene Choy	400
Paul Legree	700	John Kusch	400	Patrice Van Nieuwkerk	200
Barry Mckeown	700	Ross Priebe	200	Denise Griffin	200
Pete Neumann	700	Bob Stoffberg	200	Anne McCallum	200
Peter Tsao	600	Gordon Griffin	200	Aila Najda	200
		Andrew McKimmon	200		
		Bob McQueen	200		
		Dave Ulis	200		



Pickleball Around the World



VIVA SPAIN PICKLEBALL TOURS

I'm in Spain and making some good progress promoting pickleball. I wanted to let you know that we recently

finished the September Spain Pickleball Tours and had a great time so I've decided to keep them going in 2015. The following are

the 2015 dates.

Join Us on a 9-day Pickleball Tour to Spain

Experience a behind-the-scenes look into Spain's rich history and culture combined with a chance to play pickleball with the locals almost every day of the tour.

4 Tours Scheduled for 2015

May 19-27
2015

June 4-12
2015

June 19-27
2015

September 19-27
2015

Check-out the Web site and view photos and video from 2014

www.vivapickleballtours.com

International Places to Play Pickleball

<http://www.usapa.org/places-to-play-pickleball>

ABW (Aruba), STA CRUZ # 56, STA. CRUZ, ABW

GBR (Great Britain) -

Bunyan Leisure Center, Beford, GBR,

Kidlington & Gosford Leisure Centre, Kidlington, GBR,

Kirkley Community Sports Centre, Lowestoft, England

Waveney Sports Centre, Lowestoft, England

GRC (Greece) - Vritomartis nudist resort, Chania, GRC

MEX (Mexico) -

El Sargento, BCS

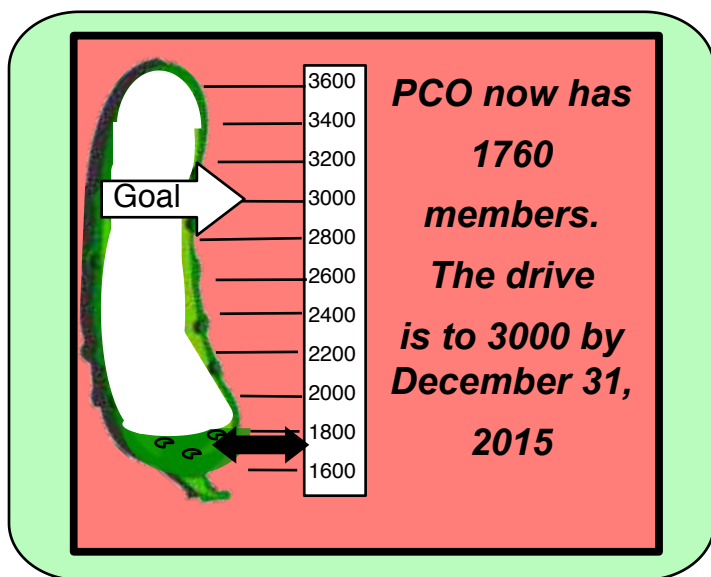
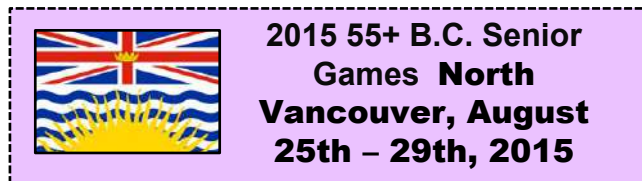
Canto del Sol Tennis Club, Puerto Vallarta, MEX

Loma del Mar, San Carlos, MEX

San Carlos Gym, San Carlos, Sonora, MEX

El Dorado Ranch Pickleball Club, San Felipe, Mexico

GTM (Guatemala) San Andreas, Sajcabaja, GTM



QUOTE TO LIVE BY...

" There are no environments where you're only going to win because life just isn't like that."

Bobby Orr

source: BrainyQuote

submitted by Carol Doughty

Please re-new or join PICKLEBALL CANADA

Membership application form is available on the web site. Completed form and payment can be

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MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR PICKLEBALL CANADA

New/re-new membership rates are:

One year \$12.00
Three years \$32.00
Five years \$50.00

Club Group Rates available (20 members min.), contact: president@pickleballcanada.org

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One of the most common errors we hear during a game is, "I'm not sure if that ball was in or out so let's replay it".

