

PICKLEBALL CANADA

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Le sport qui affiche la croissance la plus rapide
en Amérique du Nord*



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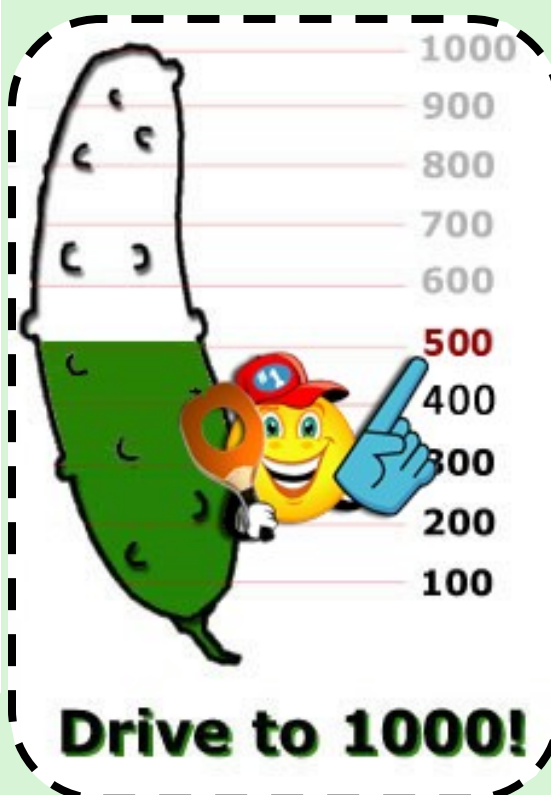
Points of Interest

- ▶ Pickleball Canada passes the 500 member mark in August.
- ▶ The Importance of Sanctioning. It's in your club's best interest.
- ▶ Calgary super successful Pickleball Tournament during Stampede week with many U.S. players.
- ▶ Ontario 55+ Summer Games, two of the 65+ Mixed winners.
- ▶ Message by President Dave Shepherd about changes.
- ▶ St. Joe Island, Ontario has new court and local support.
- ▶ Vancouver North Shore has a growing club with more than 100 active members.
- ▶ 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 CANADA MEMBERSHIP GROWTH 500 PLUS



We are certainly in a growth mode and for good reason too. Membership does have its privileges. Sure a discount at sanctioned tournaments is a direct dollar benefit to all members but look at what YOU are doing for Pickleball in Canada.

New clubs are starting up all over Canada, from Vancouver Island to Alberta highland, across the Prairies the Lakes to Ontario Sound - no that is the song about our country isn't it? Well maybe it is but we are experiencing growth across our

amazing country. If you are not a member now, hopefully we can convince you to join soon. The bigger we get, the better for our sport. Schools, towns and cities will open their doors to us as they become aware of our growth and special sport. We have been accepted and acknowledged in BC and Ontario as a recognized sport at the Senior Games and more provinces will be adding Pickleball to their events as we continue our growth and acceptance at all levels of government.

Our Ambassador program is also very successful and we have just added PEI to this distinguished group that was started and encouraged by Bill Franzman who just recently passed this position along to Garth Merkeley in Winnipeg (our newly appointed Vice President of PCO). We can now claim representation in NINE PROVINCES.

Our newsletter is FREE to all interested parties, we also offer FREE training session to all new members at any facility we play in PLUS free instruction at schools that wish to bring pickleball into their curriculum.

Believe me, we are not a MONEY MAKING organization, everything we do is FREE and done out of the LOVE of Pickleball.

We do however have costs/expenses. Simple things like banners can cost up to \$60.00 each, website maintenance, purchasing website names, registering and keeping our corporate names, just to name a few things that keep our organization running smoothly. Every dollar we do spend is accountable and wisely spent in the sole interest of growing Pickleball in Canada.

If you are not a member, please consider joining and help us and yourself build a strong viable sport that will give you great pleasure and value.



