



PICKLEBALL CANADA

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GARTH MERKELEY - OUR SECRETARY

Garth, has been married to his wife Lisa for 39 years, have 2 children: Kelly aged 34 who just completed her Masters as a Nurse Practitioner and a son Garth Jr. who graduated from the University of Winnipeg with an Education degree a few years ago but is basically a full time actor. He has acted in several movies as well as done stunt work in many more. He also does Sketch Comedy with a group called Hot Thespian Action. Both of the kids love Pickleball and can't wait to visit with their parents this winter in Sun City Grand.

Garth, has played numerous sports throughout his life, including, squash & badminton: has run various full & half marathons, was ranked in the top 3 in his age class several

times in Cross Country skiing in Canada and raced the 55K American Birkebeiner in Wisconsin 10 times (best placing 102/6800). Years ago he raced bicycles and then became an ardent Triathlete.

Garth, discovered Pickleball in Sun City Grand in Phoenix and currently is an A Player (4.0) rating. He is also an Ambassador for the USAPA.

Garth, retired a couple of years ago after spending 15 years managing private sport clubs and was the owner of two restaurants for 15 years prior to that.

Garth, plays out of Sun City Grand in North West Phoenix but most of his friends from Winnipeg play out of Venture Out in Mesa (see article on page 3)

Pickleball is played at three venues in Winnipeg, the Seven Oaks Hospital Recreation Centre, St. James United Church and The Wildwood Club. Most players play at Seven Oaks and start at 6:00 a.m. 5 days per week. Thanks to Ernie, Jim Brian, Nick & Garth's efforts.



Garth Merkeley - Secretary
Pickleball Canada

WHY I'M DEPRESSED - What happened???

Over five thousand years ago, Moses said to the children of Israel, "Pick up your shovels, mount your asses & camels, and I will lead your to the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk & honey."

Nearly 75 years ago, (when Welfare was introduced) President Roosevelt said, "Lay down your shovels, sit on your asses and light up a camel, **this is the**

Promised Land."

Today, Obama has stolen your shovel, taxed your asses, raised the price of Camels and mortgaged the Promised Land.

I was so depressed last night thinking about Health Care Plans, CPP, the economy, the wars, lost jobs, savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc..... **I called Suicide Hotline. First I had to press 1**

for English.

The call was picked up at the call centre in Pakistan. **I told them I was suicidal.....**

They got really excited and asked if I could drive a truck....



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CERTIFIED PICKLEBALL INSTRUCTORS

It has been brought to our attention that members have been offered "certification" as Pickleball instructors. If someone chooses to do so in their own name that is entirely up to them BUT we wish to make it very clear to everyone that PICKLEBALL CANADA does NOT offer or approve of ANYONE giving lessons in our name.

Pickleball is NOT a professional game in Canada and we should not be deceiving anyone into believing it is. We are in a growing stage and not ready to start training individuals who can certify a

player at will. There are many issues including legal positions and costs that could arise out of false claims.

We have checked with the USAPA in the U.S. and they too do not offer certification although they do have places where you can train to be a better player but no one has the right to certify any player.

This also comes down to charging for training. Again this is done in the name of the person providing the training and not supported or sponsored in any way by Pickleball Canada or the USAPA.

There are some excellent

players out there, Bill Beckwith comes to mind and he did some training in the Kelowna area a few months back. He is an excellent player & trainer and at no time did he claim to have the ability to certify any instructor, nor did he offer them a written certificate of approval so they could now start charging for their services.

Pickleball is a wonderful sport and most who are involved are giving of their time freely without thought of any personal gain.

Our board thought it important we made this statement



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This state-of-the-art facility in Cochrane, Alberta is now open and playing host to a broad range of activities. It includes 3 arenas (hockey), 3

lane 225m. indoor track, 2 large gyms and several meeting rooms. Pickleball has been set up on 4 badminton courts with ample surround-

ing space in one of the gyms. Play times: Tues & Friday's 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Chris Kay program director.

HUSH PADDLE APPROVED BY USAPA

The USA Pickleball Association approved the Hush Paddle for play on October 27th, 2010. The Hush paddle has no edges, is colorful with (questionable) tasteful graphics, has a smooth surface made of court shoe material, an inner core which is divided into four quadrants each with it's own sweet spot. The four quadrant dividers prevent vibration and comes with an anti-vibration grip (AVG) and a balanced handle that feels comfortable no matter what size of hand you have. It is

hard-graphite-like distinct in sound. The paddle comes with a lovely blue paddle cover and taped edge if so desired.

For more information regarding the Hush paddle's availability and cost will be advised when received. If you are interested in purchasing this paddle you can contact your local distributor.

The APIKE paddle is still NOT approved by the USAPA and it looks like it won't be in the very near future.

There are many residential subdivisions in the U.S. particularly where residents are complaining about the noise from Pickleball. This new paddle will reduce the sound dramatically.



