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Pickleball Canada Official Newsletter

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President's Message

By Val Vollmin

As many of you are aware, our AGM was held in Abbotsford in October. At that time, a number of new directors were elected to the Board of the Pickleball Canada Organization.

I would like to now take the opportunity to thank the outgoing directors for their many hours of hard work and their dedication to PCO. They have done a great deal to advance the growth of pickleball in Canada, and hopefully they will now have more time to enjoy playing this great game.

The goal of the new Board of Directors is to continue to grow the sport of pickleball! I am looking forward to working with this new board to make that happen. To further that goal, we are including in this newsletter a survey for our members. We would like your input as to what you would like to see PCO do for its membership. Please take a few minutes to give us your ideas.

It is through the hard work of our ambassadors that many people have found the sport of pickle-

ball. If you would like to become a PCO Ambassador for your area, please send us an email and we will send you some info.

I would encourage you to send us pickleball happenings in your area that we can include in the newsletter so that the rest of Canada can see what is going on with pickleball in your part of the country.

I know that many of our members have headed south to enjoy the sun and play a little pickleball, so I hope all of you have a great winter whether you are playing down south or indoors at home!



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Pickleball News

Is My New Pickleball Paddle Allowed in IFP Sanctioned Tournaments?

The IFP website has listed IFP Paddle Material Specifications Test results of 47 pickleball paddle manufacturers. In 2014-2015, new paddle manufacturers include:

- Coach Mo
- Courtside Sports
- Diadora
- Dink Sports
- Engage Pickleball
- Franklin Sports
- Gamma Sports
- Gear Box
- Harrow Sports
- HighWin
- Intersport North America
- Manta World Sports
- Matrix Paddles
- PaddleBoardZ
- PC Pickleball Paddles
- Pickle-ball Peddler
- Pickleball New England
- Pickleball Nut
- Pickleball Partner
- Pickle Pro
- RiverStyks
- Redtail
- Selkirk Sport
- Sun City Pickleball Paddles
- Uniker Sport Co.
- Viking Sports
- Whippersnapper
- Wilson
- Wolfe Products

The new Saber Tooth paddle by Victor and the Diadora Match Paddle are non-conforming and cannot be used in IFP/USAPA sanctioned tournaments. Before purchasing a paddle, check the Paddle Test results on IFP website:

http://ipickleball.org/rules/IFP_Paddle_Test_Results.pdf



PCO NEEDS YOUR HELP

As pickleball continues to grow in popularity in Canada, Pickleball Canada Organization (PCO) would appreciate hearing from you on a number of items.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey so that we can take our organization in a direction that meets your needs and the

needs of pickleball players across the country.

Click on the link below to participate in our on-line survey.

<http://pickleballcanada.org/j336/index.php/p-271015>

We truly value your responses and look forward to receiving them soon!

Help PCO!

Pickleball Canada Player Ratings

By Colin Caldwell

As pickleball becomes popular here in Canada, more and more players are taking the opportunity to play in various tournaments around the country. Even at a club level, players are committed to improving their game and advancing their skill rating.

In the past month, I've held discussions with our partners at the USAPA and they have graciously agreed to share their database in order for Pickleball Canada to input ratings. Many of our Canadian players are already listed on the USAPA ratings system and now our tournament committee can edit and create new ratings. In addition, we now have access to input player ratings for those players who are not on the USAPA ratings list.

There are basically two dif-

ferent designations for the rating system. They are:

1. T – meaning your rating is determined by results from tournament play
2. S – meaning self-rated

If any Pickleball Canada member wishes to check their posted rating, you can do so at the following web-link:

<http://www.usapa.org/ratings-usapa/>

If you do not find your name on that list and wish to be added to the ratings list, contact Pickleball Canada's ratings committee with your full name, gender, rating, type of rating (T or S), city and province. Send this information by email to:

ratings@pickleballcanada.org

We here at Pickleball Canada are striving to improve the services and information we offer to our members. We would like to also thank our friends at USAPA for their continuing support.

