



Pickleball Canada

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President's Message - Shirley Shepherd

President's message Oct/2014

During the last two years, dozens of new paddles have been tested for IFP Paddle Material Specifications and many new pickleball paddle manufacturers were added to the list of paddle manufacturers on USAPA website. The older manufacturers are Pickleball Inc., Pro-Lite Sports, Pickleball Central, Pickleball Now, Onix Sports, etc. Some of the new paddle manufacturers are Courtside Sports, E-TAP Tech, Harrow Sports, HighWin, Laser Sport Products, Manta World Sport, PaddleBoardZ, Pickleball Depot, Pickle-ball Peddler, Pickleball New England, Pickleball Nut, PickleballPaddlesPlus, Pickleball Partner, PicklePaddle, PicklePaulPro, Pickle Pro LLC, Redtail Pickleball, Selkirk Sport, Spike's Paddles (ZZT Sports), Sun City Pickleball, Paddles (SCPbP), Uniker Sport Co., Viking Sports, LLC, Whippersnapper, Wilson, Wolfe Products, Inc. Most of the paddle manufacturers are in the USA. Some paddle manufacturers in Canada include Manta Sports, Singleton and Dot Pickleball. When purchasing a new paddle, please check USAPA's website http://ipickleball.org/rules/IFP_Paddle_Test_Results.pdf for test results of paddles that meet IFP Paddle Material Specifications.

Pickleball Canada is very pleased that there are so many new pickleball clubs/groups/associations popping up across Canada. Most groups are casually formed with drop-in pickleball programs in schools, YMCA/YWCA, recreation and community centres. Some larger clubs and associations are formally formed with officials, leagues, instructors and tournaments. Many clubs and associations have joined PCO's Club Memberships and became PCO's Affiliated Clubs. Below are some new pickleball clubs/groups in Canada:

BC - Cedar Heights Pickleball Club, Blind Bay, B.C.

Fraser Valley Pickleball, Fraser Valley, B.C.

Kamloops Pickleball Club, Kamloops, B.C.

Oceanside Pickleball Club, Parksville, B.C.

Salmon Arm Pickleball Club, Salmon Arm, BC

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Any pickleball news in your community? We want to hear from you.

Send it in to:

gwgriffin@shaw.ca or de.griffin@sasktel.net



Salt Spring Island Pickleball Club, Salt Spring Island, B.C.
Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association, Sunshine Coast, B.C.
Vancouver Island Pickleball Association, Vancouver Island, B.C.
Vernon Pickleball Club, Vernon, B.C.
Victoria Pickleball Club, Victoria, B.C.

AB - Calgary Pickleball Club, Calgary, AB
CLSA (Central Lions Seniors Association), Edmonton, AB
Parkland Picklehead, Spruce Grove, AB
Pickleball Lethbridge Club, Lethbridge, AB
Red Deer Pickleball Club, Red Deer, AB

SK - Pickleball Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan

ON - Collingwood Pickleball Club, Collingwood, Ontario
London Pickleball Club, London, ON
Kitchener-Waterloo Pickleball Club, Kitchener, ON

NB - Bathurst NB Pickleball Club, Bathurst, NB

NS - East Dartmouth Pickleball Club, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Michelin Social and Athletic Club, Bridgewater, NS

QC - Pickleball Quebec Association, Quebec

PCO's New Ambassador Committee Chair

August, 2014, the Board of PCO elected Jim Wood as a new Director and Pickleball Canada's Ambassador Committee Chair. Jim has been an Area Ambassador for Lethbridge, Alberta for 2 years. He is the President of the Lethbridge Pickleball Club which is PCO's 14th Affiliated Club. We look forward to working with Jim as he works with provincial Ambassadors to promote the growth of pickleball in Canada. Welcome aboard Jim! If members have any questions for Jim please contact him jimwood@shaw.ca



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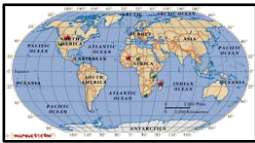
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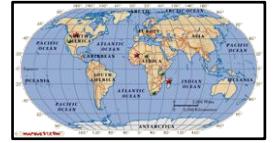
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Pickleball Around the World



Pickleball Club Oxfordshire, UK



History of Club

The game was first introduced to the area in 2011, by Maureen and Ian Wilson, who fell in love with the game in 2009 while visiting 'The Villages', Florida, USA. They approached 'Go

Active', part of Oxfordshire Sports Partnership, in conjunction with Cherwell District Council, to get involved. 'Go Active' were instrumental in getting the club started, without their assistance and support we would not be where we are today.

