

PICKLEBALL CANADA

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Points of Interest

- ▶ Pickleball Ontario has hugely successful tournament Sept. 6/7.
- ▶ Okanagan Pickleball is growing nicely in Vernon & Kelowna
- ▶ Edmonton, Alberta first 55+ Seniors Fun Games followed by second tournament in West Edmonton.
- ▶ Mumbai, India have their **FIRST** ever TOURNAMENT & thinking INTERNATIONAL SOON.
- ▶ Dura Ball to be replaced with the JUGS ball for safety reasons.
- ▶ Meet some of the Parkland Pickleheads in Spruce Grove
- ▶ Lethbridge, Alberta welcomes YOU to their outdoor courts.
- ▶ **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.**

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PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION of ONTARIO (PAO) 55+ Tournament



MIXED DOUBLES WINNERS. Pickleball Canada Sanctioned Tournament. Oshawa, Sept. 6-7/2012



PAO Tournament Organizers, Referees, Scorekeepers and Helpers. Congratulations, well done.

Point were awarded to winners. 1st Place awarded 1,000 points, 2 Place 500 points, 3rd Place 300 points. The winners were: Bill Furse 2,000 points, Linda Furse 2,000 points. Bill Pineau 2,000 points, Jeanette McGuire 800 points, Merrie Lee 600 points, Mary Allard 500 points, Yolande Lew 300 points, Ken Twilley 300 points. **Points are accumulated through PCO so you must be a member to receive them.** Over 90 people attended these games that were sponsored by INVESTORS GROUP as well as QUALITY HOTELS plus many door prizes too.

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VERNON, B.C. FIRST TOURNAMENT



Sawicki Park was the venue for the Vernon Pickleball Tournament held Saturday Sept. 15. Vernon Co-Ambassador **Wally Hermann** was tournament director, along with **Bruce Simpson**, with a Round Robin format involving 26 players. Players had to endure 12 highly contested games with a point system of 5 points for a win, 3 points if you reached 8+ points and 1 point for a 5 to 7 point game.

The trophy winner and finishing first was **Joey Toolsie** with 56 points, 2nd place went to **Bruce Simpson** with 53 points and third place to **Greg Thompson** with 51 points. Top

female was **Christine Reid** who finished with 48 points.

Molson Coors supplied prizes for the winners, as well as gifts for a draw. AJ Machine Works also supplied a number of gifts for the draw that being license plate holders with VERNON PICKLEBALL in the inscription. Following the tournament a backyard BBQ was held at Bruce Simpson's home. Smokies and a bun, as well as a veggie platter and salads were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were supplied by Molson Coors.

Congratulations to all on a great tournament.



Winners

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION (COPA)



Winning Team!

It was a FUN TOURNAMENT with 48 players signed up and play was limited to 9 minutes per game. When the bell rang, points were totaled for each individual player and these we added into each of the 4 teams for a grand total and a final winning team (above).

Each team was suppose to wear a the colour of their team, some players seemed to be colour blind but that was okay too. Everyone had a great time and a fabulous lunch for the amazing price of \$5.00 each. Lana Nunweiler was host & organizer. 4th from left above.

Every day thousands of innocent plants are killed by vegetarians!

Help end this violence.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT DAVE SHEPHERD

There has been a lot happening with pickleball in Canada and across the world. AIPA in Mumbai, India has just held their first National tournament. Plus Pakistan School Sports Council is now an Associate member of IFP. Many tournaments have been played across the country, including the ones featured in this month's Newsletter. It seems everyday we have enquiries from new groups and clubs popping up in most provinces. A special thank you to all the PCO ambassadors who together with other volunteers make these tournaments happen.

Linda Dane, Provincial Ambassador for Alberta, has obviously been very busy! Alberta has seen a lot of growth in Pickleball and it doesn't happen without volunteers making it happen. The City of Spruce Grove in Alberta helped out the pickleball players there by providing courts on unused tennis courts. Parkinson Recreation Centre, Kelowna, B.C. just provided 6 brand new courts. The City of Abbotsford, B.C. has just provided 4 pickleball courts for outdoor play using an under-utilized basketball court

and also on one tennis court with acrylic surface. Preparations are underway for next year's PCO National which will be held in Abbotsford on July 6th. & 7th. 2013, using 2 venues again with 14 indoor courts and 21 events. Registrations for the National will start on Dec.1.

