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The Transition to a New Board for Pickleball Canada

As you know in the last edition of the E-Newsletter, the nominees of the new board were announced. Since that time, the nominees have decided among themselves that they will take on the following positions:

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The founding members will offer assistance as this transition takes place and the new board becomes familiar with his or her duties

Players Relish the Chance to Play in Senior Games

By Wayne Roswell

This is the first year that Ontario has included Pickleball as a sanctioned event at both the district level and at the provincial level. On September 8, 2009, I was invited to a planning committee meeting for Actifest, 2010 in Oshawa. At that meeting, I was allowed to make a presentation on Pickleball and why I felt it should be included in the Ontario Senior Games in August, 2010. For some reason the committee liked what I had to say, maybe it was the free Pickleball Canada DVD I gave each member. They all agreed that Pickleball would be a demonstration sport for the first year at Actifest, 2010.

In late October, the Ontario Senior Games Association met as a group in North York. Due to a family emergency, I was unable to attend that meeting. Despite my absence, the OSGA agreed to make Pickleball a sanctioned sport without going through the demonstration process – maybe it was a good thing I missed the meeting. This was very significant because it meant that all districts in Ontario could offer Pickleball in their districts.

I must admit that I am not really a “tournament kind of guy.” However, this spring I have had the privilege of competing in the Durham District Games, in men’s doubles, and co convening the Scarborough District Games.

Both events were a great success and I say that because I saw the level of play increase by individual players. There is something about competition that gets the adrenalin pumping and brings out the best in every one’s game. I saw players get to and make shots they would not have made in recreational play. Partners practiced together before the games, something we do not do during recreational play.

I think even more important is the fact that these games were referred. This made players more aware of the rules. When you are called for a violation at the NV-Zone, a player becomes much more cognizant that they have been doing this and not calling themselves. Players become more aware of the rules of Pickleball.

On the Fun Side by George Brewer

George Brewer lives and plays at The Villages in Florida and writes a monthly column for a local paper. He covers aspects of Pickleball that most of us do not consider in a humorous way. He shares this recent article.

Picking a Partner

You are at the courts and a large number of potential partners have been assembled there for your approval. There they are the whole tribe of them, all lined up waiting to be chosen. You have no idea who any of these people are and you are not permitted to question any of the candidates. You must make a selection based solely on what you see standing there in silence. How do you decide?

- Male or female, I don’t care; I’d pick the one whose arms are so long their knuckles drag on the court surface when they walked in.

- Never! Let me say again, never, play with anyone holding a wooden paddle.
- If the only courts you play on are outside, pass on anyone whose skin shows no evidence of being in the sun for a long time.
- The first thing I'd do before making a decision is check their ankles. Avoid anyone wearing a house arrest ankle bracelet.
- If a candidate is wearing a back pack make sure you don't make a decision before checking it for a portable oxygen tank.
- Anyone carrying a paddle in their left hand and a chair in their right isn't in the match for the long run.
- Never select a partner whose spouse intends to coach from the side lines.

Based on some of the partners I've recently played with, some of these candidates look pretty impressive.

Venture Out in Mesa, Arizona

By Jerry Smandych

In the spring and early fall I play at the Guilford Recreation Centre in Surrey, BC and in the winter I live and play at Venture Out RV Resort in Mesa, Arizona where pickleball is one of the more popular sports.



A few years ago, I took my camera to the courts and tried taking a few action shots and to my surprise they turned out quite well. As a result, I now take action shots of our Saturday Scrambles (a weekly tournament) that occurs every weekend throughout the winter.

During the week we have open play and on the weekends players are paired off and play against other pairs until we have a final winner. The final game of the morning features the best players and is always entertaining.

Our Saturday Morning Scrambles start about 8:30 am and usually finish around 1:00 pm. We have so many participants that we run two separate scrambles, the A group which is experienced and the B group, which is less experienced. Coffee, donuts and great camaraderie make the morning very enjoyable.



While the play is going on I will take up to 400 pictures which I edit down to around 100 which I then post on our Venture Out website. I try to include everyone that plays but it's not always possible. The facial expressions in some of the pictures I take are very intense

while others are hilarious! It's all in fun and nobody ever complains.

We have 6 courts and at last count we have 342 players in our Club. Twice a week we have lessons for beginners and judging by the number of people that show up I expect our club will be steadily increasing in size.

I enjoy taking pictures of players and judging by the reaction of our players they enjoy it too. Pictures of our scrambles can be viewed at <http://picasaweb.google.com/jerrysmandych5>

Seniors tickled by Pickleball

By Sean Sakamoto

Editor's comments.

