



Pickleball Canada

*The fastest growing sport in North America
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rapide en Amérique du Nord*



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President's Message - Shirley Shepherd

2015 Pickleball Canada Eastern National Open Championships

PCO is very pleased to announce that The City of Waterloo, Ontario will host the 2015 Pickleball Canada National Eastern Open Championship to be held in the Manulife Financial Sportsplex and Healthy Living Centre at RIM Park on July 10th, 11th and 12th, 2015.

2015 Pickleball Canada Western National Open Tournament

PCO is very pleased to announce that Pickleball Kelowna will host the 2015 Pickleball Canada National Western Open Tournament to be held in Kelowna, B.C. on July 10th, 11th and 12th, 2015.

PCO New Director and Ambassador Committee Chair

The Board of PCO has elected Jim Wood as the new Director and the Ambassador Committee Chair. Jim has been PCO's Area Ambassador for Lethbridge, Alberta for two years. He is the President of Lethbridge Pickleball Club which has joined the club membership

and became PCO's 14th affiliated club. The Ambassador Program information and application form are located on our website. We welcome new Area Ambassadors to promote pickleball in your areas, please send your Area Ambassador applications to Jim Wood, email jimwood@shaw.ca

Huge Growth of Pickleball in Private/Public facilities in Canada

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in Canada due to the increasing number of pickleball players and new pickleball clubs and groups forming. New pickleball courts and programs are gaining popularity in both private and public facilities. Many cities/municipalities and club/groups have painted pickleball lines on tennis courts and/or built dedicated pickleball courts.

Public facilities include schools, churches, YMCA/YWCA, Recreation and Community Centres which have drop-in pickleball programs. Private facilities offering pickleball include tennis and golf clubs, fitness centres and senior retirement communities. Below are some private and public facilities

which are providing new pickleball courts and programs for the increasing number of pickleball players in their communities.

Agassiz, B.C - City Builds Full Size Gymnasium for New Pickleball Courts:

The Community Recreation & Cultural Centre in Agassiz, BC has recently undergone a major expansion that has included a full size gymnasium which will include pickleball.

Construction is expected to be completed in early September and they are planning the activities/sports which will include pickleball in the fall schedule and programming.

Port Alberni, B.C. - Slammers Gym Building Six New Courts:

Vancouver Island has seen a huge growth of pickleball players and new clubs forming. Port Alberni is the only city on Vancouver Island without a pickleball club. The owner of Slammers Gym in Port Alberni is investing \$400,000 to build six new pickleball courts and two volleyball/basketball courts. Port Alberni players will have up to six new courts to use this summer.

Winnipeg, MB - Getting Pickleball Started at the YMCA/YWCA:

YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg, South Branch is offering a new Pickleball Time on Wednesday's 1:00-2:30pm. They would like to arrange for a Representative/Coach to do a demo/clinic if possible to get 'the ball rolling' in September.

Regina Beach, Sask. - The Town of Regina Beach, Saskatchewan wants to introduce Pickleball in the Regina Beach community. They

are looking for a representative/coach to host Pickleball workshops in the fall and winter months.

Port Dover, Ontario - Adult Lifestyle Community builds Four New Outdoor Courts:

The Dover Coast Adult Lifestyle Community has completed four new dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. Twenty-three members of the St. Thomas Pickleball Club travelled to Port Dover in July and introduced the sport of pickleball to their residents.

Oshawa, ON - New Outdoor Pickleball Courts in Oshawa, ON:

Pickleball court lines have been added to the outdoor tennis courts in Alexandra Park (4 courts) and Stonestreet Park (2 courts). Oshawa Tennis Club is planning to build a new facility in partnership with a soccer club and would like to include Pickleball in their multisport facility.



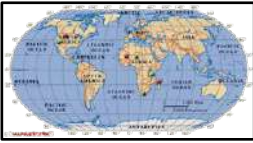
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Pickleball Around the World



Pickleball Player Goes to Great Heights to Promote the Sport of Pickleball



Here is my pic of me on top of the highest point of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa., Kibo, at Uhuru peak. 5895 metres, (19,341ft.) the highest point in Africa and the goal of all who trek the mountain. It's a 5 day trek up the mountain and 2 days down. Trekkers are allowed to stay for a short time at this point, then return lower to prevent any problems from altitude sickness.

I thought that I would bring a pickleball on my trek and take a photo with it at the top, as a way to combine two of my special hobbies – alpine hiking and PICKLEBALL. I am guessing that this is the first pickle ball to have made it to "The Roof of Africa".

From the sign you can see that Mt, Kilimanjaro is the highest free standing mountain in the world and is the highest point on the whole continent of Africa. Cheers, Debbie Henwood!