While doing a demo at The Arbutus Club in Vancouver this week, I had a visit from our V-P Garth Merkeley from Winnipeg, a very pleasant surprise. Soon we will lose many of our Snowbirds to Florida, Arizona and California. We hope they enjoy some great pickleball. Those of us who stay here will miss them.

Congratulations to all the new Board of Directors at Pickleball Association of Ontario (PAO). Best wishes for their success during the coming year. It is nice to see another Canadian Paddle Manufacturer with IFP approved paddles: Peter Singleton's Big Boy and Lightning were IFP approved on September 3rd. Please keep your emails and photos coming with pickleball news from your area. We are here to serve you & grow Pickleball in Canada.

EDMONTON AREA SUMMER UPDATE - Marigold Zone6 Games

ALBERTA 55 PLUS SENIOR GAMES - EDMONTON AREA



The first ever Alberta 55 Plus Marigold Zone 6 Pickleball Summer Fun Games were held in Edmonton August 15th, 2012. There were 24 participants. The tournament was held at the new Riverbend Community League Pickleball

Courts. The games were organized and conducted by Linda Dane, PCO Ambassador Alberta. Assisting Linda with these games were PCO Area Ambassadors Marg Ouimet and Dennis Tomkinson, as well as Joanne Tomkinson, Eldon Dane and Glenn Kissick. Prizes were given in Competitive and Recreational Divisions.

By hosting a successful "fun tournament" this year we are working toward having Pickleball included in the Alberta 55 Plus Summer Games. We recently received word that Pickleball will be included as an Alternative Sport in the 2014 Canadian Senior Summer Games held in Strathcona County, Alberta.



FIRST ANNUAL WESTEND SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE TOURNAMENT



On Friday August 17th, the first annual Westend Seniors Tournament was held in Edmonton. There were 8 registered teams who competed in a double knockout format. It was a well run event and everyone had a great time. We all stayed to watch the medal rounds and were really given our money's worth. Gold, Silver & Bronze prizes were awarded by Steve the Centre manager for the top 3 winning teams. First place received a one year membership to the Centre, winners were: John Bass and Trevor Cook; Second place received a free lunch at the Centre, winners were; Marg Ouimet & Linda Dane; Third place received a free lunch as well, winners were Gord & Denise Griffin.

Photos & article supplied by Linda Dane, PCO Ambassador Alberta.

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ALL INDIA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION (AIPA) 1ST NATIONAL

NATIONAL SEMINAR (TOURNAMENT) MUMBAI, INDIA - 12 STATES PARTICIPATED



Mumbai, India

Pickleball is spreading its wings across India. This most recent Tournament/Seminar involved Representatives from 12 different states and was very well run.

This was a test run, so to speak and it was a huge success. We

can see more of these meetings taking place and eventually build up to an INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (unknown location at this time) www.aipa.in

The tournament taught us much, it was very effective and well organized. We feel we could be ready for an International tournament within the next year or so commented Sunil Wala.

We invite dialog with teams from around the world so we might explore this great opportunity. Email: sunilwala@yahoo.com

PARKLAND PICKLEHEADS from SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA

In partnership with TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre, we are pleased to announce the start of Pickleball Indoors! Nobody is ready to see the fun end. Having close to 100 beginners through lessons during our first outdoor season, we are eager to continue with the indoor game at the great TLC facility.

This year Parkland Pickleheads found a home on unused tennis courts, generously offered *free of charge* by the City of Spruce

Grove! Not only that, the City then went ahead and assisted with a majority of the start up costs to give Pickleball a chance in our community. Did we ever make the most of it but without the amazing people at the City Hall and their continued support, we would not have been so successful. A big THANK YOU to all of them, including Mayor Houston who joined us on the courts June 4th. Info @ [Www.facebook.com/sprucegrovepickleball](https://www.facebook.com/sprucegrovepickleball)



PARKLAND PICKLEHEADS, SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA

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SEAFOOD DINNER - SK STYLE

MEADOW LAKE, SK TODAY'S SPECIAL AT PIERCE RESTAURANT (100 miles north of Battleford, SK.).



