



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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President's Message - Dave Shepherd



Pickleball - The fastest growing sport!

Last month I gave credit to those players and Ambassadors who have really done an outstanding job in promoting, introducing and growing the game across the country.

Here are some statistics which are based on reported numbers to the USAPA "places to play" and player estimates, however, the actual numbers are probably somewhat higher.

Growth of Pickleball in North America in the 3 years from Mar/10 to Mar/13:

- ***Pickleball Places to Play from 800 to 2000***
- ***Total Number of pickleball courts from 2000 to 6000***
- ***Estimated number of players from 60,000 to 105,000***

The growth in Canada has been the same. Two years ago we estimated 6000 players in Canada. Today there are a reported 6057 in BC and Alberta alone. The BC/Alberta stats. are from Ambassadors reports. Other Canadian Province statistics have been combined with some US States. When you add the other provinces and territories it would be fair to estimate the total number of players in Canada at a conservative 10,000.

The number of players outside North America is estimated to be 893. A recent article from USAPA stated that some US players have introduced pickleball to France, using the indoor and outdoor tennis courts at Lauzun Tennis Club in the Salle de Fetes. Pickleball Canada's newsletter has articles showing pickleball being played in some cities in Mexico.

IFP member organizations now include Pickleball Canada, USAPA, Pickleball Spain and All India Pickleball Association (AIPA).

Pickleball is truly growing fast not only in North America, it is growing fast internationally.

Pickleball News Coast to Coast

Nova Scotia 55+ Tournament a Success

For the complete story and results go to page 6

PICKLEBALL IS HIS PASSION

Submitted by Carol Doughty, Pickleball Canada Ambassador and Convenor of Whitby@ Brooklin and Kingsway Ladder League



What is pickleball all about? The tournaments? The medals? The game? To Russ French, Pickleball Ambassador for Oshawa and Pickleball Association of Ontario (PAO) Board Director for 2011-2012 and 2013+, "It is the people of pickleball who made it for me. The people are the strength of the game."

Russ started playing pickleball in January 2010 after being introduced to it by a fellow badminton player. Russ' badminton days were over right from his introductory exposure to pickleball at the Whitby @ Heydenshore Club.

Within those 3 years, Russ has rightfully earned one of three Port Perry Pickleball Club's "Award of Distinction" in appreciation for [his] hard work in promoting and enhancing the game of pickleball in the Durham Region. He was presented with the award at the club's annual barbeque.

Let me give you an idea of what Russ had done in the past 3 years besides playing the game, sometimes 6 days a week, and winning medals...

- Continuously promoting the game by telling anyone who will listen and handing out the PAO cards
- Started the "Let's go for coffee" times after club play to encourage the social aspect
- Served as Convenor for the 1st Pickleball Club at Legends in Oshawa from 2010-2011

- Worked with the Town of Oshawa and Oshawa Seniors' Centre to obtain 2 outdoor pickleball centres in Oshawa: Stone Park by Lake Ontario and Alexandra Park in central Oshawa
- Served as a PAO Board Director in its inaugural year and assisted with the writing of the Bylaws and incorporation of the association, plus initiated the Places to Play link on the PAO website
- Assisted in the 2012 PAO tournament
- Introduced the 70+ Age Category into the Durham District 13 games and into the PAO tournaments;
- Joined with other Board Directors and Durham Region players to present Workshops for Intermediate Players and Introduction to Pickleball Clinics throughout southern Ontario
- Set an example of what-to-wear for pickleball by arriving in matching tops, (*continued on next page...*)

shorts, socks, shoes, and shoelaces

Russ's pickleball goals for the overall sport are to have the 70+ Age Category in the 55+ Ontario and 55+ Canada Games, to have all pickleball players feel like they are part of the Pickleball Family, and to see all those empty tennis courts throughout Ontario turned into permanent designated pickleball courts. His dreams for the Durham Region are to have designated pickleball outdoor courts in North Oshawa and to have all the Durham Region Convenors work as a team to offer the best pickleball experience for everyone.