Incorrect.

Please be aware of rule 6.D.9

6.D.9. Players should not request a "let" (replay) because they were not sure the ball was "out" or "in".

In this case, benefit of the doubt goes to the opponent.

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Pickleball Canada

National Western Tournament

Kelowna, B.C.

July 10, 11 & 12, 2015

Pickleball Canada has decided to have 2 National Championship tournaments for 2015...one in the West and one in the East. The Pickleball Canada National Western Tournament held in Kelowna will be skill based (not age-group based) and be played **outdoors**. This is a Pickleball Canada/USAPA sanctioned tournament that will use IFP rules.

Location: Parkinson Recreation Center, 1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 4P9

Tournament Information:

- Early registration runs from January 1st, 2015 to April 30th, 2015.
- \$25 registration fee plus \$10 for each event entered.
- Late registration is from May 1st, 2015 to June 1st, 2015—**there is a \$10 fee for late registration.**
- Players may enter a maximum of 3 events and may only enter one doubles, one mixed doubles and one singles event.
- Registration should be completed online at www.pickleballtournaments.com
- Pickleball Canada members will receive a \$5 discount off the registration fee. When registering online please make sure you enter your membership number in your personal profile to receive the discount. Leave it blank if you are not a member.
- Please note that if you are currently not a member of Pickleball Canada Organization (PCO) your registration fee will include a PCO 1 year membership.
- Pickleball Canada Tournament points will be awarded to the top three teams in each event.
- Players must be 16 years of age or older any time in 2015 in order to compete.
- Entry fee includes food voucher & welcome bag.
- Players who do not indicate a rating within their registration will be placed in the 3.0 category, although the tournament committee reserves the right to place individual players in an appropriate category.
- All events will be double elimination with each match being best 2 out of 3 games to 11 on the "A" side of the draw. On the "B" side of the draw each match will consist of one game to 15.

Events:

- Men's Doubles 3.0, 3.5—Friday
- Women's Doubles 3.0, 3.5—Friday
- Men's Doubles 4.0, 4.5, Open —Saturday
- Women's Doubles 4.0, 4.5, Open —Saturday
- Mixed Doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, Open—Sunday
- Men's & Women's Singles Open—Sunday
- Rain Day—Monday, if necessary



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2015 Pickleball Canada Eastern National Championships



Waterloo, Ontario - July 10—12, 2015

Manulife Financial Sportsplex and Healthy Living Centre, RIM Park

DIVISIONS / AGES OF PLAY:

- **12 - 70+ (Juniors to Older Adult)**
- **Men's, Women's, Open & Mixed Doubles**
- **Open Men's and Women's Singles**
- **Junior Boys & Girls Doubles**

FEES:

- **\$35.00 Registration Fee / PCO Members SAVE \$5.00**
- **\$10 per additional category**
- **KWPA is Hosting Instructional Clinics July 9th**
- **Clinics are facilitated by USAPA 5.0 Level Players**
- **Fee of \$30 per Clinic—Intermediate & Advanced**

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

pickleballtournaments.weebly.com

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION:

pickleballtournaments.com

CLINIC REGISTRATION E-MAIL:

kwpickleballassociation@gmail.com

2015 Eastern National Championships made possible by:



RIM PARK—WATERLOO, ONTARIO CANADA - 43.5200° N, 80.5000° W

**USAPA (Tier 4) / PCO (Tier 1) SANCTIONED
OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS**



Byrne Creek Leos

Charity Pickleball Tournament

Date: April 18th - 19th, 2015

Byrne Creek Secondary School

7777- 18th Street, Burnaby, B.C.

In accordance with Pickleball Canada and IFP rules, this is a skill level tournament.

"Everyone is welcome to enjoy some fun, fellowship, food, and competition while keeping fit and supporting a worthy cause! "

(see <http://byrnecreek.info/about-us>)

Hosted by Metro Vancouver Pickleball Club.

EVENTS (8:30 am start time)

Men's/Women's Singles (Sat) - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Open

Men's/Women's Doubles (Sat)- 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Open

Mixed Doubles (Sun) - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Open

Cost \$35/ Person
(includes lunch, fruit,drinks)
\$10 for each additional event

*Pickleball Canada Members
 Receive a \$5 discount

Register Now at:
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