



President's Report 2021

This past year has elements of not so good, good and pretty darn good!

Everyone knows COVID lingered, seemed to be going, came back harder (but different) and now maybe even is a bit under control. A lot of our play times were cancelled, our tournament schedule was decimated and many developing or development concepts were hampered.

We adapted! Learned how to play COVID Doubles, wear masks, NOT associate with positive people and be respectful of others and their space.

Our membership number went from under 6,000 to over 8,500. We had a 33% increase in the number of registered Clubs. As expected our membership numbers took a big drop December 31, the official expiry date for PBC memberships. We expect that to self correct and are projecting more than 9,000 for 2022.

viaSport recognized Pickleball BC as the Provincial Sport Organization for pickleball matters.

Under the guidance, cajoling and with much persistence from our Registrar Rod Williams , Pickleball BC was the earliest (I believe) fully into the PCO member management system and still leads by a big margin. Even in the face of a number of glitches, bugs and other issues - our collective efforts to register, maintain and understand our membership base has become a lot easier.

Our Youth initiatives efforts lead us to a Grant Program with about a dozen applications in by year end. I expect 2022 will be a good year based on the foundation built in 2021.

Looking ahead to 2022 I will push for more involvement with Clubs. Pickleball Canada is evolving and with that there are Bylaw changes, general policy changes and relationship changes. We need to ensure our Clubs have better feedback opportunities prior to any changes and are fully informed of changes they may need to institute to be in compliance.

As informed a couple weeks ago - our call for nominations to the PBC Board fell short of a full compliment, so no vote - all by acclamation. I wish to thank those that came forward for the first time and those that willingly are staying for more 'giving back'.

Four individuals are not staying for another term - thank you for the efforts, time, contributions etc - Karen Watson, Barry Montgomery, Becca Stuve, Heather Hood and Ray Dear - I hope we may call on you during the transition period!

Walter Knecht

President