Canadian Winners at USAPA Tournament of Champions

On September 3-6th the best 5.0 rated players in North America were invited to Ogden, Utah to compete for \$46,750 in prize money, the largest purse in pickleball history. This USAPA sanctioned pickleball tournament featured 2 Divisions: Masters, aged 18+ and Legends, aged 51 and older.

We are proud to announce that 2 Canadian women travelled to Ogden and won medals:

Cookie Drake, Cold Lake, Alberta won Bronze and \$750 in the Women's Doubles Legends

Luba Zhekhovskaya, Surrey, British Columbia won Silver and \$1500 in the Women's Doubles Legends





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 Deborah Holley, from Abbotsford BC, who has earned 1600 tournament points in 2013.



My name is Deborah Holley (Debby) and I have been enjoying pickleball for a few years now.

I previously played competitive racquetball for twenty-five years with my late husband. After his death in 2011, I was introduced to the sport of pickleball by some good friends in Abbotsford, B.C.

It immediately became a new and exciting focus for me and helped get me through a few tough years. I have met so many new friends through

pickleball and with my partner Claire Pool won the 2013 Canadian Nationals in the 55+ division. I was recently sidelined with a torn hamstring injury so was unable to defend the title in 2014 but hope to be back playing within a few months.

I play in South Surrey, North Surrey and Abbotsford at the indoor courts and have also enjoyed the outdoor courts in Birch Bay and Arizona. Many friends have been curious about this game and I am pleased to have many wanting to try the game. It is great exercise along with being a fun and social sport and it is quickly becoming the sport of choice for many previous racquetball and tennis players. It allows us to continue being competitive while having a great time and good exercise. I hope to continue playing for many years to come.

One Step Closer to a PCO Certified Instructors Program in Canada

The Board of Pickleball Canada Organization is very pleased to announce that we are implementing a new PCO Certified Instructors Program in Canada. PCO has appointed Director, Bill Furse as the new Certified Instructors Program Committee Chair.

Bill Furse has a lengthy history as a teacher and sports coach in Ontario. He has coached football, skiing, cross-country running and swimming. In 1975, Bill became the Head of Geography at Winston Churchill, C.I., Ontario and became involved in curriculum writing. Besides being an avid pickleball player he is a

serious biking enthusiast and a traveller. He discovered pickleball in The Villages in Florida in 2003. In September, 2009, Bill joined the executive of Pickleball Canada and used his skills from curriculum writing days as a teacher to chair the writing of the training material, Train the Trainer Part I and Train the Trainer Part II which are available on the PCO website and widely used in Canada. Bill was Chair of the founding Committee Training Development Team with Beverly Butt, Bill Pineau and Wayne Roswell.

If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member for this exciting new program please contact Bill Furse bfurse@sympatico.ca

Upcoming Tournaments



PICKLEBALL KELOWNA

"Dinkin' for Dollars" Pickleball Tourney

All proceeds to

Kelowna Community Food Bank

Competitive division – Saturday, Sept 20 11:00am – 3:00pm

Recreational division Sunday, Sept 21 11:00am – 3:00pm

Co-ed, enter as single, play doubles

Round-robin format

Seeded pools progressing to power pools

8-game guarantee – maximum 10 games

\$10 per player for first 20 players in each event

\$15 per player for next 20 players in each event

\$5 surcharge for non-members of Pickleball Kelowna

Also bring a non-perishable item on day of tourney

Maximum of 40 players in each event

All entry fees are non-refundable, but transferable

Register with cheque made out to KCFB

Tax receipts will be emailed

Contact coach Dave at coachdavefinancial@shaw.ca

for more information and to register

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



CANADA 55 GAMES 2014 – PICKLEBALL INAUGURAL EVENT

What a great week in Strathcona County, Alberta and a fantastic achievement for Pickleball in Canada! The wind blew and rain came down but nothing was going to prevent history from being made in Sherwood Park, August 27 through 30, 2014. Representing 6 provinces, 74 participants made up 50 teams in 9 divisions and played 315 matches over the course of 3 days, a major achievement and a true milestone for pickleball in Canada.

Congratulations to everyone who helped to make this event such a great success: the volunteers, the referees, the score keepers, the spectators, the sponsors and of course the players. This was the culmination of many months of work by the “Pickleball Sports Specialists”, Frank Carr and Linda Dane both long time members of Pickleball Canada Organization. Frank & Linda also conducted the Alberta Provincial 55+ Playoffs last summer – which was an excellent dry run for this year’s Canada 55 Games. The week was so much more than just a pickleball tournament as participants enjoyed a pancake breakfast, Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Western “flavor” entertainment each evening, free tours of the County, and a very special closing banquet & dance where “goodbyes” were said to friends both old and new from all across Canada.

These were the largest Canada 55 Games ever held - with 2100 participants and 400 non-participants and over 450 volunteers. 24 different sports were played over 4 days in the Games this year. The Games host, County of Strathcona did an exceptional job of organizing an amazing week of events.