Russ, and his wife, Melissa who helped out at all the tournaments and is a pickleball player as well, are leaving Durham Region and moving to Windsor in September 2013.

It is the Durham Pickleball Family's loss; Windsor's gain.

Dianne Trades Shots with Barrie Players



In July, Dianne Tucker, from Kelowna, BC, visited her friend, Sharon Rieve, formerly from Kelowna, in Barrie, Ontario. Luck or would that be the Pickleball Canada website, connected Dianne with Barrie pickleball players. In fact, Dianne found out that pickleball was played in 2 different venues in Barrie. Dianne was directed to the East Bayfield Recreational Centre which was close to Sharon's house. Dianne had a lot of fun with these new players and enjoyed their great facility. The Barrie players informed Dianne that they had recently formed a pickleball group and although their numbers were low their enthusiasm was enormous. Thank you to Barrie Pickleball Players for welcoming a fellow pickleball player from western Canada!

Submitted by Dianne Tucker

PORT PERRY HONOURS 3 MEMBERS

The Port Perry Pickleball Club in Ontario recently honoured 3 of its members with an "Award of Distinction" in appreciation of his/her hard work in promoting and enhancing the game of pickleball in the Durham Region (Whitby, Oshawa, Port Perry, and Courtice).

Here are the 3 award winners for 2013 and a few highlights of their contributions to pickleball:

Enci Dhansooningh

- Instrumental in lobbying local government on behalf of Pickleball players
- Sourced a government grant for Port Perry Pickleball to purchase loaner and demo paddles for club play
- Active liaison with the Scugog Seniors Advisory Committee on behalf of Pickleball



Enci Dhansooningh
Wayne Roswell

Wayne Roswell

- Former Board member of Pickleball Canada
- Founding member and driving force behind Pickleball Association of Ontario
- Instrumental in bringing pickleball to the Durham Region
- Convenor of Pickleball for the 2010 55+ Games and the Ontario 55+ Games in 2012



Russ French

- Served on the inaugural Pickleball Association of Ontario Board in 2011 and is on it again for 2013
- Participated in many Introduction to Pickleball Clinics throughout Ontario
- 2 Skills' Workshops for Intermediate Players in Durham
- Worked with the Town of Oshawa to obtain 2 outdoor pickleball venues
- Introduced the 70+ Age Category into the Durham 55+ Games and in the PAO tournaments

There are many other contributions these individuals have made; as you can see they are well deserving of the "Award of Distinction". *Submitted by Carol Doughty, Pickleball Canada Ambassador*

**Carol Martens-Clappison,
new Pickleball Canada
Provincial Ambassador
for Saskatchewan**

Carol looks forward to promoting this wonderful sport. She is retired from her first real job in the Regina Health District. Since her retirement she has taken on a two new passions, - breeding Golden retrievers and playing pickleball. Both keep her in good physical condition. She has two



children and two grandchildren all of whom play pickleball. Carol likes the fact that three generations are able to play and enjoy this great sport together. Her goal as ambassador is to make pickleball more known in Saskatchewan, to help new players learn the sport and to hold tournaments. Carol knows she has big shoes to fill but with the help of her fellow pickleball players she can make it happen.

Welcome Carol!!



**Gull Lake
Centennial**

This past August long weekend, my husband Ross and I were invited to visit good friends, Corrine and Dave Sawyer in Gull Lake, AB. We had met in Arizona playing pickleball. Their quaint, little

lakeside village was celebrating 100 years and the Sawyers were instrumental in having a pickleball court built and lines painted on the village tennis courts in time for the festivities. Prior to the Centennial celebrations, the Sawyers had hosted approx. 30 people from the area, set up a portable net and demoed the game of pickleball. By the time the night was over they had over \$2000 in paddles ordered, which arrived prior to the Village Centennial. We came out to help them teach pickleball during the festivities. It was amazing to see eager people who had never played before, coming to the courts with a shiny,

new paddle in their hand. We taught all ages, including youth, Mom & Dads, and Grandparents. Now when weekenders from Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer amass for a

break from the city to Gull Lake, they will have one more awesome activity to play.

