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Fellow Pickleballers
From Chuck Lefaive

This volume 1 number 12 of our e-newsletter to you is a special one for many reasons:

- 1- I am announcing the new board of Pickleball Canada who will choose their executive and if an issue of note presents itself - will call an election to vote on this issue.
- 2- terms will be staggered to allow for continuity 1-3 yrs.
- 3- their names and locations are listed below.
- 4- it is remarkable that we have had members step up from all across our land for the first time in history. They deserve your support and congratulations.

To the founding members, Beverley Butt - Regina, the first lady, I tip my hat for being there always, to Bill Furse – Collingwood , I thank him for the training material and his teaching skills. To Wayne Roswell, I congratulate him on his teaching, writing, advice and special interpersonal skills that have allowed us to move to where we are and finally to Marcel Lemieux from Mirabel for his guidance en francais and help with the children of BC. . I thank him and Louise.

Lastly, to Bill Franzman of the Okanagan who, although not a founding member, showed support and dedication and most important shared his expertise on rules and other sensitive matters.

Congratulations to the following members who have been nominated to form the board of Pickleball Canada 2010:

- >From Nova Scotia – Mr. Charles MacIntyre
- > From La province de Quebec- Marcel Lemieux
- > From Ontario – Donna and Morgan Robins

- >From Manitoba – Garth Merkeley
- > From Saskatchewan – Mr Larry Evans
- >From Alberta – Bill Canning
- >From BC – Christine Perras
- >From BC – Mr Ed Burke
- > From BC – Ed Yeo
- >From BC – Mr Robin Woods

See you all on the court

Memberships



With Logo

Shoulder Holder



Without Logo

Effective 1 May 2010 free gifts will be given to those who **Re-New** their Pickleball Canada Organization Membership for:

- 1 year – paddle cover *
- 3 years - paddle cover or shoulder holder for an extra \$10.00*
- 5 years - a paddle cover or a shoulder holder *
- 5 year Family – 2 paddle covers or 1 shoulder holder*

When sending membership and selecting an incentive, please add the S&H costs.



Paddle Cover

Non-members may purchase a paddle cover for \$15.00 and/or shoulder holder for \$35.00 plus S&H costs.

Members receive special pricing as shown on the Application for Membership.

Example of S&H costs for 1 or 2 paddles, a paddle holder and 2 pickleballs:

Collingwood \$14.00	Quebec City \$16.00	Okanagan \$9.00
Calgary \$12.00	Montreal \$14.00	Winnipeg \$13.00
Kitchener \$13.00	Medicine Hat \$15.00	Edmonton \$11.00
Kamloops \$9.00	Victoria \$10.00	North Vancouver \$8.00
Saskatchewan \$12.00	Chilliwack \$9.00	Ottawa \$13.00
Richmond \$8.00	Coquitlam \$8.00	Toronto \$11.00
Trail \$12.00	Abbotsford \$10.00	

To apply or renew your membership please complete the application form found at <http://pickleballcanada.org/news/pickleballMembershipForm.pdf> or at the end of this newsletter, enclose a cheque, for your membership plus the S&H listed above and mail to the address found at the bottom of the form. Note: All final amounts are to be rounded up or down to determine the amount of your cheque

The \$200 prize for recruiting the most new members was won by Okanagan and will be split among their geographic area. Congratulations

Pickleball in Cinnamon Cove

Pickleball Comes To Cinnamon Cove, Fort Myers, FL

By *Rudy Niessink*, April - 2010

On my recent stay in Fort Myers in 'Sunny Florida' I discovered pickleball was being played in Cinnamon Cove. Pickleball players share the courts with tennis players using tape for temporary lines. As the new recreational activity grows in popularity, it is hoped that space becomes available in the Cove to construct separate pickleball courts. Having never played outdoors I found it a bit of a challenge playing with ocean breezes. A round robin tournament was held and I was lucky to be invited as the lone Canadian. We had a great turnout of 35+.

Talking about myself is not a common practice; I so hate to brag, BUT my partner Irene and I ended up in second place! Which was only fair after all we got gold in hockey in Vancouver.



Here is a picture of my second place 64FL trophy; I now have enough pickles for at least 2 years. Fortunately it didn't explode in the trunk on the way home and was dully declared at the border...honest...would I lie??