We would like to thank the Canada 55 Games Board for now including Pickleball as an official sport of these games. The 2016 Games will be held in Brampton, ON and no doubt there will be a great showing of pickleball participants in the Games of the future.

The medal winners in each event are listed below. However, everyone who participated in this event is a winner. You are all part of an historical event: the First Ever – Canada 55 Games Pickleball Event. *Submitted by Linda Dane*

You are the First – Be Proud!!



Women's 55+: (L to R) Bronze: Alberta Gold: Saskatchewan Silver: Alberta



Val Christians Allyson Stroeder Debbie Henwood
Val Vollmin Lynne Wolfe Marg Ouimet

Volunteers & Spectators



Men's 55+: (L to R) Bronze: Alberta Gold: Alberta Silver: BC



Ajit Masand Butch March Glenn Chow
Ken Shaw Ric Klassen Joseph Lee
(missing)

Mixed 55+: (L to R) Bronze: Alberta Gold: Saskatchewan Silver: BC



Ric Klassen Mary Jubinville Riyoko Charlton
Toni Ancil Bradley Bell Dale Charlton

Women's 65+: (L to R) Bronze: Alberta Gold: Alberta Silver: Manitoba



Vivian Oko Diane Weeres Dianne Dunsford
Dorothy Downie Susan Nigh Nina Constable

Volunteers & Spectators



Men's 65+: (L to R) Bronze: Ontario Gold: Alberta Silver: Saskatchewan



James Alberga Ed Lorenz Arley Wieler
Andrew Ling Dennis Tomkinson Eugene McWillie



JIM AND DAN
ARE TAKING A BREAK
AFTER MARKING ALL
PICKLEBALL COURTS.

Mixed 65+: (L to R) Bronze: Saskatchewan Gold: Saskatchewan Silver: Alberta



Arley Wieler Lynne Wolfe Marg Ouimet
Myrna McWillie Barry Wolfe Trevor Cook



Ladies 75+: (L to R)

Gold: Alberta

Silver: Alberta



Faye Frerot

Donna Tomecek

Ramona MacNeill

Wendy Jerome

Men's 75+: (L to R)

Bronze: NS

Gold: Alberta

Silver: Alberta



Fernand Ouellette

Chuck Ouellette

Marshall Yaremcio

Ray McMurray

Gerald Graham

Allen McPhail

Mixed 75+: (L to R)

Gold: Alberta

Silver: Alberta



Ray McMurray

Wendy Jerome

Ramona MacNeill

Marshall Yaremcio

Peachland Pickleball Open Tournament a Huge Success

Mike Carter and Doug Power were the Tournament Directors for the successful Peachland Pickleball Open August 23-24th. The Peachland Community Centre in the heart of the BC Okanagan, hosted 62 players for this PCO Sanctioned round robin tournament. What a location—with plenty of wineries, fruits and vegetables and the stunning Okanagan Lake to enjoy. You can bet everyone felt like a winner. Mike and Doug also signed up 40 new PCO memberships which brings their grand total to 114 members in less than one year.

Results

Ladies Doubles Winners



Mixed Open 4.5 and higher winners



Co-Ed Open Round Robin 4.5 and higher Winners



Men's Doubles Winners



Pickleball News Coast to Coast

There is a lot of excitement about playing outdoor pickleball in Dartmouth, NS.

Ever since indoor pickleball started in January 2013 there has been a move to play outdoors in the warmer weather. Pickleball Ambassador, Ginny Conrad, met with Halifax Regional Municipality Councilor Darren Fisher, in February 2013 to discuss the possibility of lining outdoor courts in the region. This resulted in one tennis court in Craig Blake Park being lined for pickleball. Then in July



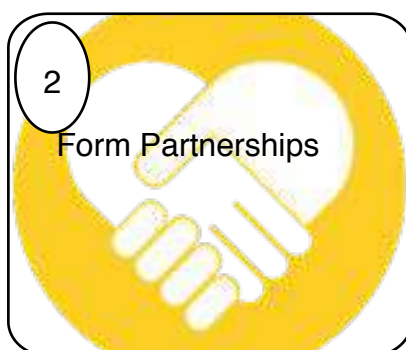
2014 a committee, headed by Paul Quinn, was formed to increase the number of outdoor courts. Again

3 steps to outdoor pickleball



1

Find a tennis court



2

Form Partnerships



3

Add elbow grease



Presto!!! You are playing
pickleball outside

with the support of local councilor, Darren, permission was granted to transform two poorly maintained tennis courts into courts where pickleball could be easily played. For one week a crew of 15 players worked to remove shrub, fill cracks and paint lines to make playing pickleball at the Morash Park a very enjoyable experience. The HRM Recreation Department provided supplies, players provided labour and two local companies funded incidentals. The location is in a beautiful park setting that is sheltered from the wind, visible to the inquiring eyes of the public and has accessible parking. The grand opening of the newly renovated pickleball/tennis courts in Morash Park, Dartmouth, N.S. took place on Saturday August 23, 2014.