Submitted by Lana Nunweiler, Pickleball Kelowna (Editor's note: Nunweiler Flour Products are awesome!)

Did you know ?

The island of Haida Gwaii is closer to Juneau, Alaska than it is to Vancouver, BC? No wonder it was a monumental task for George Farrell and Fran Fowler to travel to and compete in the BC Senior Summer Games in Kamloops, BC this summer.

George and Fran live 60 km off the coast of northwest BC in Queen Charlotte City. They learned about pickleball from watching You-Tube about 5 months ago. Fran was attracted to pickleball by the level of exercise ("more active than table tennis") and George explained that he was "too old for basketball." They play in the Queen Charlotte City high school gym, twice a week, during the school year and then outdoors on courts they built July-August. Up for a challenge, they decided to enter the 2013 BC



Senior Summer Games. George and Fran had never played competitively and were not sure how to rate their skill level, a new requirement for the BC Senior Summer Games. They were eager to play in as many categories as possible including singles, which required a 3.75 rating. After all, they were travelling a long way at great expense and wanted to learn as

much as possible. George and Fran learned a lot at the Games from "really nice people" including a better understanding of how to self-rate and that they "weren't rated properly". Back at home, George and Fran are confident that pickleball on Haida Gwaii will grow and they will return to participate in the Langley, BC Senior Summer Games 2014, possibly with a few more recruits from Haida Gwaii.

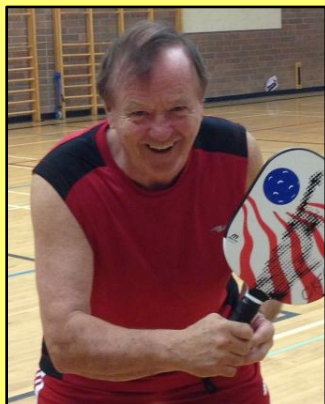
Interview and article submitted by Grant Brittain, Pickleball International, while at the BC Senior Games 2013

Canadian Wins Silver at Slamma Jamma in Washington

Congratulations to Mike Carter, who lives in Oliver, BC on his silver medal win in the 70+ Mixed Doubles with Carolyn Fletcher in the Slamma Jamma, Spokane Regional Tournament, Sept. 21-22, 2013. Mike competed with 82 players from the US and Canada in a round robin match.

Frank H. Street, USAP Ambassador for Spokane Valley, sent Pickleball Canada a note thanking the "3 brave Canadian pickleball players who joined us here in Spokane. My dream is to have a large contingency from our Canadian friends and neighbors at next year's Slamma Jamma. Mark your calendars next fall please as a stop on your way south for the winter."

The USAP Ambassador for Spokane Valley would like to thank Mike Carter and Carol for all their hard work in making the Slamma Jamma Tournament a success. Mike sang the National Anthems for Canada and the USA, and his beautiful voice was well received by all.



55 Plus Games in Nova Scotia

Sept. 20th was a great day for pickleball in Nova Scotia! We were thrilled to have been in the 55 Plus Games held on Sept. 19th-21st in Truro, NS.

For the first time ever, pickleball was included in the Games with 26 participants. It was fantastic! A huge thanks to the Nova Scotia 55 Plus Games' Committee for allowing pickleball as an event in the Games. The teams included 6 Men's Doubles, 6 Ladies' Doubles, and 12 Mixed Doubles. In the men's and ladies' Divisions we had 2 sections of round robin with a crossover in each section. Each team played a minimum of 4

games and a maximum of 5 or 6 games for the medals. In the mixed division we had 4 sections of round robin play with 2 crossovers, each team played a minimum of 5 games with the top teams playing a 6th game. Some of the players actually played 12 matches in one day. Winners are now eligible to participate in the Canada Senior Games in Sherwood Park, Ab 2014. Here are some of the pictures of the medal winners, although without a doubt all players are winners for participating.

