



# VRPA'S BULLETIN

## VRPA Tournament, League | Updates



### 55+ BC Games

Reminder of another upcoming exciting Pickleball Tournament! Vernon is hosting Pickleball in the 55+ BC Games Sept. 12-16/17. Opening Ceremonies will be held at Kal Tire Place, 7pm Sept 12.

Closing Ceremonies will be held at Greater Vernon Rec. Center, 1:30 Sept. 16.

Registration is now closed with 30 local Zone 1 players competing in Vernon. [www.55plusbcgames.org](http://www.55plusbcgames.org)

Cheers, Jan Bergen,  
Zone One Coordinator  
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### 2017 VRPA TOURNAMENT WRAP UP-M. Macaulay

The VRPA successfully ran its first annual tournament over three days June 1-18, 2017. 82 players participated in Open Men's Singles, Women's and Men's 3.5/4



Doubles, and finally, Mixed 3.5/4 Doubles. Medal winners ranged in age from 14-year-old Brayden Latray from Vancouver to, well let's say, old enough to be Brayden's grandparent. Play in the final

medal rounds included a mix of soft touch and bashing, all to the enjoyment of spectators.

The tournament committee would like to extend a special thanks to our title sponsor, **Victoria Home Team Realty** (Dave Langlois, also a medalist), as well as another sponsor, **Courtside Sports**. We also thank Tournament Director, Robin Milliken, as well as expert ball retrievers, Sandy and Hunter Milliken. Leslie Bateman organized scorekeeping and was ably assisted by, Karen Hewison, Susan Guest, Mary Orme, Margo Bell, Edith Ritzer, Arlene Adie, Norma Castillo, Suzanne Creighton, Suzanne Bailey, Trish Main, and Terry Bell. Finally, Jan Bergen deserves thanks for handling food and prize donations. Malcolm Macaulay did double duty as a player and chief photographer.



To those of you who participated or watched, we hope you had fun. As a first attempt, we learned a lot from both the successes and the glitches. If you have suggestions for further improvement or



different format, or even better, would like to volunteer for the organizing committee for 2018, we would love to hear from you at [vicrpb@gmail.com](mailto:vicrpb@gmail.com). Until then, play on! We hope that this is the first of many annual tournaments for our new association!



**VRPA TOURNAMENT**

Just a few pictures here ... See more VRPA TOURNAMENT Photographs on the [victoriapickleball.org](http://victoriapickleball.org) site.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual VRPA June Tournament Results**

	Div A	Div B	Div C
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	<b>Gold</b> Vicky Strandlund & Lindy Arnold  <b>Silver</b> Elisabeth Martin & Rosemary Nichol  <b>Bronze</b> Kathy Thomson & Elaine Robinson	<b>Gold</b> Sandra Scott & Susan Hawkes  <b>Silver</b> Judy Hasiuk & Mary Orme  <b>Bronze</b> Becca Stuve & Karin Macaulay	NA
<b>Men's Singles</b>	<b>Gold</b> Michael Choong  <b>Silver</b> Gene Latray  <b>Bronze</b> Brayden Latray	NA	NA
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>Gold</b> Gene Latray & Brayden Latray  <b>Silver</b> Terry Subletny & Gordon Walker  <b>Bronze</b> Marty Stoner & Rob Turnbull	<b>Gold</b> Dave Langlois & Terry Glowczynski  <b>Silver</b> Robin Milliken & Rob Milliken  <b>Bronze</b> Randy Oben & Brian Jenkins	NA
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	<b>Gold</b> Vicky Strandlund & Rob Milliken  <b>Silver</b> Lori Murray & Joe Wong  <b>Bronze</b> Jan Rich & Randy Oben	<b>Gold</b> Lindy Arnold & Teppo Ruonala  <b>Silver</b> Lorraine Subletny & Terry Subletny  <b>Bronze</b> Elisabeth Martin & Mike Seal	<b>Gold</b> Mary Orme & Tom Ralph  <b>Silver</b> Leslie Bateman & Brayden Latray  <b>Bronze</b> John Macleod & Paddy Wilson-Humble

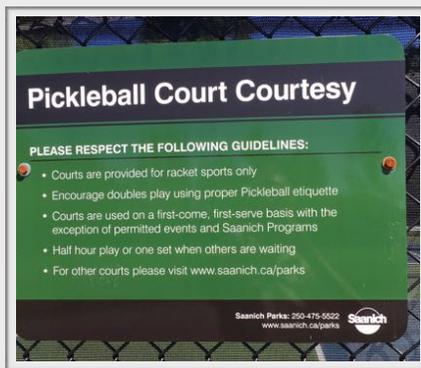


### Mark Your Calendars!

Join us pickleball players for the **VRPA Annual General Meeting on September 19, at 7 PM at Pearkes Recreation Centre.**

### Tolmie Outdoor Courts

**Lots** of pickleball happening on the few outdoor courts available. Take a minute to view and enjoy the Pickleball Court Courtesy as posted by Saanich Parks.