The main group venue, meets every Friday from 19.30 to 21.00 at Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre, Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 2NU.

Members of the group play at White Horse Leisure Centre, Abingdon, where they play Tuesdays 14.00 to 15.00 and Wednesday from 08.30 to 09.30. Members also play at Witney Leisure Centre, when time and space allows.

Pickleball across Continents, A Nova Scotian introduces Pickleball to a South American

Here we are playing pickleball at the Canada Games Centre in Halifax, NS. where Steve Simon

teaches pickleball to beginner and intermediate players four times a week. This month we had a new player named Pedro (in the green shirt) who was visiting all the way from Peru. Pedro picked up the game very quickly and was hooked immediately. He has left Nova Scotia and heading back to South America where he is planning to introduce pickleball to his Jockey and Regata clubs in his home town of Lima. *Submitted by Patsy Simon*





Top PCO Tournament Point Earners 2013

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



This month Pickleball Canada Organization would like to showcase David Ulrich, from Whiterock BC, who has earned 1600 tournament points in 2013.



I was born in Ottawa, Illinois and raised on the corn field prairies of Illinois; went to the Universities of Illinois and California studying public health; and moved to Ottawa, Ontario in 1971 - as part of my protest against the Vietnam war. I worked for Health and Welfare Canada for 20 years in roles such as Education Consultant for the National Family Planning & Birth Control Program and Director of the Canada Pension Plan Disability Program - and then went on to a career as a management consultant doing work in a variety of industries from gold mining through telecommunications and international migration to electronic medical records. I am currently deciding whether I am retired or unemployed.

The first I heard of Pickleball was at the White Rock Tennis Club when I heard a couple members saying that as it was going to rain the next day they would go play "p&@ck):!?". I thought they had just mispronounced some word. Then some days later I heard them say the same thing and asked what they were saying? This led to the usual description that we have all given many times. I was intrigued and signed up for the Luba and Denis course at South Surrey and have been addicted ever since - about 4 years.

I have always been a keen competitive games player with my main sport being basketball followed by tennis - interspersed with some soccer and track & field. I have also been a weight lifter for almost 40 years. When I moved to England for a few years in 2003, I stopped playing basketball, as no one played, and focused on tennis. As much as I enjoyed tennis I was mediocre at best. When I started with Pickleball I thought the game had been invented for me given the advantages of quickness, fast hands, and size. Me and my partner, Anne McCallum, have won the mixed doubles national championships 2 years in a row - and we will go for number three next year. I usually play at South Surrey but also go to Guildford and outdoors at Birch Bay Village on the US side of the border.

Over the last few years I have also gotten keen on Track & Field again and am a member of a BC Lower Mainland Masters Club called the Greyhounds. I compete in all the throwing events and am the current BC champion in Javelin and discus and am rated near the top in shot put, high jump, long jump, and pentathlon. If you have an interest in track and field check out the Greyhound web site as we are always looking for more members. Our coaching staff is excellent and members compete very successfully around the world.

I am married with three children. My wife is a very keen gardener and keeps me busy cutting, edging and mowing. *Submitted by David Ulrich*

Upcoming Tournaments

Pacific Pickleball Palooza

Brought to you by Fraser Valley Pickleball



Where: Pacific Academy, Surrey, BC V4N 1Z4

Sat 11/22/14 thru Sun 11/23/14

Current IFP rules apply. PCO Sanctioned (Tier 3)

Welcome Picklers!

Fraser Valley Pickleball hopes you register for the Pacific Pickleball Palooza tournament held on Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23 at Pacific Academy in Surrey, BC.

Event brackets will be:

Women's Doubles 3.0, Women's Doubles 3.5, Women's Doubles 4.0 and up

Men's Doubles 3.0, Men's Doubles 3.5, Men's Doubles 4.0, Men's Doubles 4.5 and up

Mixed Doubles 3.0, Mixed Doubles 3.5, Mixed Doubles 4.0, Mixed Doubles 4.5 and up

If you do not have a partner for an event, yet you would like to play, register and you may find someone through our partner search option.

Due to time constraints, space for teams that can enter is limited. Therefore, please register early to secure yourself a spot.

Please click on the tournament's "Rules/Format of Play" section for more information about round robin play and player ratings.

You may only register for one event per day (a maximum of two events).

