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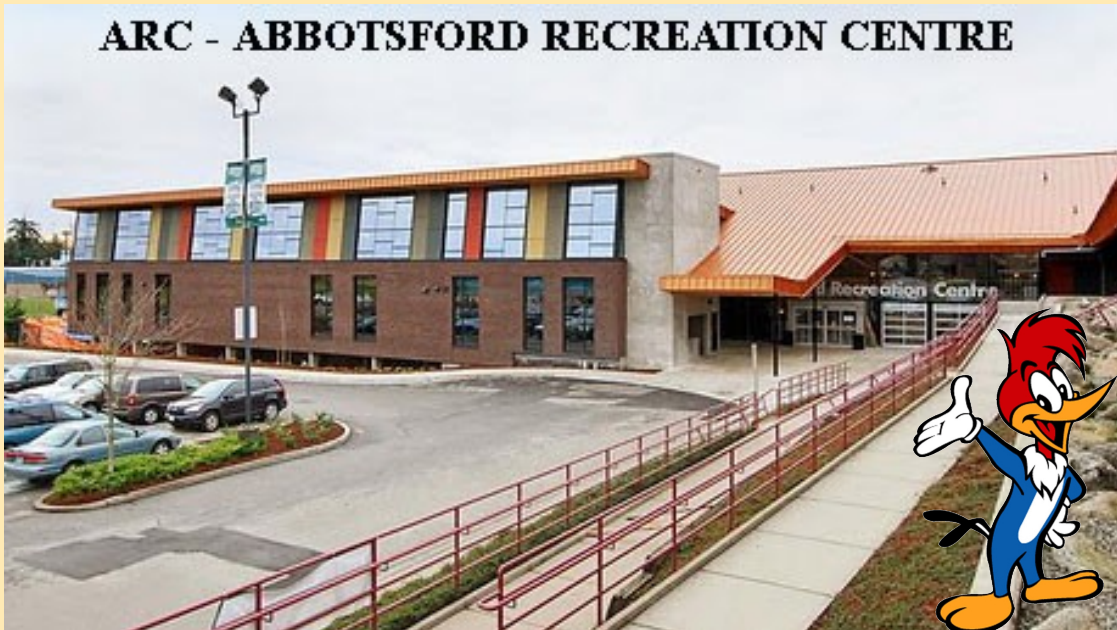


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GET READY FOR "THE BIG ONE" - DON'T MISS IT.

Points of Interest

- ABBOTSFORD, B.C. HOME OF THE FIRST NATIONAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - JULY 7TH & 8TH, 2012.
- Are you a Pickleballic???? Take the quiz.
- PCO BC 2012 year in review. Growth & success.
- NSPA (Nova Scotia Pickleball Association) growing nicely.
- * **Message from our President Colin Caldwell**
- * **West Kelowna Tournament coming in MAY.**
- * **Victoria , BC is having a great year for Pickleball**
- **Don't miss our new column by Beverley Butt on rules and etiquette on the back page. Some of your many questions will be answered right here.**
- **Renew your membership or become a new member for ONLY \$12.00 per year.**



ARC - ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE

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THE FIRST NATIONAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT IS COMING SOON, PLAYERS WELCOME FROM CANADA AND THE U.S.A. We will be playing under IFP Rules.

Don't delay, be a part of this historic event, over 130 players will be attending over the 2 day event so register early so you won't be disappointed. Limited categories and the most popular fill up very quickly. We already have a number of players booked into this tournament.

As the recognized leaders of Pickleball in Canada, we are proud to sanction this landmark event and support it 100%. It has been in the planning stages for a few months now and details are still being finalized but we could not ask for a better facility to host it. "ARC" is the ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE. The organizers are also looking for extra facilities to handle this large gathering for the two days event, they are looking at 6 additional courts indoors to be added to the 8 indoor courts.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS JULY 7TH & 8TH - START YOUR ENGINES FOR THIS CANADIAN PREMIER EVENT OF THE YEAR. We are anticipating players coming from up to 8 Provinces and as far away as Nova Scotia, plus many coming from the U.S.A. with some of their top players. It will be the best of the best playing here in July.

Basic categories are: **Men's Doubles: OPEN under 55, 55+, 60+, 65+ and 70+, Women's Doubles** will be the same. These games will be played on Saturday July 7th. **Mixed Doubles** in all the same categories will be played July 8th. There will of course be **Men's & Women's Singles** as well.

There are many excellent hotels & motels in the Abbotsford area, such as Coast Hotels & Suites, Best Western, Ramada Inn, Super 8, Sandman Inn, Sweet Dreams Luxury Inn and also RV Accommodations at Aloha Trailer Park & Campsite. Details will follow over the coming months.

We are offering **COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS** as well as **FRIENDS of PCO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**, PLUS Donations of cash & prizes for this wonderful event.

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ARE YOU A "PICKLEBALLIC" - a Quiz for you

Written by: Carol Doughty, Tracy Vernest, Sandi March and Joseline Sikorski.