### VRPA MEMBERS, Trish Main, President

The membership year has drawn to a close as of June 30 and the Board is preparing for next year's activities and the upcoming: **Annual General Meeting on September 19, at 7 PM at Pearkes Recreation Centre. Please see the bylaws which are posted on the [victoriapickleball.org](http://victoriapickleball.org) website and watch for the official notice of meeting which will precede the AGM.**

**Remember to renew your membership any time now and in advance of the Sep 17 meeting, by sending an e-transfer of \$10 to the [vicrpba@gmail.com](mailto:vicrpba@gmail.com) address. Only paid up members will be eligible to vote.**

The AGM will present, along with full financials, a resolution to affiliate with Pickleball Canada. The resolution will be fully debated and voted upon. Affiliation with PCO offers benefits to individuals and to the VRPA as an organization.

In the Fall, the VRPA will be offering "beyond drop-in" play opportunities on Wednesday afternoons, at Pearkes. The details are still in the planning stages and will be announced when confirmed.

The Board has worked hard this past year on behalf of Pickleball in the Victoria region. It is a big job to create and build an organization and has been a pleasure to see it off and running. We learned a great deal and will take the lessons forward into planning for 2017-2018. We appreciate the involvement of members and their patience as we found our feet. On behalf of the Board, - Denis Harrigan, Jan Bergen, Suzanne Creighton, Heather Hood, Malcolm Macaulay, and Al Thomson - here's to a very successful upcoming year!

## Referee Clinics, Al Thomson



If you are interested in one of the Score Keeping clinics described below for September, please contact Al: [alykat2@shaw.ca](mailto:alykat2@shaw.ca)

### I. Beginners Clinic: On Court 2 - 3 hours

Clinic aimed at those people who have done none or very little scorekeeping. Teaches how to keep track of the score and the correct server, and the USAPA approved scoring techniques that are required to become a Certified Referee.

**NB:** Refer to the [USAPA.org](http://USAPA.org) webpage under the tab for "Rules & Referees", Referee material, and then Referee Training.

### II. Certified Referee Mandated Training: 3 hours /no court practice

Clinic meets the requirements of the USAPA for training referees to start the "Referee Certification" process. Utilizes the USAPA Referee Training Guide & provides the methods & skills necessary for Referee Trainees to keep track of the score and correct server during a match. On court training would be conducted after this class or on another date.

**NB:** Applicants for this training should have completed and passed (with a score > 90%) the USAPA online referee test.

### III. Advanced Scorekeeping

This clinic will be conducted on court. The trainee will referee a match keeping track of the score and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> server. It is expected that the trainees focus on the None Volley Zone, and call all faults and violations in keeping with the IFP rules.

**NB:** Applicants for this training should have completed and passed (with a score > 90%) the USAPA online referee test.

## VRPA Advanced League - Denis Harrigan

The spring playoffs for the inaugural advanced outdoor league took place on June 28 at Tolmie and Copley courts.

**Vicsonix**, who went undefeated during the season, beat the **Rinky Dinks** to claim the championship. Congratulations to Captain Beverly DeHaitre and team members, Heather Hood, Marilyn Moen,



Robin Duncan, Rick Adie, Dave Metcalfe, Barrie Hill, Terry Glowczynski, Margaret Hill, and Mike Hood.

*Vicsonix Team - Missing in team Picture Marilyn Moen, Robin Duncan*

The Rinky Dinks also had a strong season and placed 2nd.

Captain Clay

Elmqvist and team members, Lori Murray, Dee Van Straaten, Paddy Wilson-Humble, Karin McTaggart-Mar, Ian Daniel, Joe Wong, and Teppo Ruonala.

**Warriors** defeated **Team Smash** in the 3rd/4th match. Congrats to Warriors Captain Jan Bergen and team members, Jane Rich, Kathy Thomson, Debbie Simpson, Denis Harrigan, Al Thomson, Randy Oben, Robin Milliken, and Rod Fiddick.

Team Smash was made up of Captain Wayne Russell, Judy Priestly, Kate Sykes-Waller, Vicky Strandlund, Brian Jenkins, Mike Priestly, and David Langlois.

Although there were a few ups and downs throughout the season as we dealt with inclement weather, and two teams who had to drop out, overall, the first attempt at a competitive league was successful.

There will be some changes for next season based on feedback from the membership. Some of the things we will be looking at will be: the possibility of two divisions, a possible league draft, and potential changes in team formats. Look for a league questionnaire sometime this summer.

Many thanks to the league captains( especially Jan Bergen) for their assistance throughout the season. Please support our sponsors, **Courtside sports**, and the **District of Saanich**. We appreciated the assistance they offered in helping to launch what we hope will become an annual event.