



President's Message

Welcome to the February, 2022 Pickleball Canada Bulletin.

I hope you enjoyed the January issue of PC Scoop which had a number of interesting articles and contributions. We are planning to produce the Scoop and Newsletter in alternate months to keep everyone informed. This issue of the PCO Bulletin introduces new volunteers at the Board table and on committees. It also provides an update regarding the Member Lookup function and some key dates to note.

Those of us who stayed home in Canada this winter experienced many challenges, including extreme weather events and pandemic-related shutdowns. Creative solutions to get our pickleball 'fix' abound with lots of online video watching, basement or garage practice areas, outdoor play in less-than-ideal conditions and in some parts of the country, indoor play with safety precautions.

"This too shall pass" and one day we will be back to enjoying this sport we love with both old and new friends. Meanwhile, please do your best to protect your own health and that of others by following local health authority guidance.

Karen Rust

2022 Pickleball Canada Championships

Make sure to note the **2022** Championships on your calendar. The following dates and locations are confirmed:

National – June 20-26, 2022

Hosted by the Kingston Pickleball Club

Registration Opens - March 1, 2022

Atlantic Regional – June 3-5, 2022

Hosted by the Fredericton Pickleball Club

Western Regional - July 23 – 26, 2022

Hosted by Pickleball Regina Inc.

Registration Opens – April 4, 2022

Central Regional – July 29 – 31, 2022

Laval, Quebec

Bidding opened January 10, 2022, for the 2023 and 2024 Championships. The 2023 PCO National Championship will be awarded to a host club in Western Canada. The 2023 PCO Open Championship will be awarded to a host club in Eastern Canada. Locations alternate annually. The deadline for letters of intent is February 28, 2022, and April 4, 2022, is the deadline for bid submissions for both the 2023 and 2024 Championships.

See the [Tournament Overview](#) webpage for more information on locations and timing.

Visit pickleballbrackets.com for details on upcoming tournaments. Use the search function to restrict your search to Canadian events.

For more information, please contact: Deanna.Christie@pickleballcanada.org

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEERS!

Pickleball Canada is very fortunate to have well-qualified and enthusiastic volunteers step forward to fill recent openings at the Board, Executive and Committee level. If the opportunity arises, please be sure to thank them for their dedication to the advancement of pickleball in Canada.

Pickleball Canada Director **Peter Milovanovic** has moved into the role of Vice-President, Operations. He has responsibility for the National System, Finance, Strategic Planning and Support Services. Peter's extensive professional, board and pickleball experience will be of great benefit in this role. Thank you, Peter, for taking on this new challenge!

We welcome new Director - **Jacqueline Clarke** - in the role of Secretary. Jacqueline is a member of the Vancouver Pickleball Association and a fairly new, but avid player at the recreational level. She has an MBA and is a 3/4 time instructor at Capilano University. Jacqueline will be an asset to the Board and Executive Committee far beyond her role as Secretary.

Pickleball Canada is very fortunate that **Wayne Dale** has agreed to serve as our Privacy Officer. Prior to retiring in June 2021, Wayne acted as General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer for the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board over a 23-year period. Before becoming a lawyer, he taught middle years in Regina for over 10 years. *"For me the best aspects of pickleball are its inclusivity and the friendly, social atmosphere."* In addition to pickleball, Wayne enjoys furniture making/woodworking, photography and fixing things. Wayne started playing pickleball about 8 years ago and has been a member of Pickleball Canada since 2014.

Steve Rymes has agreed to serve as Pickleball Canada's Policy Chair, with responsibility for assisting PCO with the review and development of the organization's policies. Steve is a retired professional engineer having worked 35 years developing and implementing regulations and policies pertaining to the non-renewable resource sector. This experience will be very valuable in his new volunteer role with Pickleball Canada. Steve began playing pickleball when he retired in 2017 and joined Pickleball Canada in 2018.

We have regretfully accepted the resignation of Director, Insurance and Risk Management, **Ted Sherback**. Ted has encountered serious health challenges that he has decided impair his ability too significantly to allow him to continue to volunteer in this role with Pickleball Canada. Ted has done an excellent job arranging for coverage of our insurance needs over the years and has lined up a well-qualified individual to take over from him. We welcome another Albertan - **Mel Snyder** of Medicine Hat - to the Insurance and Risk Management role. Thank you for taking this on, Mel!

Long-time pickleball volunteer and Pickleball Canada Director, **Bill MacGregor**, has decided he must retire from the Board to dedicate his full attention to family issues that arose quite suddenly. We extend to Bill and his family our very best wishes as they go through this difficult time.

Member Lookup

Last year, we heard from several members to ask why their personal information was publicly displayed on our website, which they felt was a violation of personal privacy laws. We have since removed access to Member Lookup and added someone with expertise to advise the Board and serve as our first Privacy Officer.

