



PICKLEBALL CANADA

*The fastest growing sport in North America.
Le sport croissant le plus rapide en
Amérique du Nord.*



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Bill was born in Regina, SK, and educated at the University of Montreal, University of Calgary and the University of Alberta. Bill had 3 different careers, data processing, labour relations & administrative law.

His first job was with the SK Power Corp. for 10 years, he worked in accounting, data processing and labour relations.

Bill left Regina with the bumper sticker, "Would the last person leaving SK please turn off the lights." He joined the University of Calgary, and held several positions in data processing including Data Centre Operations Manager.

Six years later, the Labour Relations Board of Alberta came calling. He worked in labour standards in Calgary, then to Edmonton as Board Secretary, then Vice Chairman,

a position he held for 13 years.

One of Bill's goals was to retire at 55 & he did. He soon found out that retirement doesn't mean the brain stops working. Retirement was a total failure, so back to work. He joined the Alberta Appeals Commission for Workers Compensation, a quasi judicial body hearing & ruling on appeals of Workers Compensation Board decisions. He spent the next 12 years working as a commissioner and Hearing Chair on a full & part-time basis. In 2003 he shut it down for good.

While Bill sired 2 boys and 2 girls. Their young son collected other kids that needed a home & brought a great deal of joy to Bill & his wife Doni. Four 18 year olds in a house at one time, *they must have been nuts*. Bill says thankfully they

were boys, he would not have made it if they had been girls.

According to Bill, Doni was a saint. In addition to raising the children she worked full time. Bill is blessed with 12 grand children and 5 great grandchildren.

Bill & Doni built their dream home in Spruce Grove. They golfed and traveled, cruised and enjoyed their cottage in SK. Doni died of lung cancer at 59 years young.

Bill now resides in Red Deer & winters at Roadhaven Resort Apache Junction Arizona.



Bill Canning, president

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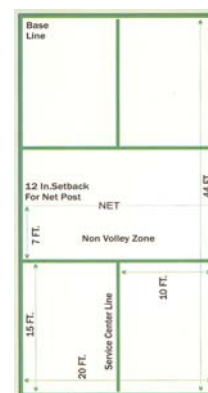
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PICKLEBALL IN INDIA by AIPA (All India Pickleball Assoc.)

Yes, it was introduced to India in 2007 by Sunil Valavalkar, founder and general secretary of AIPA.

You may view their website at: www.aipa.in This is a very professional association that has created a very impressive mail out that we could all learn from. Complete with mission statement, vision and core values. They have managed to attract some big sport names at

the national level like Dinesh Laungani a 41 years old lawn tennis and badminton player who has taken up Pickleball with a passion. He has created a website for his region <http://thanesports.com> which is to be launched very soon. They even include the correct dimension for a pickleball court in the presentation package. Very impressive and good luck.



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Sebring courts 2008



My Claim to Pickleball Fame by Wayne Roswell

I am laying claim to have played Pickleball on and in the most unusual venues in North America and Notice, I said played on the most unusual venues, not won, and even fallen on a couple. Here is my story.

I first learned to play pickleball at The Villages in Florida. This of course was not an unusual venue but the fact that they have 104 courts is, I think unique. The Community Centre in the Chatham village has 12 courts in one spot. We lined up with 50 players to take lessons in 2005.

I moved to Sebring in April, 2007. When I arrived there, players had painted lines on a cement pad in the middle of a picnic area with tables on 3 sides and a band stand on the other side. Balls were constantly going astray on top of the band shell roof. Jim was known for the fact that he never gave up on a ball. One day, he chased a ball right up and over the band shell without a second thought.

In April of that year, we approached the owner of the park about building real Pickleball courts based on the growing numbers playing and the present courts a safety concern.

We left that meeting not sure we had convinced him or not. I returned the following fall and was playing on four state-of-the-art courts that you see on the left. We held the

Heartland Senior Games on these courts in March of 2008 and one lady remarked ***“These are the best courts I have ever fallen on.”***

My most interesting unusual pickleball experience was In February of 2008, I was an ambassador for the USAPA in the Sebring, FL. region. I was sent an invitation by John Simpson, the ambassador, of North Carolina to play in the first Pickleball tournament in the Mt. Olive Pickle Fest. My wife and I were planning to leave Florida for Ontario at the time of this event, so I decided out of curiosity to attend a Pickleball event in a Picklefest in an unknown town in North Carolina. Just to give you an understanding of the uniqueness of this town the headquarters of the Mt. Olive Pickle Company are located at Cucumber and Vine. When I arrived at the location for the Pickleball event, I did not see any courts or players. I checked my watch and it was only 15 minutes before the event was to start. Finally, John the ambassador showed up and along with another couple we found the portable nets and set them up in the middle of a side street. We lined the courts free hand with chalk on the most level spot we could find between the portable toilets.

The tournament turned out to be a demo and people stopped to watch and ask questions. Several of

the younger crowd joined us in play. Of course the gold winners of the day received a case of Mt. Olive pickles and silver received a jar. I have a picture of me holding the jar.

The tournament is still being held at the same time each year but has now moved indoors to a high school gymnasium and I have Mt.Olive Pickle Company as a sponsor for our Heartland Senior Games in Florida because I participated in that fun event

How appropriate, a Pickleball tournament at a Picklefest.

In the summer of 2009, I had the experience of playing on the parking lot of the Unionville Curling Club as part of the Unionville Festival. Again, we set up portable nets and played in the parking lot behind the Nintendo display. As the founders of this sport pointed out, it truly is a sport that anyone can play anywhere even in your driveway. My net poles consist of 4 inch PCV pipe retrieved from a dumpster on a building site, two plastic flower pots, and one broken bag of cement from Home Depot.

