



Message from the President Val Vollmin

Last month on June 27th Pickleball Canada held it's Annual General Meeting (AGM) where our Pickleball Canada's membership voted to elect eight directors from a slate of fourteen total nominees. I would like to welcome Geoffery Biss, Lester Esteban, Mark Borages, Ronald Marion, David Perfetti, Wendy Pattenden, Luc Grenon, and Steven Sagal. I would like to thank all our members who participated in our AGM.

Over this past weekend Pickleball Canada held its Western Regional Championship which was hosted by the Vernon Pickleball Association (VPA). There were over 600 participants competing from all over Western Canada. I want to thank the VPA for doing such an incredible job in hosting this spectacular event. Good luck to everyone competing at our Central Regionals in August. Our 2024 Myoflex ® Pickleball Canada National Championship Presented by Think Turkey is also coming up in Halifax where over 800 participants will be competing. I can't wait to see you all there.

Pickleball Canada recently hit an exciting new milestone of 70,000 members this July! Thank you to all our members, affiliated organizations, and provincial/territorial sport organizations (PTSOs) who continue to support Pickleball Canada's growth and development.







The Crank® Coffee and Neal Brothers Team have been busy enjoying the summer Pickleball season. We have had a blast supporting local tournaments and Pickleball clubs across the country and are excited for the next stretch of PCO events.

All lucky gold medal winners at Western Regionals will receive a bag of Neal Brothers Organic Tortillas and keep an eye out for other prizes and coupons. We also look forward to our next stop in Laval, QC where we will be handing out assorted Neal Brothers samples during the full Central Regionals weekend.

To cap off the summer, we can't wait for Nationals and look forward to bringing coffee and snacks for everyone! Our full team will be heading to the East Coast and can't wait to catch all the Pickleball action. Want to get a head start on the taste testing? Use code **PICKLEBALL20** for 20% off of our online store: https://shop.nealbrothersfoods.com/

Good luck to all who are competing and see you soon!



Referees Traveling to the US This Fall or Winter Alan Thomson

If you are a Pickleball Canada member in good standing and your primary residency is in Canada and you wish to take advantage of training or an assessment in the US this fall or winter you will have to follow certain steps to ensure that USA Pickleball recognizes your credentials.

NOTE: This process is being updated and will require the completion of JotForm's that will be found on the PC website officiating pages. There will be a form for level 1s and another for level 2s so that they can be automatically forwarded to the Canadian RTC or CRC who has the responsibility to contact their counterparts in the area you will be visiting. USA P will not recognize your credentials if you are not included in their National Referee Database (NRD), and able to find your particulars when doing a search of the NRD.

You will be asked to supply the following information;

USA Pickleball membership number

- Dates of your visit
- eMail address
- Mailing address for both Canada and the US
- Phone numbers for both Canada and the US
- Mentor's name for mentor in Canada
- Mentor's name if previously assigned in the US
- You may wish to obtain USA P Referee Credentials, for which there will be a fee.

Pickleball Canada is proud to recognize the following new CERTIFIED Referees.

- Bud Hebner from Ontario who was evaluated in the US at the Michigan Beer City Open.
- Shiela McParland from Fredericton, NB who was evaluated at the Alberta Provincial Championships in Red Deer Alberta.
- Wing Tat (Victor) Chan of Edmonton Alberta, who also successfully completed his evaluation at the Alberta Provincial Championships and became Canada's 30th Certified Referee.

Congratulations to all for their dedication to the Officiating Program and persevering this arduous process.



Bud Hebner



Wing Tat (Victor) Chan



Sheila McParland





Saturday, August 10 is National Pickleball Day



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So, make sure to pick up your paddles and get out their and play pickleball!

Make sure to share your pickleball activities on Saturday August 10 on social media using the hashtag #NationalPickleballDay and make sure to tag Pickleball Canada (@pickleballca).

If you have any unique stories that you think would make an interesting feature on Pickleball Canada's social media plat forms please make sure to share it with us at: info@pickleballcanada.org



2024 Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship

The 2024 Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship took place from July 25th – July 28th, 2024 at the Vernon Pickleball Association (VPA) in Vernon, British Columbia. Over 600 athletes participated in this event from all across Western Canada.

Make sure you follow our social media to see all the action from this past event and <u>click here</u> to see all the winners from this past event.



Serve Up Success: Summer Turkey Recipes to Power Up for Pickleball!

Summer and pickleball are a perfect match, and so is turkey for your post-game meal!

After a thrilling game of pickleball, refuel with delicious, lean turkey recipes that are perfect for summer!

Grill up some turkey skewers with vibrant summer veggies or toss it into a refreshing, crisp salad. Not matter how you prepare it, turkey's versatility and flavour will keep you coming back for more.

Enjoy a summer of tasty turkey meals and endless pickleball games!

Time to Power Up After Pickleball?

