



THE SUMMER NEWSLETTER FOR BC PICKLEBALL AND

CANADIAN PICKLEBALL FEDERATION

Sunday June 17 , 2018
FATHERS DAY

DEAR FRIENDS, MEMBERS, FELLOW PICKLERS THROUGHOUT THE
SPORT FRATERNITY, I TRIED TO FIND A SUITABLE TIME TO RETIRE
FROM THE
SPORT I HAVE LOVED AND GIVEN SO MUCH TO – BUT FATHERS DAY
SEEMED
APPROPRIATE. IT IS WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE THAT I HAVE OBSERVED
THE
FORMATION OF THE 4TH LARGEST PROGRAM IN NORTH AMERICA – 430
+
PROGRAMS AND 313 INSTRUCTORS CERTIFIED.

AS THE FIRST INSTRUCTOR IN SOUTH SURREY REC – THE LARGEST
PROGRAM
IN CANADA , LUBA JEHOVIC AND I TRAINED SOME 350 PLAYERS FROM
MAY 2005
TO DECEMBER 2005. IN MAY 2008 , I FOUNDED , FUNDED AND RAN

PICKLEBALL

CANADA FOR TWO YEARS AND THE FIVE FOUNDING MEMBERS
RECRUITED 400

PAID MEMBERS – 100 MORE THAN THE USAPA DID IN THEIR FIRST YEAR.

IN 2011 BC PICKLEBALL ASSOC, WAS FORMED AND REGISTERED AS A
NON-

PROFIT WITH THE PROVINCE OF BC AS OFFICIAL FOR THE PROVINCE.

NOW THIS ENTITY IS BEING MERGED WITH THE MORE RECENT

PICKLEBALL BC TO FORM ONE PROVINCIAL ENTITY WITH WALTER
KNECHT AS

HEAD. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR CONTINUITY AND FOR ME TO RETIRE
AFTER 13

YEARS AT THE HELM OF THIS NON – PROFIT
“ WWW.BCPICKLEBALL.COM .

I BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE WILL AGREE THAT THE LEVEL OF
AWARENESS OF

OUR SPORT HAS AMAZED MANY . HOW HAVE THEY DONE IT EVERYONE

SAYS.? NO PRESS – NO NEWSPAPER COVERAGE, NO TV COVERAGE
BUT HUGE

BROWTH . TRUTHFULLY MANY PLAYED A BIG PART ESPECIALLY THOSE
WHO TOOK

ON THE RUNNING OF OUR MANY REC CENTERS, OUTDOOR FACILITIES,
PRIVATE

CLUBS ETC..

UNLIKE OTHER PROVINCES ,WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH MANY
SPORTS AND

SOCIETIES LIKE BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, LACROSSE, CURLING,
SKATING RINKS,

THE DRAGONBOAT SOCIETY, THE DANCING PICKLERS TENNIS ETC, TO MAKE NEW

FORMATIONS AND WELCOME PLAYERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. ALSO WE HAVE

INVESTED 13 YEARS TEACHING STUDENTS IN ELEMENTARIES AS WELL AS HIGH

SCHOOLS. OUR SENIORS HAVE BEEN KEY HERE AS THEY CAME TO THE FORE

AND HELPED US TEACH SO THAT IN ONE WEEK OF OUR TIME, ONE SCHOOL WAS

TAUGHT AND HAD COMPLETED A TOURNEY BY FRIDAY WITH SOME 500 ATTENDEES SEEING THE KIDS PLAY AMAZING PICKLEBALL.

AT THIS TIME , WE WILL ALSO JOIN TOGETHER THE TWO NATIONAL ENTITIES

PICKLEBALL CANADA AND THE CANADIAN PICKLEBALL FEDERATION TO ALLOW

FOR FUNDING TO OCCUR AT THE NATIONAL AS WELL AS PROVINCIAL LEVEL.

WITH OUR INFRASTRUCTURE ALMOST COMPLETE

WE CAN NOW BUILD THE

SPORT TO A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. I AM VERY PROUD TO SEE

WHERE THE SPORT HAS COME TO AND LIKELY TO PROGRESS TO – SO MY

DEPARTURE WILL SEEM SEAMLESS – I HOPE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE (HUNDREDS) WHO HAVE HELPED TO

PRODUCE THIS RESULT IN AND FOR CANADA – INCLUDING THE

SNOWBIRDS WHO

WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING IT OFF THE GROUND IN 2008. NOW
OUR

PROGRAMS ARE SELF SUFFICIENT AND GROWING EXPONENTIALLY.
JUST

YESTERDAY I WAS IN RICHMOND TEACHING THE GOLF AND COUNTRY
CLUB FOR

THE SECOND YEAR AND LEARNED THAT STEVESTON COMMUNITY
CENTER WILL

INTRODUCE PICKLEBALL ON JULY 11 AT 6 :15 TO 7:45 PM. ON THE SAME
DAY,

LITTLE WHITE ROCK ADDED FOUR NEW COURTS TO HAVE 12 COURTS .
WOW !

I SHALL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WISH TO INQUIRE,
ASK,

OR PICK MY BRAIN FOR HISTORICAL CONTEXTS OR DIRECTION AT MY E
MAIL

ADDRESS – CLEFAIVE@SHAW.CA . IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE
YOU ALL!

IN THIS VOLUNTEER CAPACITY. MY RETIREMENT HAS BEEN ENRICHED
BY YOUR

INVOLVEMENT AND ACQUAINTANCE. I WISH YOU ALL WELL !

YOURS IN SPORT AND HEALTH,

CHUCK LEFAIVE

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