That same summer I traveled up to Blue Mt. Collingwood to play in a open house at the Monterra Tennis Dome at Blue Mt. Resort. This open house was organized by Bill Furse & friends. Although the surface was on astro turf the ball bounced well and we all enjoyed it.

My last experience was at Whitchurch Stouffville held in the hockey arena. Art

My Claim to Pickleball Fame Continued by Wayne Roswell

Woodfuff had the lines painted into the ice & had portable nets. Yes we played pickleball on ice but without the ice. Games were forty minute periods, three periods to a match.

It is amazing how inventive Canadians can be when it comes to finding places to play their favourite sport.

During the day of using the facilities, the staff of the facility had turned the ice making equipment on without telling any of us. Well, when hot humid air from above meets a cold floor, we all know what happens. Players discovered that the painted area

froze first and that gives new meaning to out call, out cold.

I will end with not the most unusual place to have played but the one I am most proud of, the Scugog Community Centre on Reach Street in Port Perry. Why am I most proud of this? Well it took me a year & a half to get approval and it is my home town. It is not the best facility I have played in, but it has the best people, my neighbours. We are not strong in numbers but growing. We have two special players that join us each week from Community Services N. Durham and enjoy the game with

us despite their disabilities. As I stand and watch these two players, playing with a senior on each side of the net, I am rewarded for all the effort I put into this great game.

At some point before I end my Pickleball career, I want to play in the curling rink at Little Current on Manitoulan Island and at the CFB Gymnasium in North Bay.



Editors Note: Wayne Roswell is a founding member of Pickleball Canada and created the first newsletter for the club. He has spent countless hours running the newsletter you have all enjoyed. He has stepped aside to make room for a new slate of directors who hope to be as productive and responsive as he has been over time.

We wish Wayne well and expect to see many more articles from him over the coming months and years.

Thank you Wayne for your strong support of Pickleball Canada. All the best. Ed

KAMLOOPS, B.C GRAND OPENING - 4 NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS

The music played, the dignitaries made their speeches, the ribbon was cut and everyone took to the 4 waiting outdoor courts to demonstrate the game of pickleball at MacDonald Park.

The Kamloops Blazers Jr. Hockey Association was

there plus **FORTY** members of the Kamloops Pickleball Club, all who contributed to this event. This was the result of 18 months of work by our local club, who still hold 3 indoor courts at the Boys & Girls Club on MacArthur Island. They now have 12

newly trained instructors who will offer their assistance every Tues, Thursday & Saturday for new players from 9a.m. to 10 a.m. on these days all summer long.

Anyone passing through Kamloops are most welcome to join us till noon each day.



WEST KELOWNA TOURNAMENT - Mt. Boucherie School.

They came from the U.S.A., from Kamloops and from other areas around the province to challenge and be challenged at pickleball.

Win or loose, everyone was in good spirits, doing their best & enjoying the fellowship of so many with the same love of the game.

Competitive Division:

Court A:
Bill Beckwith – Gold
Dennis Smithgail - Silver
Bill Franzman - Bronze
Court B:
Chuck Lefaive - Gold
Hans Skudelny - Silver
Randy Wersch - Bronze
Court C:
Tim Mah - Gold
Brian Stovel - Silver

Ed Daciuk - Bronze
Recreation Division:

Court D:
Mike Polvere - Gold
Dennis Anderson - Silver
Linda Edwards - Bronze
Court E:
Kumi Watson - Gold
Jenice Lewandowski - Bronze
Gary Everard - Bronze
An excellent competition.



Over 40 competed in the tournament, winning medals and cash.

COMING TOURNAMENTS IN JULY, 2010

NANAIMO (Vancouver Island)

Tournament date: July 24th, 2010 Time: 8:30 am to 5pm

Age 54 and under - Men's, Ladies and Mixed Doubles

Age 55 and over - Men's, Ladies and Mixed Doubles

If you will be arriving slightly late, we will allow a 9:00 a.m. start provided we are advised in advance.

A schedule will be sent out by July 15th so entrants will know their start times.

BC SENIOR GAMES - Comox Valley (Vancouver Island)

PICKLEBALL - CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C.

September 15-18th - WEBSITE: WWW.BCSENIORSGAMES.ORG

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ABBOTSFORD, B.C. HOSTS FIRST PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT WITH OVER 90 PARTICIPANTS from all over the lower mainland, Vancouver Island and the interior. And the winners are



PICKLEWHAT? By Marcia Redmond

Waterloo, Ontario Pickleball club has grown to 22 players plus 15 from Forest Heights in the same area. The city of Kitchener has even marked 3 courts for outdoor use. With this growth and new venues we are still asked: **"Pickleball, What the heck it that?"**

Our motto is "we're out to have fun" and fun and social time is what we share. We play Wednesday and Friday at the Down Town Centre and Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Forest Heights.

The "12 winners" on the right will be competing in the ONTARIO Seniors Games to be held in Oshawa in August. Congratulations everyone!



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Our V.P. Marcel Lemieux is on assignment into the outback of La Belle Province, he is leaving on July 7th and returning July 29th. He is searching out and establishing new exciting place to play pickleball in the province, he will also be visiting established pickleball clubs and encouraging them in their endeavors to promote Pickleball. Your board of directors unanimously approved of this trip & only asked that this trip was done without pay of course.