Sandi March's word to describe those with an absolute passion for the game of pickleball.

Check off all the times below that apply to you to see what degree of pickleballic you are: You know you are a "Pickleballic" when you..

- ☆ Play pickleball every day of the week.
- ☆ 90% of your closet contains sportswear.
- ☆ Bring your pickleball paddle to a bonspiel
- ☆ Have hand towels with Pickleballs on them
- ☆ Wish you were 55+ to join a club
- ☆ Will wait 25 minutes to play a game
- ☆ Will drive across a city to play a tournament
- ☆ Meet someone new and first two minutes start talking about Pickleball
- ☆ Introduce yourself as a Pickleball player.
- ☆ Set up a court in your basement or garage.

- ☆ Never too tired to play another game.
- ☆ Arrive to help set up so you can play first.
- ☆ Never embarrassed to say Pickleball
- ☆ Hang broken Pickleballs on your Xmas tree
- ☆ Arrive at sunrise & only leave at sunset
- ☆ Pass up golf in order to play Pickleball
- ☆ Say you'll come back after lunch & you do
- ☆ Plan your holidays around Pickleball
- ☆ Have pain killers in your pickleball bag
- ☆ Count Pickleballs to help sleep at 3:00 a.m.

NOW RATE YOURSELF AS FOLLOWS:

What is your score? _____

20 out of 20 = **Official Pickleballic**

Or Vlasic Kosher Dill Pickle.

10 out of 19 = **Regular Dill**

10 out of 14 = **Baby Dill**

1 out of 9 = **Gerkin**

New Canadian Rating System

2011 YEAR IN REVIEW for B.C. & PCO

- Signed up many new and renewal PCO memberships during 2011, now over 400
- Have appointed 13 new Area Ambassadors in B.C. resulting in more & more venues to play, introduce & conduct free clinics for new players, every day.
- Set up and organize a very successful ARC Abbotsford Pickleball Tournament in July with close to 100 entrants.
- Listed many new places to play on our website and updated others.
- New Pickleball programs at the family YMCA in Prince George, South Delta Rec. Centre, Ladner Community Centre, New Cloverdale Rec. Centre, Richmond Olympic Oval, New Creekside Rec. Centre, Vancouver,
- The "Y" Rutland have added Pickleball.
- Also St. Joseph Church Kelowna & Barbara Ann Park & Hutton School G. Forks.
- Participated with many other PCO members @ Kelowna May 14th Tournament
- Participated with many PCO members in the BC Senior Games in Trail, Aug 21-25
- Welcomed many PCO members to many Pickleball session in Abbotsford, BC.
- Together with other volunteers, we enjoyed teaching approx. 500 elementary school students at their schools in Langley and Surrey. Encouraging more volunteers to join PCO.
- Participated in the "Dream Spring Break" program for School District #36 Surrey for underprivileged students.
- Submitted by: Dave & Shirley Shepherd B.C. Provincial Ambassadors, PCO



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NSPA (Nova Scotia Pickleball Association) had a gorgeous fall season so the golf season was extended as well. Finally golf season was over and they are now back in swing of things, meaning Pickleball Time.

This group plays every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10-12 noon. They have 14 enthusiastic players including 4 brand new players.

Front row: Jim Simpson, Patsy Simon and Jack Forbes. Back Row: Lorraine Driscoll, Sylvianne Forbes, Peter McLaughlin, Linda Sutherland and Pauline Dickson. All having fun.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, COLIN CALDWELL

As we prepare to enter into another year one often pauses to reflect on the past year in order to put the proper prospective on future goals. I recall being elected to the Board of Directors in February 2011 & by chance & circumstance promoted to Vice-President, then President to fill vacant positions when members became ill. I must admit it has been a challenging experience one which I probably wasn't ready for but I understood there was a job to be done and I'd learn as I go.

Hopefully, I've represented Pickleball Canada well these past months and I do look forward to seeing our organization & our sport grow here in Canada in the coming year. This year saw many heated debates over rules, paddles & affiliations. A Calgary group split from Pickleball Canada forming their own organization in competition with us cen-

tered mostly in Calgary & B.C. ensuing legal battle to protect our name ended in a capitulation by the other group.

On the other hand a British Columbia provincial group was registered by our competition even though our supporters in Abbotsford had been operating as the provincial arm of Pickleball Canada since the beginning of 2011. These two groups are trying to garner support and members by offering free memberships. I've always maintained that you get what you pay for. Our friends in Kelowna & Abbotsford B.C. ran successful tournaments this past year. I fortunately was able to attend both. The BC Senior Games ran in Trail, BC & from what I understand the 2012 Games will adopt the official rules for equipment. That certainly is a step in the right direction. PCO is hosting its first National Tournament in Abbotsford, BC. Be there! Happy New Year!