ALSO NEW PADDLE FROM SK

You know, I believe this lobster paddle just might get approved because of its solid wood construction. Its thinner, lighter design is also a selling feature BUT turning RED when it gets heated up could be a major distraction.

The paddle was brought back by Bev Butt after a visit to Portland Maine on the East Coast of U.S.A. Since Bev's hand is injured, you might just see her trying out this new paddle on the courts!

Just might work for indoor lobbing? What do you think?



TO SWITCH FROM OUTDOOR BALLS TO INDOOR BALLS, IN ONTARIO



Ontario pickleball moves to an indoor ball for indoor play and tournaments. For conformity of play and more important safety, the indoor JUGS ball is replacing the Dura Fast 40 for play in Ontario. Although the rules allow either an indoor or outdoor ball for tournament play, it is apparent future indoor tournaments will use an indoor ball.

I struggled with this decision as the co convener of the Ontario 55 Plus Summer Games. I admit I made the wrong decision for this tournament and chose the Dura ball. I based my decision on a survey conducted by the Pickleball Association of Ontario that indicated the majority of centres used the Dura ball. At the time, it seemed like the right choice. However, an eye injury at my own club quickly changed my mind. It was too late to change my decision on the senior games but it was not too late to ask clubs in my own region to switch. It has cost me six dozen Dura balls to get this done, but I will take them to Florida, that's right, I am exporting Pickleballs to the US, now. However, the cost is well worth it if I save one injury.

Tournament play drives Pickleball and I trust an indoor ball will be used by the conveners of all future major tournaments in Ontario and this will cause all clubs to switch. I asked the rules chair of the USAPA to consider recommending an indoor ball only for indoor tournaments but I received an explanation from Bill Booth, president of the USAPA, indicating that they did not wish to do this because indoor play can involve different court surfaces such as hockey rinks, so they want the option to stay in the rules.



enough for me but safety glasses are still recommended by most clubs. Article submitted by THE ROZ.

Safety is the major issue but as I have watched the game played with the JUGS ball, I notice a new game. A finesse game rather than a smash game. I think Joel Pritchard would be proud to see the game played the way he envisioned. "A game for all", including maybe even slow, old guys like me. Well, maybe not slow

PICKLEBALL AT PARADISE CANYON GOLF RESORT IN LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA



Although there are lots of outdoor Pickleball days remaining, many of our Pickleball contingent are starting to think about winter in southern climes. In October & November members will head to Palm Springs, Casa Grande, Phoenix and Puerto Vallarta. However, there are a few who are staying and their search is on for an indoor venue.

We have about 20 members with 14 to 16 playing on any given day. As our courts are located at the golf course, we do get occasional visitors. Players from Toronto, Florida & Calgary have enjoy our hospitality.

Visitors are always welcome. We play Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We usually also play Saturday mornings. Please drop by. Submitted by: Jim Wood, PCO Area Ambassador

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR FOLLOWING IFP RULES

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.)

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If you have questions, we'll try to answer them quickly.

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**RULES CORNER
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Did you know?

PLAYING INDOORS - SAFETY & BLEACHERS

Many of us play in community centres and school gyms where there are already lines painted for various sports. Most group have decided just to use the badminton lines, knowing they are not legal for tournament play but realizing to ask for more painted lines could result in a refusal to use the facility.

For safety, be aware of the back space available and ensure players do not cross behind courts until end of a rally, signifying their intention to do so and receiving a nod of approval from those playing.

When setting up for an indoor pickleball tournament with bleachers, an ON player wrote, "In taping lines, I had allowed 10 feet of back space for all 6 courts. I forgot that at times spectators can be considered to be in court play area. Why? Because until the ball bounces a second time, it is still in play. A hard smash to the baseline and competitive players may go back into the bleachers to retrieve a ball still in the air."

Spectators need to be aware of this and know they must stay seated during all rallies, not interfering with play or leaving bleachers.

Please send concerns/questions to bbutt@sasktel.net

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