Submitted by Patsy Simon, Provincial Ambassador

Women's Doubles 55+

Gold



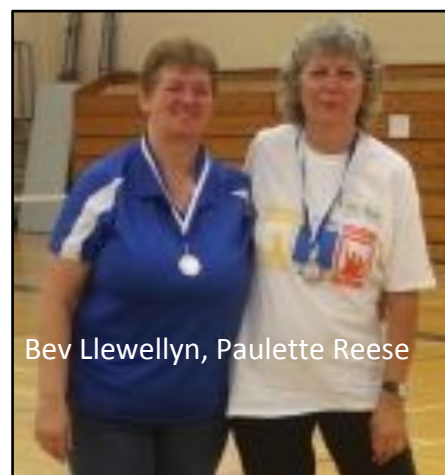
Connie Walker, Anne McKinnon

Silver



Patsy Simon, Yvette Rossignol

Bronze



Bev Llewellyn, Paulette Reese

Men's Doubles 55+

Gold



Evert Van't Hof, Yves Rossignol

Silver



Frank Rossiter, Greg Walker

Bronze



Wayne Uhlman, Rick Abbot

Mixed 55+

Gold



Greg Walker, Connie Walker

Silver



Frank Rossiter, Anne Mc Kinnon

Bronze



Steve Simon, Patsy Simon

Women's 65+

Gold

Kathy Mullane

Ginny Conrad

(Picture not available)

Men's 65+

Gold



Jerome Tanner, Greg Crouse

Mixed 65+

Gold



Kathy Mullane, Wendell Wambolt

Silver



Elizabeth Tanner, Gerome Tanner

Bronze

Shirley Sorsdahl

Rodger Sorsdahl

(Picture not available)

Out Door Tournament in Vernon

The newly formed Vernon Pickleball Club (VPC) held their first Open Invitational Tournament, Saturday, Sept 14th at Paddlewheel Park, Vernon, B.C. A total of 72 players showed off their skills on a hot, beautiful Okanagan day. Many players came from out of town (Surrey, Abbotsford, Penticton, Kamloops, Kelowna, etc...). The courts were lined with spectators many of whom had never witnessed the game of Pickleball. Vernon Pickleball Club members are already planning a repeat of this year's success.

VPC would like to thank Royal Volkswagen of Vernon for the use of their event tent.



The Results

Level 3.0

1. Jack Carriou, Vernon
2. Jackie Stakkestad, Vernon
3. Portia Dove, Kelowna
4. Pat Andrews, Vernon

Level 3.5 A

1. Darrell Sherrin, Kelowna
2. Rob McDougal, Vernon
3. Helga Hepditch, Kelowna
4. Hans Skudelny, Kelowna

Level 3.5 B

1. Tim Mah, Kamloops
2. Greg Thompson, Vernon
3. Bill Reid, Vernon
4. Carol Anderson, Vernon

Level 3.5 C

1. Andy Bokogorge, Kamloops

2. Hugh Gordon, Kelowna
3. Dave Schatz, Summerland
4. Graeme Neil, Kelowna

Level 3.5 D

1. Manfred Wolf, Vernon
2. Jim Lissa, W. Kelowna
3. Michael Raulin, Kelowna
4. Susan Black, Kamloops

Level 4.0 A Pool

1. Matt Stodola, Kamloops
2. David Clark, Surrey
3. June Lohner, Kelowna
4. Jill Jackson, Kelowna

Level 4.0 B

1. Bryan Jackson, Kelowna
2. Eric Tyler, Kelowna
3. Wally Herrmann, Vernon

4. Ross Priebe, Surrey

Level 4.0 C

1. Louis Lalonde, W. Kelowna
2. Ray Timbers, Kelowna
3. Chuck Barton, Peachland
4. Gilbert Guenette, Kelowna

Level 4.5

1. Michael Epp, Vernon
2. Jim Saunders, W. Kelowna
3. Grant Britton, Surrey
4. Doug Dimery, Kelowna

Overall Winners

1. Manfred Wolf, Vernon 92 points (a perfect score)
 2. Bryan Jackson/Louis Lalonde, Kelowna 90 points
 3. Michael Epp, Vernon 87 points
- Top Female--June Lohner, Kelowna