Medals and Pickleball Canada Tournament points will be awarded to the top three teams.

Registration Fee: \$30

Pickleball Canada members will receive a \$5 discount off the registration fee. Please make sure you enter your membership number in your personal profile when registering to receive the discount. Leave it blank if you are not a member.

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



Pickleball at the BC Senior Games

September 14, 2014

BC Senior Games 2014 – Langley

This year was the 27th year for the BC Senior Games. Pickleball was first introduced to these Games in 2009 at the Richmond Games, which had 42 pickleball participants. Last year in 2013 there were 147 participants in Kamloops and in this year's Games in Langley there were 225 registered participants. This sport obviously continues to grow each year.

Pickleball competition was held at the Walnut Grove Community Centre with 24 different events played over 4 days on the venue's six courts. Close to 540 games were played and 132 medals were awarded. Four of the events were in Singles competition and the remainder Doubles. Competition levels began at 2.75 and advanced up to the 4.5+ skill level.

All results can be viewed at <http://www.bcgames.net/results/default.aspx> - - once at the link, on the "Sport" drop down, click Pickleball, all the results may then be viewed.



There were over 35 volunteers who assisted with a variety of roles for the successful completion of these Games.

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ScoreKeeper/Line Callers were used for each of the 540 games. The Marshaling and Runners kept the courts filled and the Computer-Data Input and ScoreTable allowed for double checking of all results. With this many games; scoresheets were organized at the ScoreSheetTable to assist with Marshaling assignments. Approximately 210 hours of court-time was needed to complete this tournament.

For a number of participants this was their first ever Pickleball tournament. I trust it was a memorable experience for most and a



heartfelt thank-you to all participants and volunteers who made this event a success. Next year the Games will be held in North Vancouver under a new name "the 55+ BC Games" and a new logo will also be unveiled soon on their new website.

Ross Priebe, Sport Chair: Pickleball, BC Senior Games 2014 Langley

For months I've been wife to Ross Priebe, Sport Chair for the annual Pickleball tournament at the BC Senior Games. When I first learned of this assignment I wanted to throttle him.

During his hunt for volunteers I successfully avoided the title of Official Photographer, the job of Scorekeeper and the commitment to sit for hours at the score table but I had to keep dodging my Sport Chair husband.

After thirty-five years of marriage I've learned an efficient communication technique: NO!

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Several weeks ago Ross, Sport Chair, asked me to give him some time and go over matching a list of names with events that people were in. My intended ten minutes turned into much longer. I discovered that Ross was squeezing in a little more activity than expected as his name popped up on the Pickleball Singles Event as well.

It's probably a good thing none of you were in our house for the next couple hours to hear our conversation.

On game week Ross and I arrived at the gym at 7 am and immediately went on duty paper shuffling and getting ready for the day. During the week he also became part time Marshal, player, Score Keeper, Score Tracker, consultant with the Registrar, question fielder and stress manager.

As an official Runner I put on the designated red vest for needed authority and collected teams by traveling the gym isle of spectators with a hand-held white board with four names on it calling out, hoping I was pronouncing them correctly.

Some players were hauled out of bathrooms, found wandering in other parts of the recreation centre or absorbed in watching a game and did not hear their own names called. Finally, they were hustled into the on-deck area and eventually onto a court to play. As Runner, I also had to get the score sheet back to the score table and new teams out on the courts while dodging pickleballs and trying to avoid annoying other players.

One day I decided to keep my body loose in preparation for my upcoming games, so I sprinted up the one flight of stairs to deliver the second part of the score sheet process to where the numbers were crunched and entered into the computer. So up I sprinted, time after time. The next day my newly diagnosed arthritic knee let me know I wasn't to do that ever again.

When I wasn't on duty as Runner I still wore my green volunteer tee-shirt and became a point person to do this and that. I came across a variety of needed tasks...fetching toilet paper for the ladies' bathroom and wiping up water off the gym floor - but when my foot stuck to it I recognized a juice spill. I even became a self-appointed pencil sharpener for the scorekeepers.

I also listened, watched and noticed things and then whispered in Ross's ear to speak to a certain person, go put out a 'fire' or to go eat some food. I also let him know that by wearing so many hats, he needed to 'cool his jets' before he wore out his team of volunteers.

Ross also played Men's Doubles, picking up a gold medal and then topped off his stress load with several games of Singles play, ending with a silver medal.