PICKLEBALL

**L'OUEST VISITE L'EST
VOYAGE AU QUÉBEC**

**WEST VISITS EAST
TRIP TO QUÉBEC**

<p>Bonjour aux joueurs de Pickleball</p> <p>De la visite de la colombie britannique dans la banlieue nord de Montréal a fait en sorte que deux nouvelles personnes se sont laissés tentés de jouer au Pickleball; Dave Touchet de South Surrey est venu visiter de la parenté et leur a dit qu'il tenait à jouer au Pickleball; son neveu n'ayan t jamais entendu parler de ce sport, s'est mis à la recherche et a trouvé les coordonnées de Marcel et Louise; il a communiqué avec nous et un rendez-vous fut fixé pour jouer; quelques jours plus tard Dave et deux autres hommes (nouveaux) sont venus jouer au Pickleball avec nous à Mirabel,</p>	<p>Good day to Pickleball players</p> <p>A British Columbia visitor to the northern suburbs of Montréal has brought two new players from here to play Picklebal;, his name is Dave Touchet from South Surrey; he came to visit relatives and mentioned to them that he wanted to play Pickleball; his nephew never having heard of this sport went on the Web and found our coordinates (Marcel et Louise); he then communicated with us and together, we determined a day to play; a few days later, two québec men with Dave came to play Pickleball with us in Mirabel.</p>
<p>Salutations et merci à Dave d'avoir amené deux québécois à jouer et à apprendre ce beau sport.</p>	<p>Regards and thank you to Dave for having made it so that two more persons now know about this wonderful sport.</p>

Venture out in Mesa Arizona

Pictures of Pickleball Play in Venture Out, Mesa, Arizona

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> Jerry Smandych



Courts in India



We get a lot of notes and emails sent by our members and acquaintances from wherever Pickleball is played. This came from one of our "group" who happens to be in an area of the world quite different from what we are used to.

Hi Wayne and Chuck

How are you? For long time I have not heard any thing from you and hence these pics are for you.

With this mail I wish to share pictures of our first ever-dedicated court of Pickleball in the city of Mumbai.

On Saturday 20th February 10, we inaugurated first ever coaching centre at Shre-e-Punjab Gymkhana at Andheri where we got 2 out door badminton courts for our practice and coaching. We are excited with this development. This Gymkhana is in the heart of residential complex so people should find it easy to attend our classes. I am keeping my fingers cross about the response. I am hopeful that we will get good response. Here we can play even in floodlights during nighttime. The surface of the court is an issue but with out bothering much about it, we have started this centre. Let us what happens next.

Regards, *Suni*

Technical Stuff

This is a new section to our newsletter and will provide information of a more shall we say esoteric nature regarding rules, regulations, equipment, teachings by our more senior members...etc. etc. I'm sure you get the idea.

We begin this section with an installment regarding the correct laying out of a Pickleball court. The folks in Calgary were most helpful in this regard, allowing us use of their material for this segment.

Under new header, rapid growth in Alberta - just came in is a whole article in itself of PB in Calgary – which is on fire.

This Calgary raquet network has an agreement with the city of Calgary to double mark 150 courts over the next 7 years, so how will they do that? Here is a pictorial rendition of how it is done as well as the upcoming expansion of the sport.

The raquet network has almost 3000 members on five continents and we are linked with them.

<http://blog.racquetnetwork.com/2010/04/pickleball-expands-in-calgary/>

Tournament Advisory

Local Tournaments:

- June 26 – Abbotsford Rec Center, Abbotsford, BC – Contact Grant Brittain phone 604-557-4408
- June 19 – Mount Boucherie School, Kelowna, BC – Contact Brian Stovel Bands65@gmail.com
- July 24 - Nanaimo – Contact Ron Pitcher ronniepitcher@gmail.com
- Aug 10-12 - Ontario Senior Games – Oshawa, Ontario
- Sept 15-18 - BC Senior Games– Campbell River, BC. fhubick @telus.net
- Oct 2nd – South Surrey Rec Center, surrey, BC - Contact Terri Focker phone 604-592-6970 terrifocker@surrey.ca

A note regarding Ontario Senior Games

With the addition of Pickleball to the Ontario Senior Games, Actifest 2010 to be held in Oshawa, August 10 – 12, 2010, many districts have added pickleball to their summer game events. Here is a list of the tournaments that have been announced to date. More Districts are expected to add pickleball as the summer games evolve.

To participate in the provincial games players must qualify at their district level. This is amazing growth considering that one year ago only York Region offered the sport.