Colin Caldwell

PCO Tournament Committee



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Pickleball Tournament Results

Cobourg, ON, Hosts Its First Tournament

by Gary Kirton

On September 10, the Cobourg Seniors Activity Centre pickleball players held their first pickleball tournament, co-sponsored by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northumberland. Within the 4 divisions of men's 55+, men's 65+, women's 55+ and women's 65+, there were 27 teams. Participants travelled from the towns of Coe Hill, Belleville, Trenton, Port Perry, Whitby, Peterborough, and Oshawa.

Using 6 courts, a runner organized players to sit in an "on deck" area. This worked extremely well and provided full use of the courts during the Round Robin games.

Men's 55+

1. Grant McLaughlin and Rob Smith
2. Jeff Ironside and Tim Clark
3. Dave Adamson and Paul Paffrath

Men's 65+

1. Mike March and Bill Gohn
2. Dave Werry and Zoli Hartai
3. Roy Wilson and Larry Tsumara

Women's 55+

1. Catherine Bola-hood and Michelle Tsumara
2. Tracy Vernest and Sandie March
3. Anne Evans and Marian O'Donnell

Women's 65+

1. Helen Hartai and Helene Daleman
2. Carol Doughty and Paula Brine-Hogan

3. Sharon Wood and Sonja Huxter

As with any "first time" event, there were a few hic-ups, which provided insight for our next event: a ranked tournament on the weekend of June 11 and June 12, 2016.

For more information about the tournament, contact Krista Williams at kwilliams@cobourg.ca or 905. 372. 5510.

It was a good time. We thank and congratulate all those who participated, as well as the experienced volunteers who helped make our first event a success.

We cannot wait to see everyone in June 2016!

Madrid Tournament Results

First International Pickleball Tournament, Madrid, Spain, on Sept 18-20, 2015



Photo: Beverly Youngren, left, and Jennifer Lucore wear the gold medals they won in Women's Doubles at the First International Pickleball Tournament in Madrid, Spain.

The First International Pickleball tournament was held by the Spanish Pickleball Association in Madrid, Spain, in September. Over 140 participants from 10 different countries and three continents took part in the competition. Countries represented were U.S.A., Canada, England, Wales, France, Spain, Holland, India, Singapore and Thailand. The tournament took place at "La Chopera" sports center, where 23 courts were set up. A complete list of results can be found on the Spanish pickleball association webpage (www.pickleballspain.org).

Also check out Jennifer's video on <http://www.allpickleball.com/jennifersblog/>

Upcoming Tournaments

Kamloops Pickleball Club Doubles Tournament at McDonald Park, Kamloops, BC

3.5, 4.0 and possibly 4.5+

May 28-29, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Double knockout-format

Cost per person is \$35 for 1 event; \$50 for 2 events

Entrants must be members of Pickleball Canada.

Contact Ross Perkin at rossperkin328@yahoo.ca

2016 US Open Pickleball Championships, Naples, Florida

April 26 - May 1, 2016

Cash purse of \$20,000

Draw = 1,000 amateur and professional competitors expected

Spectators = 10,000 expected

The event will be broadcasted on the Tennis Channel to 40 million viewers.

Chilli-Paddle-Wack

November 21 at Yarrow Community School, 4595 Wilson Rd., Chilliwack (Yarrow), BC

First 90 players to register will participate

Contact Ryan Rostek at 604-799-7835 or by email at info@chilli-paddle-wack.ca

This tournament is a PCO sanctioned tournament available to PCO members only. PCO member registration is available on site.

Membership Information

Please re-new or join PICKLEBALL CANADA. Membership application form is available on the website at <http://pickleballcanada.org>

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

Club Group Rates available (20 members minimum) contact:

president@pickleballcanada.org

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Rules Corner

Question:

Why do the rules of pickleball allow for poaching shots (hard shots directed at opponents)? This can be dangerous to defenders on a small court.

Answer:

Poaching is a common and effective strategy that is legal in many racquet sports, regardless of the opponent's vicinity.

To help reduce risk, it is common courtesy for attacking players to withhold poaching shots during recreational matches. Recreational play is not meant to be competitive, but enjoyable for players of all abilities. To prevent this from happening to you in friendly games, discuss with the players on court that you are uncomfortable with the strategy before starting your match. Most players understand that it can be hazardous and can relate to the worries of being on the receiving end of poaching shots.

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