Energize with these summer recipes from Think Turkey, our 2024 National Protein Partner and Presenting Partner of the 2024 National Championships!



Mojo Marinated BBQ Turkey Breast



Mediterranean Turkey Sausage Stuffed Peppers



Green Goodness Turkey Sliders

Win 1 of 5 BBQs!

To add extra sizzle to your summer, Think Turkey is giving you the chance to WIN 1 of 5 BBQs! To enter visit thinkturkey.ca/summerbbq/ and fill out the entry form.



Head to ThinkTurkey.ca to explore even more healthy recipes, and cooking tips and tricks!











2024 Pickleball Canada Central Regional Championship

The 2024 Pickleball Canada Central Reginal Championship is taking place from August 10 – August 11th in Laval, Quebec at Tennis 13. The event will be played on 24 indoor courts with player from all over Central Canada.



Looking for a chance to WIN?!

We're giving away a TheraGun Relief massage gun to 1 lucky winner.

Share a feed post on Instagram from the Central Regionals tournament using <u>#MyoflexCentralRegionals24</u> for a chance to WIN!

More details about this contest can be found at the tournament. Good luck!



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The newly elected members include:

- 1. Wendy Pattenden, Surrey, B.C
- 2. Geoffery Biss, Shelburne, ON
- 3. Lester Esteban, Saskatoon, SK
- 4. Mark Borgares, Regina, SK
- 5. Luc Grenon, Thornbury, ON
- 6. Ronald Marion, Windsor, ON
- 7. David Perfetti, Ottawa, ON
- 8. Steven Sagal, Regina, SK

To find out more about Pickleball Canada's AGM please click this link.



The Frist 10 Minutes Webinar

On June 4 and 6th our partner Rescue 7 hosted successful webinar that over 140 Pickleball Canada members attended. This webinar was offered in both official languages. The English session was hosted by Rescue 7's CEO John Collie where he provided some excellent information on what to do in the first 10 minutes of a sudden cardiac arrest.

To find out more about Rescue 7 please visit this website.

To see content which was presented at the webinar please <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.



Summer Special

Rescue 7 is excited to offer an exclusive Pickleball Canada SPECIAL, use promo code PCO2024 at checkout and receive your Heartsine 350P for \$1,199.



Calling all Pickleball Canada Affiliated Clubs

Pickleball Canada's staff has noticed a lack of <u>Incident Report Form's</u>. It is important that each time an injury happens at your club some then fills out an Incident Report to submit to Pickleball Canada for their insurance records.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact insurance@pickleballcanada.org



Exciting News! A New Partnership Announcement

We are thrilled to announce a new partnership between Pickleball Canada and Nothers The Award Store!

Since 1968, Nothers The Award Store has been dedicated to crafting high-quality medallions and awards, becoming a trusted name in recognizing excellence.

We are proud to become the Official Awards Supplier of Pickleball Canada.

Together, we aim to celebrate and honour the achievements of athletes and enthusiasts within the vibrant pickleball community, enhancing the experience and spirit of competition for players at all levels, and bringing even more prestige and recognition to the sport.

We look forward to celebrating your achievements on the court!

MORE ABOUT NOTHERS THE AWARD STORE



HERE'S THE PROOF! NO AGE LIMIT FOR PICKLEBALL!

What's a great end of year Field Trip for a group of 16 Five & Six year olds? Why a fun time at the Local Pickleball Courts of course!

Summerside, Prince Edward Island's Pickleball Club competitive pickleball player, Melanie MacDonald thought her Kindergarten students would enjoy learning to play pickleball and having a load of fun at the same time.



She was right on!

After getting permission from Parents, school and School Board Officials, Marilyn set about booking an Assistant and 3 awesome Summerside Pickleball player friends to help out. The courts were booked for a beautiful day in June.

Finally, the exciting day arrived! Melanie and her Kindergarten KB Class from Parkside Elementary School, Summerside, PEI, boarded the school bus for the 10 minute ride to the amazing outdoor pickleball courts!



The students were very excited to get to try this sport that their Teacher, Ms. MacDonald so often mentioned.

Everything was extremely well organized and both students and adults had a blast. All went as planned.

Many parents and other players stopped by to watch the fun, see the happy faces and hear the giggles.

The children and parents talked non stop about the fantastic morning at the pickleball courts.

A very special outing that our Club Member Melanie thoroughly enjoyed. Such great memories for her Kindergarten students in this very lively and fun introduction to our fantastic sport of Pickleball.

There Truly is No Age:)

Anne Richard

Summerside Pickleball Club, PEI







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On the Lookout for Contributors

We would love to share your stories, club events, photos, news, etc. Let us know if you have any ideas for content that would serve our membership.

We invite you to contact Elizabeth Werner at scoop@pickleballcanada.org

We know you are out there, and we are looking forward to hearing from you!