In my Pickleball games I experienced a crushing disappointment of a loss one day but some big wins the next day, earning a silver medal.

The frenzy is over now and I have a bunch of warm fuzzy feelings and snippets of conversations repeating in my head. There were many compliments for organization and great team-work among the several dozen volunteers. Also noted are critiques for improvements for next year's 55+ BC Games.

I smile knowing for me there isn't a next time because I met the man who will be in charge next year in North Vancouver and his name isn't Ross.

Submitted by Valerie Priebe

Pickleball News Coast to Coast

And Here's The Rest of the Story.....Part II Pickleball Persistence Pays Off!

Well Marge Lindsay has done it. In our August 2013 issue we brought you a story from LaSalle, Ontario about a surprise birthday party, a former mayor Vince Marcotte and a determined pickleball Ambassador who wanted to bring pickleball to her community. We are pleased to bring you Part II, submitted by Marge.



The pickleball courts are up and running!!! The town of Lasalle, Ontario is officially embracing its' new- found pickleball culture and has opened the first set of outdoor courts in Vince Marcotte Park thanks to Marge and Bob Lindsay and Doreen and Terry Liles. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the courts was

held July 17, 2014 with special appearances made by Terry Fink, Recreation Director and Lasalle Mayor Ken Antaya.

Ken Antaya said he had never heard of the sport until it was brought up in Council to have the basketball courts modified for pickleball. The Mayor also stated that "this project shows we're a growing community and that it's not only a good place to raise your kids, but it's a good place to retire. These courts are a very good addition to our Town of Lasalle." He went on to say "that it was his first time actually seeing the sport played and now would like to know more about it".

The pickleball courts look great and represent the transformations continually taking place in the Town of Lasalle. The process of getting this outdoor venue did not happen overnight but it was worth the wait! In this case perseverance paid offit just took a bit of extra time and effort.

Submitted by Marge Lindsay, Ontario Ambassador

Teacher Candidates Introduced to Pickle Ball at Nipissing University

by Dr. Barb Olmsted

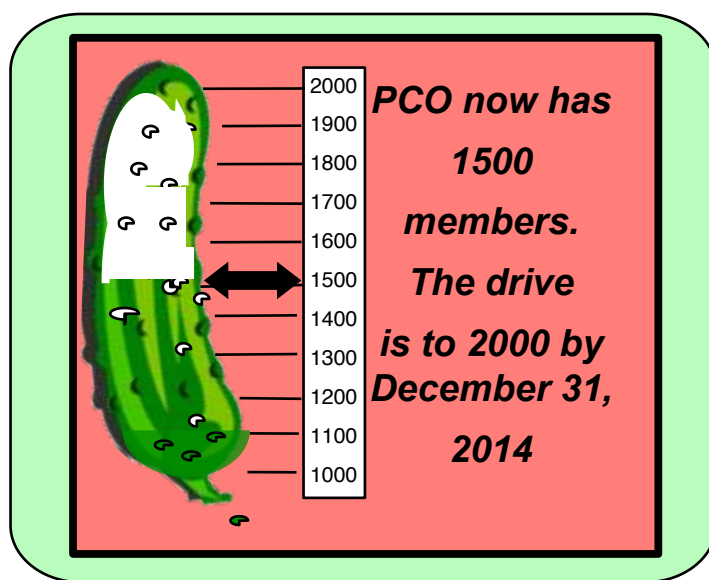


Teacher candidates in the Bachelor of Education program at Nipissing University's Schulich School of Education recently participated in a pickle ball workshop lead by five North Bay club members and Pickleball Ambassador Tom Cook. The workshop was part of a week-long series of events

as part of Professional Week, an opportunity (continued on next page)

(continued from previous page) for the candidates to explore additional professional development opportunities not offered during their regular course work. The candidates were introduced to the basics of pickle ball through demonstrations and skill development drills. They also had ample opportunity to apply their new skills to both the doubles and singles games. Participants were able to recognize the tremendous benefits in teaching the game at both elementary and secondary school levels. Judging by the smiles all enjoyed the experience! Thanks to our local club members for volunteering their time to promote the sport in the North Bay area.

Doctor Olmsted a former student of Tom's also taught 6 hours of Pickle Ball as part of a combined practical course to thirty Physical Education students earlier this year.



Club Membership Announcement

PCO welcomes another Club Membership from the Vernon Pickleball Club, Vernon, BC. This Affiliated Club, in the sunny Okanagan has 100 members.

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