Message from our President - Bill Canning

Hello to all Pickleball players. Time and space restricts my comments this month. The geese are flying south, the ducks are flying south and many of the snowbirds are also on the move, yours truly included.

On behalf of the Board Members, I would like to congratulate Wayne Roswell on his appointment to the Board.

Wayne is a tireless worker for Pickleball in Ontario and Canada, and was recently in charge of the Pickleball section of the Ontario Senior Games. Our Board will be better in light of his dedication and expertise. Wayne's bio will be printed in our December newsletter.

I would also advise that, after 7 long and arduous months, Pickleball Canada has finally gained full control of our website. As a result, you will soon note many changes to the site. Why did it take 7 months? That is for another day.

It was also good to learn that the "Hush" paddle passed the test by the USAPA. Well done Frank Wu. His success goes to show that if you go about things in the right way, good things happen.

That's it for this edition. I will have much more to say next month, and I hope that Ed Burke the Editor will save me enough space.



Kamloops, BC - First ever Tournament - FREE

You are invited to their first ever round robin mixed tournament. Play takes place on three courts at the Boy & Girls Club on McArthur Island (indoors):

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28TH, 2010

There is NO ENTRY FEE, no prizes and no lunch, just great Pickleball. Just bring your own lunch and enthusiasm and be ready to play at 10:30 a.m. They will provide water, coffee, tea and goodies.

What you have to do to Register:

Email: **Ann Eggleton**
sagebrush@telus.net
Phone: **250 554-1687**

She will need the following:

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your City
- 3) Your email address & phone number
- 4) Competitive (A) or Recreational (B)
- 5) Your rating if you have one.

Registration closes November 22st
Limited entry - register early please!

They will attempt to group players with the same abilities in the same box or a mixture of out of town players with Kamloops players. We may find it necessary to move players from A to B or vice-versa. We'll do our best not to.

This is a fun tournament - if you can make it, you'll have a great time.

PICKLEBALL FOR KIDS in Port Perry by Wayne Roswell

Oct. 5th. Last evening I had the privilege of teaching a group of children ages 8 to 14, Pickleball for the first time. First time for me and for them.

Thanks to the fact that Pickleball has been such a hit with seniors at the Scugog Community Centre, **Tanya Budgen**, program coordinator for Parks & Recreation, decided to offer Pickleball to teenagers 13 to 15. Because of the lack of funds for promotion and I am sure the, "*what the heck is Pickleball*" factor, no kids signed up. Since the space was already booked,

I asked Tanya if we could invite the kids that had signed up for Dodge Ball to stay for Pickleball.

The idea was brought to the parents and last night was the first night of "*Pickleball for Kids*" in Port Perry.

19 kids learned how Pickleball got its name and they got to hit a real ball. We started with bobbing, bouncing the ball off the paddle, to hitting forehands back and forth.

I am not sure who was more excited the kids or me. Seeing those young faces

lapping up the Pickle's story and then anxious to get their turn to use the paddle was great. I have been trying to attract youngsters to the game for the past 2 years. Last night I got my chance to fulfill that dream.

Another item off my Pickleball bucket list.

Way to go Wayne. This is where our future lies, we need those new young players to try the game and develop a love for it just like us. We'd love to hear more stories like this - Please.

WINNIPEG TEAM OF PROMOTERS - For the love of the game

This is what Pickleball Canada needs more of. Players teaching new players how to play the game.

The group shot to the right was taken at the Sturgeon Creek High School after a demonstration of our sport to the students and teachers.

This is true dedication to Pickleball, we

need more examples of this through our country. Marcel, is doing it in Quebec, I am sure Wayne & Donna were doing it in Ontario. This is how we grow our sport.

Player in the photo from L to R. Jim Vincent, Ernie Treichel, Nick Yacheson, and our Garth Merkeley, missing is Brian Shippam. Great work guys, keep it up.



COMING TOURNAMENTS IN 2011

SNOWBIRDS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW - BIG TOURNAMENT KELOWNA - MAY 14TH, 2011 - 50+

CANADIAN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP - JULY 14TH TO 17TH 2011 - CALGARY - Call (403) 238-0687

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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Richmond Olympic Oval



Richmond Oval is open for Pickleball -16 courts - all ages welcome Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to 12 noon until end of December. Parking \$1.00. Drop in fee is: 65+ = \$10.50, 30 to 64 = \$13.00 & under 30 = \$8.50. Book of 10 tickets \$85.00. www.richmondoval.ca

PEACHLAND CHARITY EVENT HELD OCTOBER 23RD

The Pickleball tournament in memory of Fay Cain was a great success, all proceeds were donated to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Chapter for BC, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. In 2005 Fay Cain along with a group of ladies introduced the game of Pickleball to the Peachland community. Fay was an avid supporter of the game until ALS took her in 2009. Summerland Pipes & Drums gave tribute to Fay, followed by a presentation by Hal Spelliscy of ALS Kelowna.



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