Sea Tac Fall Open Doubles Skill Tournament

Congratulations to the Canadian Medalists who travelled to Sea Tac, Washington, September 14-15, 2013:

Marco Jankowiak (Langley BC) Men's Doubles 4.0 Gold & Mixed Doubles 4.0 Gold

Andrew McKimmon (Abbotsford BC) Mixed Doubles 4.0 Gold

Magdalene Choy (Richmond BC) Women's Doubles 3.5 Gold & Mixed Doubles 4.0 Bronze

Laura Schwarz (Kelowna BC) Women's Doubles 4.5 Gold & Mixed Doubles 4.5 Silver

Sue Fosbery (Kelowna BC) Women's Doubles 4.5 Gold

Mike Schwarz (Kelowna BC) Mixed Doubles 4.5 Silver

Geof Kramer (Delta BC) Mixed Doubles 4.0 Bronze

Sharon Kraemer (Delta BC) Women's Doubles 3.5 Gold

Dennis Forbes Memorial Invitational Tournament Ogden, Utah

39 of the best pickleball players in the USA and Canada, 25 men and 14 women, were invited by the

Ogden Pickleball Association to play for \$18,000 in prize money, July 18-20. This was the first big money tournament in USAPA history.

We are proud to say that Luba Zhekhovskaya from Surrey, BC was a participant. The top money winner was Gigi LeMaster (\$3000) with 1st place in both Women's and Mixed Doubles. Alex Hammer went away with \$2000 by taking 2nd place in Women's and Mixed Doubles.

Wow women rule! This event was a test run and was so successful that plans are being made for 2014 and possibly opening up to 4.5 & 5.0 skill levels.

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The International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) was organized to perpetuate the growth and advancement of Pickleball throughout the world. The member organizations representing their respective countries have agreed to conduct the business of the IFP in conformance to the Constitution and Bylaws of the IFP. Member organizations also support the International Rules of Pickleball. The IFP Member Countries are Canada, India, Spain and USA. Did you know that the IFP Rules are now available in Spanish? Visit <http://ipickleball.org/>

Upcoming Tournaments



October 11 Durham Region, Ontario,

Honor Your Partner Mixed Doubles Open Tournament
Accepting registrations until Sat. Sept 29, from any mixed teams.
Openings still available in ages 50-59, 65-69 and 70+ events-
contact Carol Doughty caroldoughty@yahoo.com



USAPA Nationals V Nov 11 - 17, 2013

Mailing address: USA Pickleball Association, P.O., Box 7354, Surprise, AZ 85374. For full information visit www.nationals.usapa.org
Registration deadline: Oct. 12, 2013 (11:59pm EDT)
Event Fees: Open Division, Young Adult Division and Senior Division
\$10. per event entered.
Junior Division \$5.00 per event entered



India National Tournament December 2013

Pickleball is alive and well in India...the game is gaining a much wider acceptance and in December 2013 a first ever National Tournament will be held. It is expected that players from 12 States of India will attend. It would add glory and sanctity to our event if we had guests from Canada and also give a great boost to the international movement of pickleball. For further information please contact: Sunil Valavalkar, Founder General Secretary, All India Pickleball Association.