Are you ready to have your pickleball tournament SANCTIONED by PCO? It is very inexpensive and comes with many benefits. First the cost, only \$2.00 per player (minimum \$50.00). Benefits: Be a part of the only national group in Canada, protect your organizers from liability claims, attract strong sponsors & equipment sellers and add prestige to your event. All good stuff.

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CALGARY TOURNAMENT ALIVE AND WELL

ALBERTA PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT JULY 13-14, 2012



July 13 - 14, 2012: On a Friday and Saturday the last week of the Calgary Stampede, a group of Americans joined Calgary players in a fun pickleball event at the West Hillhurst courts. The weather was unbeatable and so were a few of the players – American and Canadian. What the 34 Americans who visited us have in common is that they all winter together in Indio, California with Calgarians Gloria and Gary Hall. Also in on the action were players from Salmon Arm and White Rock. Friday's pickleball games were well attended and Saturday saw 48 players taking part. There were almost equal numbers of Calgarians and out of town players during both days. When asked afterwards about the event, our new Americans friends emphasized how impressed they were with Canadian hospitality. They enjoyed the weather but they all could not say enough about how much fun they had during the event. The BBQ that followed the Saturday games was the clincher. Thanks to Kerry Armstrong for surpris-

ing us by organizing a much appreciated barbeque. Great smokies! Because of the good eats, most people stuck around the courts and chatted with each other like old friends. What a great way to end the day! Linda Dane, from Edmonton, the Alberta Provincial Ambassador for Pickleball Canada also joined us. She thought the event was a great example of what pickleball should be, well organized, affordable, good fellowship and loads of fun. And loads of fun it was! Unfortunately, Linda slid under the net putting her knee out of commission for the Saturday games. We hope she recuperates quickly.

This event came to be mainly through the efforts of organizers Gloria and Gary Hall. Thanks are also extended to Kevin Doucet who made the whole operation run smoothly. Lynda Tebo did an incredible job of running the Round Robin format on Saturday. A very special thanks to Val Callon for dealing with the registration process and her hubby Kerry for the BBQ. We hope we can do the same next year.

THE CHAMPS - GERRY INFELD & DIANE POUNDER - 65 PLUS



Two teams from Mississauga captured gold medals in pickleball competition over three days last week at the 2012 Ontario 55+ Summer Games in Brampton. Diane Pounder & Gerry Infeld teamed up to win gold in mixed doubles the 65-and-over Age category. Meanwhile, Lloyd Brassington and Paul Schirripa came out on top in the men's dou-

bles competition for athletes aged 55-and-over. The competitors were members of the fast-growing Pickleball Mississauga Association who play out of the Mississauga Valleys and South Common fitness centres and at the Mississauga Seniors' Centre. About 110 out of the 1300 participants in the 18 activities at the 55+ Summer Games were pickleball players. Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. The sport is played on a court with the same dimensions as a doubles badminton court. The net is similar to a tennis net, but is mounted two inches lower. The game is played with a hard paddle and a whiffle ball.

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Message from our President Dave Shepherd

The 2012 BC Seniors Games were held in the host city of Burnaby, BC on August 21-25. with approximately 100 players in the sport of pickleball. Thank you to the volunteers that made it happen at the Burnaby South Secondary School. Next year it is in Kamloops 2013 and we hope to see another increase in participants.

In the Ontario 55+ Summer Games in Brampton on Aug 20, about 100 out of 1300 participants in the 18 activities were pickleball players. The competitors were members of the fast growing Pickleball Mississauga Association and Mississauga Seniors Centre.

Sept. 6th and 7th were the dates for the Investors Group Ontario Open organized by the Pickleball Association of Ontario (PAO) and sanctioned by Pickleball Canada. Pickleball Canada members receive liability insurance protection when they enter a PCO sanctioned event.

Congratulations to Garth Merkeley our new Vice Presi-

dent, and congratulations to Garth Matthews our new Provincial Ambassador for PEI. Not only do we now have Provincial Ambassadors in 9 provinces, with the addition of our newest Area Ambassador Thelma Radzynski in Melville, SK, we now have 46 Area Ambassadors. Thanks to all these volunteers promoting pickleball in their areas.