Scarborough	Wednesday, May 26, 2010	Milliken CRC
York Region	Friday, May 14, 2010	Newmarket Magna Centre
North York	Tuesday, May 11, 2010	Mitchell Field Community Centre
Durham Region	Friday, May 14, 2010	McLean Community Centre, Ajax
District 3- Sudbury	Saturday, May 29, 2010	Little Current, Manitoulin, Island
District 8- Stormont,	Monday, June 7, 2010	Ecole Jean 23, Cornwall
Simcoe Simcoe County	“June 3	Holly Center in Barrie
Dundas&Glegarry/Prescott&Russell		
London	May 14, 2010	North London Optimists CC
Mississauga	Games were held in April	
Windsor	Thursday April 29, 2010	Riverside Baseball Club
Renfrew	June 9 and 10	Petawawa - demonstration

For other listings please visit www.pickleballcanada.org - click on the tournament section.

Special Notice

This from the Recreation Services Coordinator at Vancouver's prestigious Arbutus Club

I am currently on the hunt for a Pickleball Instructor to help us get pickleball going at our Club. I am organizing a trial workshop for pickleball in June to test the waters so to speak, and would like to offer a Pickleball program in the Fall to see where it goes. We have a standard size gymnasium with 4 courts. I have been given approval to use the gym on Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 (with some flexibility on the time), to offer a weekly program. Now all I need is an instructor to teach it, and some equipment. If this really takes off, as I know it has elsewhere, then I would like to continue into our Winter and Spring program sessions as well.

If you might have any interest in this opportunity, I would really like to hear from you!

Thanks in advance,

Chrystal Stone

Recreation Services Coordinator

The Arbutus Club www.arbutusclub.com

Anyone need a paying job. Here's one you can have fun and make a salary at the same time. If interested Please call Chuck Lefaive – 604-536-9602. The Arbutus club has Six thousand potential players.

On Starting Young

By Mike Orpen

At nearly all the places where Pickleball is being played, the players most in evidence are those between the ages of adult to older adult and all the way up to those who are active senior citizens. As we all know and appreciate, for a relatively new sport to become fully established, it is important to have players coming into the more "senior ranks" from the younger set. With that in mind, the Pickleballers here in Vancouver have been most energetic in offering clinics to new players, especially those of younger school age. After all, if we get the newer players from that demographic we'll be well on our way to ensuring the success of our sport.

I had the privilege of being asked to do a photo shoot at the Green Timbers Elementary School at the end of April this year. Chuck Lefaive contacted me to ask this favor, which I willingly agreed to do. Remembering that Canada is, by decree, a "multi-cultural" society, I was quite impressed by the variety of ethnic backgrounds and nationalities recognized by the school and the students. Green Timbers is truly an example of "multi-ethnicity" in its truest form.

What also impressed me was that the students learned to play the game, which included the Friday tournament, over a period of five days. Not once did the differences in background, nationality, country of origin, etc. enter into the experience of just having fun playing. It was a true delight. Thanks to Chuck and his team, the week resulted in another group of potential players to swell the ranks of Pickleball.

I've included a number of photos from that Friday tournament for your viewing pleasure.



The teaching team



Instruction on the finer points of the rules



Is it 1 – 3 – 2 or is it 1 - 2 - 3 or is it I'm so confused!

Note: To put on an event such as this takes a lot of arranging as well as a dedicated group of volunteer player enthusiasts to make it possible.

Thanks go to all who helped to make this week the success that it was.



Game over tap the paddles guys



The Finalists

Here are a few letters I received from the students

1- Dear Mr. Lefaive,

Thank you very much for teaching our class how to play pickleball and coming in second in our class tournament.

The best thing about learning how to play is that now I can go to the Rec Center and play with my sister. If it is not too much trouble, would you please thank the other instructors for helping as well. Thank you.

Maddy Jensen grade 6.

2. Dear Mr. Lefaive

Do you remember me? The last day of the lesson at recess, we played together with my friends. Thank you for teaching me pickleball. Even though it was a new sport for me, it felt like I was playing tennis, which I learned for two years. It was a good experience and I enjoyed playing pickleball will visit the center to play with you. Yours truly Damian M.

Youth and Seniors Working Together

YOUTH AND SENIORS WORKING TOGETHER TO TEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE KIDS THE FAMILY SPORT OF PICKLEBALL

My name is Jason Wu – 16 years old. I helped in the teaching of grades 1-7 with the little elementary school kids with Chuck during my two weeks of spring break. We went to Immaculate Conception North Delta (one of the biggest private church schools in BC). Also we worked together at Star of the sea school- white rock BC. It was fun, because I had the opportunity to teach the students some of my transferrable skills from Tennis where I am a member of the Semiahmoo Senior tennis team.

Because I was the first person to earn some money teaching children, I also got some experience of taking care of the younger kids and learn some leadership skills. The biggest thing that surprised me was

that, while I was teaching, my own skills were improved. Further I learned more about the history of pickle ball.