WEST KELOWNA PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT MAY 19-20

MOUNT BOUCHERIE SENIOR SECONDARY GYMNASIUM ENTRANCE
WELCOME TO OUR MOUNTAIN

One of the biggest and most successful Pickleball Tournaments in BC was held in West Kelowna in May 2011, just under 90 people attended from all over B.C. and it was run with precision by Jim & Terry Saunders and a small army of volunteers including COPA the local Central Okanagan Pickleball Assoc.

2012 Registration opens March 3rd, the dates are MAY 19th & 20th. This tournament is **"sanctioned" under IFP rules**. All PCO members receive a \$5.00 discount when registering.

There are two divisions: **Recreational** (rating from 2.0 to 3.0) or non-rated players/members. **Competitive** (rating from 3.5 to 4.5) or top local players. Each division will have Men's and Ladies DOUBLES and MIXED Men's & Ladies Doubles. It will be run as a "Double Knockout" best of three format NOT as a Round Robin tournament.

ALL AGES WELCOME. You will be rated by yourself or by other players that know you. This system worked well last year. **Price \$25.00 plus \$5.00 per event, Less PCO \$5.00 discount.**



Jim & Terry Saunders (as shown here) are the organizers of this now annual event.

Jim Saunders is looking for sponsors from the business community that wish to advertise their products to a captive audience during this two day well attended event. He is specifically looking for a sponsor who has a "shopping bag" that could be use to dis-

tribute literature etc. to all players.

Last year in lieu of medals they went with prizes which were very well received.

Oh! Yes I should mention that lunch is included on the Saturday (May 19th) and of course bottle water for all players.

The coordinator is **Kevin Bouchier** for the District of West Kelowna Rec. & Culture Dept.. **Telephone (778) 797-8800** Email is: kevin.bouchier@districtofwestkelowna.ca You may book into this tournament on March 3rd at the earliest, please. The nearest hotel is Comfort Inn, West Kelowna and RV parking is also available, just ask Kevin for details.

VICTORIA, B.C. - A Great Place to Play Pickleball

The George Park Arena Field House (behind Tillicum Mall) added a second session. Times are Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with four courts.

Brentwood Community Hall in Brentwood Bay expanded their time to include Sunday afternoon during the summer months when they play outside. Times are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.-ish. A great facility.

Saanich Commonwealth Pool Gym has 2 indoor courts, times are Monday & Friday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and a FREE ONE HOUR skill session on Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Esquimalt Rec Centre: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, their two courts are very busy from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Around Victoria many of the outdoor courts are being double lined for Pickleball. Recently the courts at Carnarvon near Oak Bay border have been adapted and a local tennis coach gave a free demo to fourteen tennis instructors. How cool is that!

The temperature has plummeted to 10+ C, so that means half of the retirees on the island are off down south and that includes many local Pickleball enthusiasts. Sooo... if you know someone who wants to learn, now is the time as most of our courts are open to just about anyone wanting to hit a plastic ball over the net with a large paddle. Timing is everything, they say.

See you on the other side of the net...

Len Taal, Pickleball Canada Ambassador
BC Senior Games Zone 1 Pickleball Coordinator

TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR & NEXT

2012 PICKLEBALL CANADA FIRST NATIONAL TOURNAMENT— ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE
2499 McMILLAN ROAD, ABBOTSFORD, B.C. ALL PLAYERS WELCOME. IFP RULES APPLY.
JULY 7TH & 8TH - 2012, PCO & USAPA MEMBERS WELCOME, PLUS ALL OTHER PLAYERS.

MAY 19TH TO 20TH, WEST KELOWNA PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - TWO DIVISIONS, RECREATIONAL &
COMPETITIVE, MENS & WOMENS DOUBLES, PLUS MIXED DOUBLES. SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 3

Please re-new or join PICKLEBALL CANADA

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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Three years \$32.00



RULES CORNER BY BEV BUTT

Chair Rules Committee P.C.O.

Did you know?

BALLS AND CLOTHING

With decorative balls and clothing all around us, let's look at these in pickleball:

2.D. Balls:

For ISP approval, balls are tested for each colour in size, weight, bounce and hardness. Some have interesting names: Cosom Fun Ball, Dura Fast 40, Jugs Bulldog, Mach-Z. Large hole balls are usually used indoors but all approved balls can be used in both locations. The ball and colour are chosen by Tournament Director. Balls are durable plastic with smooth surface (2.D.1), 2 3/4"-3" in diameter (2.D.2) and weigh between 0.8 and 1.02 oz. Specifications of each approved ball are listed on IFP website.

2.F. Clothing:

Soles of shoes must not mark court surface (2.F.4)

Clothing may be any colour (2.F.1) Two other rules could result in interesting discussions. Depictions:

Insignias, pictures, and writing must be in good taste (2.F.3). Safety/Distracton: A player may be required to change wet, extremely loose-fitting or otherwise distracting garments (2F2).

So- know the Rules and enjoy the celebrations of the Holiday Season, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

See Rules at: www.ipickleball.org

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