If you are a Pickleball Canada member and would like to be an Ambassador, please contact Garth Merkeley. He would love to hear from you. More volunteers are always welcome!

**Three of the
B.C. Seniors Games
Winners
Burnaby, B.C.
August 21st to 25th.**



ST. JOE'S ISLAND, ONTARIO - NEW PICKLEBALL COURT



Terry and Buck Archambault recently returned home to St Joseph Island, Ontario. They quickly started setting up a Pickleball court and drumming up local interest in learning about our favorite game. They got permission from their town council to convert a tennis court into a pickleball court. It was in rough shape but Buck raked all the leaves off, power washed the whole surface. We filled the cracks, painted new lines and got it ready for our first game..

The couple we played with at noon went on-line before we got together and already knew all the rules. They have ordered two paddles and have lots of friends to recruit. The second couple we played with this evening asked us to get them two paddles before we even got to eleven on the first game. Here is a recent update. We are getting record crowds with our regulars coming out every morning from 9-11. Tues. and Thurs. evenings we have up to 30 people showing up. We still have just one court and it is a long wait between games even when we only play to seven. Last Thurs. the Mayor and his wife came to play and saw for themselves the kind of crowds we get. He told us to price out two portable nets and submit to the town council so that it could get put into the recreation budget for next summer. We will be teaching Pickleball to grades 7 and 8 at a school about 20 minutes away in September and hopefully we will get an evening group started in our local school here for the winter. Many of our students have left us in their dust with their skill at the game. We will be packing up soon to head back to Green Valley, AZ but we expect the game will continue and get stronger by next year.

NORTH SHORE (Vancouver, BC) PICKLEBALL, Growing quickly.



Pickleball was introduced to Vancouver's North Shore about 4 years ago thanks to our dedicated & tireless Pickleball Ambassadors, Lilly & Ed Orlovsky.

Their consistent enthusiasm for the sport has

helped us bring many new participants to the courts – we now have more than 100 active players - & we offer Pickleball at 3 different Community Centres on the North Shore

each week. We even have Pickleball shirts featuring our new North Shore logo – Mountains and a Pickleball!

Lilly & Ed were also responsible for organizing our recent inaugural Invitational Pickleball Tournament that took place on Saturday, August 18th, at Parkgate Community Centre in North Vancouver. A total of 64 players participated in the Tournament, with players from the Sunshine Coast & Port Moody joining many North Shore players in a terrific fun-filled day of Pickleball. Teams from all geographic areas won medals in each Tournament division and spectators witnessed some outstanding playmaking.

Article supplied By: Bill & Leisha Pearce.

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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Your support is needed to help us grow & meet our commitments to communities across Canada.

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

If you are already a member, please share your information with us.

Membership is a Privilege - We want your participation in all decisions.

Help us grow - With your input and support we'll have so much more to offer all members.

There is strength in numbers. Contact us below or go to: www.pickleballcanada.org

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RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

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Did you know?

Volleying in relation to NVZ often raises controversy. From AB: IFP 9A says NVZ is an "area of the court". I interpret this to mean two-dimensional playing surface, not a volume/space above court. Thus, my interpretation of IFP 9.B is that in act of volleying ball, one may legally extend one's paddle and arm above NVZ as long as that act (wind-up, swing, follow-through, ensuing momentum) does not result in anything (clothing, body part, paddle of player) touching court surface of NVZ. Am I correct?"

Absolutely correct. The court is two dimensional, not three dimensional. Any part of the paddle, hand, leg, body, etc. can extend over the NVZ, but after a volley cannot make contact with the NVZ.

It would be wise to review what is not allowed.

9.C. A fault will be declared if in the act of volleying the ball, player's momentum causes player or anything player is wearing or carrying to touch NVZ or any NVZ line. It is a fault if player's momentum causes player to touch anything that is touching NVZ, including player's partner.

It is a fault even if ball is declared dead before player touches NVZ.

For more information, see whole section 9 of IFP Rules. Please submit questions, comments to: bbutt@sasktel.net