As part of his review of the practice, Wayne Dale, our new Privacy Officer, considered the consent of members to share personal information publicly and the risks to individuals from

sharing such information. This could be low, such as, a vendor using the limited information to compile a list to solicit business. On the other hand, it could be high, such as an estranged abusive spouse/ex-spouse attempting to locate their spouse/ex-spouse, or, a creditor locating a debtor. In any of these scenarios, Pickleball Canada could be legally at risk for making this information public. Of even more concern, is that the personal safety of a member could be jeopardized.

We are continuing to examine whether some form of Member Lookup can be made available but for the time being, we are recommending that clubs ask members to present their membership card as proof of registration status. They can do this either by printing it or by saving a copy to their smartphone.

We know that this is a feature that several clubs use to check on a member's registration status and apologize for the loss of functionality.

Notice of Special Meeting

April 26, 2022 6:00 p.m. ET - Special Meeting of Members

A Special Meeting has been called by the President to review and vote on amendments to the corporation's by-laws as provided by the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors.

The meeting will be held electronically via Zoom. Jason E. Robinson, from Sport Law, will act as parliamentarian for the meeting and Sport Law's online voting system will be used.

Active members of Pickleball Canada (PCO) will receive attendance and voting instructions including information regarding registering to participate in early April. In order to attend the virtual Special Meeting and be eligible to vote, PCO members must register in advance of the meeting and by the registration deadline, which is April 21.

The proposed by-law revisions, which have been extensively researched over several years, are intended to update and modernize Pickleball Canada (PCO) and bring it in line with the best practices of most of Canada's National Sport Organizations. Under the proposed by-law revisions, the Provinces and Territories (P/Ts) will be the one class of voting members within PCO and formally and directly represent the interests of their registered participants (individuals) within their particular province or territory. This will ensure that votes cast at meetings of members are those of a formal, organizational body rather than by a set of independent individuals who are not bound to represent the overall interests of their province or territory. This is the most significant change, but there are several others that have been identified to ensure PCO's by-laws are consistent with the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, align with the Canadian Sport Governance Code and support a future which includes a strong membership and governance system.

The following documents provide more information regarding the proposed amendments to the By-laws:

1. [Draft Key Messages](#)
2. [Draft Questions and Answers](#)
3. [Draft Summary of Proposed Amendments](#)

The current by-laws are available [here](#).

To make the Special Meeting as efficient as possible for the members, the Board will present some of the by-law amendment revisions that are considered to be housekeeping in nature, via one slate motion for approval by the members. Other proposed by-law amendments, that are more substantive, will be presented one-by-one to encourage discussion and address any member concerns. The Agenda, final documents and all of the Motions for the Special

Meeting will be made available to the members no less than 30 days prior to the meeting.

Notice of Annual Meeting

May 31, 2022 6:00 p.m. ET - Annual Meeting of Members via ZOOM.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting will include presentation of the audited financial statements for 2021, the auditors report, election of Directors and appointment of the auditors for 2022. The President will also deliver a brief report which highlights achievements to date and plans for the next year.

The deadline for submission of nominations for Director positions is **May 24, 2022**.

The deadline for requesting New Business to be added to the Annual Meeting agenda and included in the notice of the meeting is **April 1, 2022**. Such a request must be made in writing and include all relevant information in 500 words or less.

NCCP for Pickleball

The courses planned for Moncton, Fredericton, Truro, Halifax, Chilliwack, Yukon, and Whistler have been postponed due to pandemic-related restrictions on indoor sport. They will be re-scheduled once conditions allow them to proceed.

In 2022, we expect to see 20 Instructor Level 1 Courses offered (240 participants). The Instructor Level 2 Course is in the design stage and following approval by the Coaching Association of Canada (NCCP), seven courses are expected to be offered in 2022 (70 participants).

Upcoming modules will be posted for registration on: [NCCP for Pickleball](#)

Please contact [Deanna Christie](#) if you know of an area with interest in holding a NCCP for pickleball course in 2022.

Social Media News

Pickleball Canada is fortunate to have two interns working with PCO from the Algonquin College Sport Business Management Graduate Certificate program in Ottawa. These two students are working on PCO's social media, and they would like your help! They are looking to grow our social media platforms and would like to add a personalized touch from our members. We are looking for photos and/or videos that can showcase our amazing sport of pickleball on our social media accounts. So far, we have received photos of pickleball play in the snow, a Christmas tree made out of pickleballs and more. We love your creativity!

If you would like to be featured on our pages, please send pictures and videos with a few phrases of what we are seeing to, socialmedia@pickleballcanada.org. We are looking forward to seeing how everyone incorporates pickleball into their lives all year long!

The Board of Directors of Pickleball Canada continues to wish you good health, happiness, and a year full of great times on the courts. Whether you are pursuing a spot on the podium or enjoying a weekly game with friends, pickleball is a game for all, for life!

Your Pickleball Canada Board of Directors and Executive Director:

President - Karen Rust

Vice-President, Operations - Peter Milovanovic

Vice-President, Sport - Deanna Christie

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Questions? Comments? Email:

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