One thing that impressed me was that after four 30 minute sessions, the elementary grades were able to do a tournament with the whole school attending. This was a true event.

Editorial Comment

Thanks to those who have contributed to this newsletter. If you have not done so to date, please send in your offerings and, like the kids, we will accept almost anything for inclusion in the next newsletter. Let us know how you're doing, and how your own specific organization or program is moving ahead. We need your support if we are to keep pickleball going!

It's been a delight in my position as one of the founding members, and being in a transitional role. We now have over 300 paid members, a positive balance sheet. We own 4 web sites, all of which have achieved their reason for being. The last (#4) www.pickleballinternational.info will be launched shortly. It will be a worldwide index of pickleballers who travel and would like to find players of like mind where ever they may go.

It has been my pleasure to spend time in collaboration with my fellow members – between us all we've managed to make our organization the success it is. Special thanks goes to the —founding members, most of whom I've never met.... other than through the Internet. I look forward to putting a face to the email at some time in the future.

Sincerely, Chuck Lefaive, Founding Member, Pickleball Canada

I am saddened to inform all pickleball players of the recent passing of Jim O'Connor. Jim was ambassador to the Guilford Recreation Centre, North Surrey. He will be missed as a leader, player and friend at the Guilford Centre. Jim has given his paddles to his grand children so they can enjoy the game as much as he did.

15/05/2010



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please print clearly. If this is a *renewal* membership report only *new* personal information.

DATE: _____ THIS IS A NEW RE-NEW MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ M / F _____

BIRTHDATE (d/m/y) _____ / _____ / _____ PHONE (include area code): _____

E-MAIL: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROV./STATE: _____ POSTAL CODE/ZIP _____

CLUB/REC CENTRE: _____

REFERRED BY: _____ How long have you played pickleball? _____

New members will receive a nametag and DVD, with the option to purchase a paddle cover for \$10.00 or shoulder holder for \$20.00 each plus S&H costs.

A Family membership receives a nametag and one (1) only DVD that may be copied, with the option to purchase a paddle cover for \$10.00 or shoulder holder for \$20.00 each, plus S&H costs.

Non-members may purchase a paddle cover for \$15.00 and/or shoulder holder for \$35.00 each, plus S&H costs.

All 5-year memberships, new or re-newel, do not pay S&H costs.

All members receive a monthly newsletter.

Membership fees, effective 1 May 2010, are as follows:

(Circle choices as appropriate)

Under 20 years old:

1 year \$20.00

3 years \$35.00 – receive 1 paddle cover free. Shoulder holder for extra \$10.00

5 years \$50.00 - receive free paddle cover or shoulder holder, no S&H costs

20 to 50 years old:

1 year \$25.00

3 years \$50.00 – receive 1 paddle cover free. Shoulder holder for extra \$10.00

5 years \$75.00 - receive free paddle cover or shoulder holder, no S&H costs

Over 50 years old:

1 year \$20.00

3 years \$35.00 – receive 1 paddle cover free. Shoulder holder for extra \$10.00

5 years \$60.00 – receive free paddle cover or shoulder holder, no S&H costs

Family 2+:

1 year \$35.00

3 years \$50.00–receive free paddle cover and option to buy a shoulder holder for \$10.00

5 years \$70.00 – receive free 2 paddle covers or shoulder holder, no S&H costs



Please **Circle** if willing to volunteer with:

COMMITTEE / RULES / MEMBERSHIP / MARKETING / SPONSORS / TOURNAMENTS / NEWS / TRAINING

OTHER (please specify): _____

WOULD YOU BE A CANADIAN PICKLEBALL AMBASSADOR to promote Pickleball and help answer questions from persons in your area? Yes / No

Please forward completed form with cheque (shipping and handling listed on back) to: Pickleball Canada P.O. Box 75007 White Rock, BC. V4B 5L3

Shipping and Handling Costs

Example of S&H costs for 1 or 2 paddles, a paddle holder and 2 pickleballs:

Collingwood \$14.00

Quebec City \$16.00

Okanagan \$9.00

Calgary \$12.00

Montreal \$14.00

Winnipeg \$13.00

Kitchener \$13.00

Medicine Hat \$15.00

Edmonton \$11.00

Kamloops \$9.00
Saskatchewan \$12.00
Richmond \$8.00
Trail \$12.00

Victoria \$10.00
Chilliwack \$9.00
Coquitlam \$8.00
Abbotsford \$10.00

NorthVancouver\$8.00
Ottawa \$13.00
Toronto \$11.00

Note: Single paddle covers can be shipped anywhere in Canada for \$2.00

To make the job of the membership chair easier, we ask that all members use this registration form and destroy all others.