*I am publishing parts of the article below because although it was published in Toronto, it covers Pickleball across our great country and I wanted all players to have an opportunity to read it. I hope you agree that Sean has done a great job on his research. Thanks to the contacts that provided the information. Reprinted with copyright permission from **ForeverYoung.com***

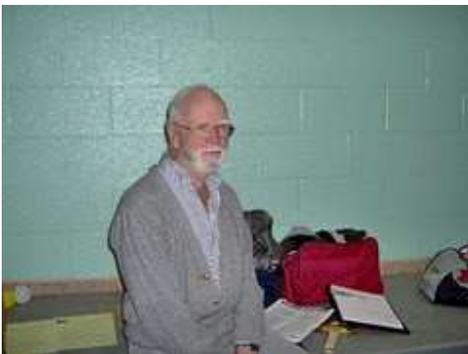
It's the newest game on the court and spreading quickly through recreation centres across the country; and it's also on the Senior Games roster



Terrance Rozario, left, was coordinator of the Mississauga pickleball tournament and won gold in the men's division with his partner Gerry Infeld

The players were out and the game was on in the Hershey Centre in Mississauga on Apr. 19. It was the first ever pickleball tournament for the Mississauga Senior Games.

Until this year, pickleball hasn't been popular enough to get official Games sanctioning but its recent growth has paid off.



John Hoyt left

John Hoyt, 90, of Mississauga first brought the game to Ontario circa 1998 after discovering it during travels in the United States.

"We joined a club called Thousand Trails. They have many resorts throughout the United States. The different resorts played this game called pickleball," says Hoyt. He liked it enough to bring it home with him and soon he was playing it with his friends at a local recreation centre.

Terrance Rozario, 86, coordinator of the Mississauga tournament and winner in the

men's category along with his partner Gerry Infeld, introduced the game to a seniors' centre on Cawthra. Since he started playing, he has seen the game grow rapidly.

"Up to this year, we had nothing to do with the Senior Games. In other words, pickleball was not going on in very many places," Rozario says. He's now the Mississauga-district convener for pickleball for the Senior Games. He hopes its appearance at the Games will attract more players.

"I learned the game from Mississauga in 2000," says Tony Sequeira, 65 of Scarborough. "When the Mississauga guys came to demonstrate the game in Scarborough, there were just three people. Now there's 50 plus people in my group." Sequeira says the game spread from Scarborough, reaching out from Whitby to Barrie.

Liatt Tan of White Rock, B.C., explains some of its advantages. Tan used to play badminton but quit after a partner hit him in the eye with a racket.

"In badminton, you have to be very agile and jump in the air, which I cannot do," the 86-year-old says. "With pickleball, the ball comes much slower. Pickleball is much safer than badminton for an elderly person like me.

"I play tennis too. Pickleball's faster, more exciting," says Jim McMaster, 87, also of White Rock. "Anything that you do in the way of exercise helps the elderly. I'm 87 and I still enjoy it very much and it's very stimulating."

"It provides very good calorie-burning, bending and scooping type exercises," agrees Chuck Lefaive, 68, of White Rock, a founding member of the Canadian Pickleball



Association. He was a director at the South Surrey Rec Centre in British Columbia, teaching people to play pickleball.

"We have people with mobility problems, some with Parkinson's, they have to learn to position themselves better than other people. They get to a certain place earlier and they park themselves in the right spot to

receive the ball", Lefaive adds.

Upcoming Tournaments

- June 19 – Mount Boucherie School, Kelowna, BC – Contact Brian Stovel Bands65@shaw.ca
- June 26 – Abbotsford Rec Center, Abbotsford, BC – Contact Grant Brittain phone 604-557-4408
- July 24 – 8:30am – 5:00 pm Nanaimo BC Tournament – Contact Ron Pitcher ronniepitcher@gmail.com
- Aug 11- 12 - Ontario Senior Games – University of Oshawa Institute of Technology-Durham College Oshawa, Ontario - interactive link below http://www.durhamcollege.ca/EN/main/places_to_go/visit_us/interactive_campus_map.php

- Sept 15-18 - BC Senior Games– Campbell River, BC. fhubbick@telus.net
- Oct 2nd – South Surrey Rec Center, surrey, BC - Contact Terri Focker phone 604-592-6970 terrifocker@surrey.ca

Membership Renewals



Don't forget you membership renewals. Make sure you support your new Pickleball Canada by renewing your membership. Great incentives are offered for 3 and 5 year memberships. Be the first in your centre to have a Pickleball Canada shoulder carrying case and paddle cover. Your membership dollars are needed to carry on the good work of Pickleball Canada.

Editors Comments

This will be my last newsletter as editor.

It was an honour to be a member of the founding committee of Pickleball Canada and the first editor of this newsletter. I know the newsletter will go through many changes and improvements along the way and I welcome that. However, I do take away a certain amount of pride in being the first editor and thank all members that took the time to e-mail me with positive comments. We all need to have our egos stroked, some of us more than others. I do plan to write articles on a regular basis so I will still be around,

Ed Burke has assisted me on this issue and is now ready to take over as the new editor and I will assist. I wish him well and know from our conversations that you will be in for a treat with some new ideas. Since Ed is just moving into this position, he needs material for the next issue. Take the risk! Write an article! You may find a hidden talent.

Send your articles to Ed at edburke@telus.net

Remember, players relish this game, they put mustard on their serves, and when they are behind they ketchup.

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