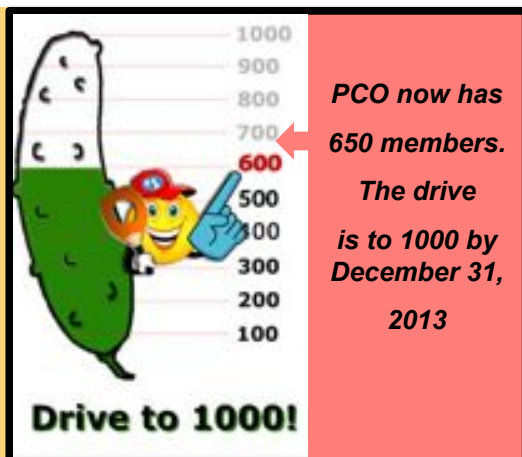
Any player or group who would like to have their tournament advertised, please send request to: Denise at de.griffin@sasktel.net

Hello All Pickleball Players...



my wife and I would like to introduce ourselves and our company, BLASTT (Beyond Limits Active Senior Tours & Travel, LLC), a tour and travel company specializing in taking participants to Senior Games competitions all over the U.S. We are now considering adding the 2014 BC Seniors Games hosted jointly by the City of Langley and the Township of Langley, September 9 - 13, 2014 to the schedule as well! We provide a one-stop solution including travel assistance, airport transfers, luxury accommodations, transportation service to and from Senior Game events, social hospitality and local site-seeing excursions. Because

many of the Senior Games include sanctioned events, we are reaching out to players who might be interested in participating in 2014. As an incentive we will offer a 10% discount on all tour packages for USAPA and Pickleball Canada Organization members. To see our 2014 schedule visit our webpage, www.blasttoff.com. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more you can reach us via the contact information below: Sincerely, Doug & Marianne Hamilton, Co-pilots, Beyond Limits Active Senior Tours and Travel, LLC 1-855-252-2788(toll free) 1-408-395-2800(office) 1-408-205-9641(cell) www.blasttoff.com



Membership in a National Organization - What's In It For Me?.....

How many times do you hear this comment when membership in Pickleball Canada Organization is promoted? How do you respond? Initially, I personally had to think about it. What do I gain by being a member? I realized I had become pretty complacent about the availability of the sport, rules of the game, the facilities, and the opportunities to compete. I just expected it all to happen and be there for me whenever and wherever I wanted. I had forgotten how dedicated Area Ambassadors, Directors, Board Members and all the unrecognized players in many small communities across Canada volunteer behind the scenes to make pickleball possible for me. I had forgotten how easy it was for me to access pickleball on line during my travels and how

many new pickleball venues have sprung up in the past year. I had forgotten that all major and minor sports in Canada have governing bodies that support their players and keep their sport legitimate and true.

I would love to hear what you think or how you respond to, "What's In It for Me?"
Submitted by Editor

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New/re-new membership rates are:

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Three years \$32.00

Five years \$50.00

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

Thompson Okanagan Signs Up For 2nd Affiliated PCO Club Membership

Mike Carter lives in Oliver, BC but he can be found in several Okanagan communities promoting and playing pickleball, from Kelowna, Penticton, OK Falls, Gallagher Lake, Oliver, and south to Osoyoos. He partnered with the OK Falls Parks and Recreation to form a new group of players this past year. Word spread in the Okanagan and Mike has pulled together 37 enthusiastic players to form the Thompson Okanagan Pickleball Group and sent in Club Membership dues to



Pickleball Canada Organization. Mike has also applied for Ambassador status. Thank you Thompson Okanagan Pickleball Group for supporting Pickleball Canada, your National Governing body.

Submitted by Shirley Shepherd





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from your PCO RULES GURU



Here are some common occurrences on the courts, and how they are covered under the rules.

12.A. Carry and Double Hits. Balls can unintentionally be hit twice or "carried", but this must be during a continuous, single-direction stroke. If the stroke is not continuous, not single-direction, or if it is a definite second push, the hit is illegal. (revised April 1, 2011)

12.B. Switching Hands. A paddle may be switched from hand to hand at any time. Two-handed shots are also legal.

12.D. Broken or Cracked Ball. Play continues until the end of the rally. If, in the judgment of the referee, a broken or cracked ball affected the outcome of the rally, the referee shall call for a replay.

Comment from the Rules Guru regarding 12.B

A player may only use one paddle during play.

Know the rules and be a better player!

IFP Rules. <http://ipickleball.org/rules/pbrules-ifp.pdf>