Waterloo Lands Pickleball Provincial, National Championships

<http://www.exchangemagazine.com/morningpost/2014/week30/Tuesday/14072912.htm>

North America's Fastest-Growing Sport Coming to the K-W Area in Full Force

Waterloo - The game that has been turning heads and seeing unprecedented participant growth is scheduled to make both the provincial and national championships home at the Manulife Financial Sportsplex and Healthy Living Centre at RIM Park over the next two years. Waterloo has recently been named the host destination for both the 2014 Pickleball Ontario Provincial Championships, and the 2015 Pickleball Canada Eastern National Open Championships. (Article from Exchange magazine, Waterloo, ON)

Pickleball Catching On in Quebec

The Pickleball Association of Quebec says more people are playing the sport in the province than ever. Recently a CBC sport reporter, Douglas Gelevan travelled to Ormstown a municipality 1 hour southwest of Montreal to discover what pickleball was all about. They joined Claude Gauthier, President and Lynne Latulippe on court and off court for an interview. This interview was telecast on CBC news and the passion and joy for pickleball that Lynne expresses are well worth checking out. Lynne tells viewers that "it's in my heart, and it's like having spring in my shoes". <http://www.cbc.ca/player/News/Canada/Montreal/Sports/ID/2488587954/> Claude has also done a fine job of creating a very informative website associationquebecoisdepickleball.com

Winnipeg, Manitoba

New pickleball time:

YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg, South Branch

Pickleball Time is Wednesdays 1:00-2:30pm

If there is anyone in the Winnipeg area that could help this venue be successful by running a demo/clinic contact :

Kathy Diehl Cyr | Health and Fitness Director

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Port Alberni, BC is Ready for Pickleball.

Touted as one of North America's fastest growing sports, pickleball has grown rapidly over the past few years in the United States and is spreading across Vancouver Island.

Three of Port Alberni's first ever dedicated pickleball courts are currently under construction at Slammers

Pickleball Kelowna Kids program:

An XploreSportZ program for pickleball was held 31 July 2014 at Edith Gay Park for kids ages 9-12 years.

This year we had 14 kids, all laughing and looking for more time on the courts.

This was the 2nd of two pickleball programs in 2014 sponsored by XploreSportZ. The weather was sizzling hot, not like the Spring event which was windy and chilly.

Thanks to Portia Dove, Ray Timbers and Bill Franzman for their help in teaching skill development, team work and having a lot of fun doing it

Gym in the city. Slammers' owner Archie Cardinal said he's excited about supporting the increasingly popular paddle game.

"You can play at every age," Cardinal said, referring to pickleball's popularity among

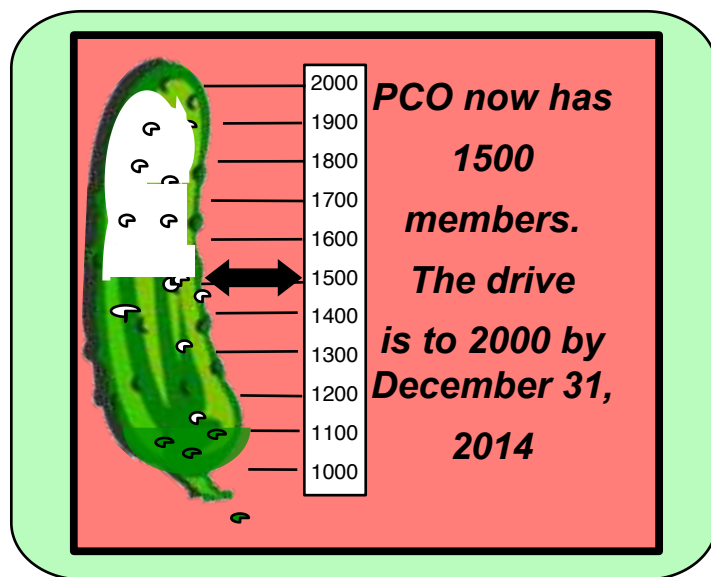
seniors. "It's a family unit thing. It's very fast and you don't chase the ball all the time because it's a smaller court."

Cardinal said he's investing about \$400,000 in the new courts, which include two volleyball courts, all of which can be converted to make two regulation size basketball courts. The entire playing area can be changed over to make six pickleball courts, enough for a full-size tournament.



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When you see a tennis match video of a disputed line call, although it appears that you are looking at the ball from directly above, you are not seeing the actual ball. You are seeing a computer generated ball footprint based on the speed, the trajectory and the compression of the tennis ball.

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