

SUMMER 2026

PEI PICKLEBALL TODAY

Presidents Message



What an exciting time for pickleball on Prince Edward Island!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural edition of PEI Pickleball Today, the official newsletter of PEI Pickleball ÎPÉ. This publication has been created to celebrate the people, clubs, volunteers, officials, coaches, and athletes who continue to make our pickleball community one of the strongest and fastest-growing in Canada.

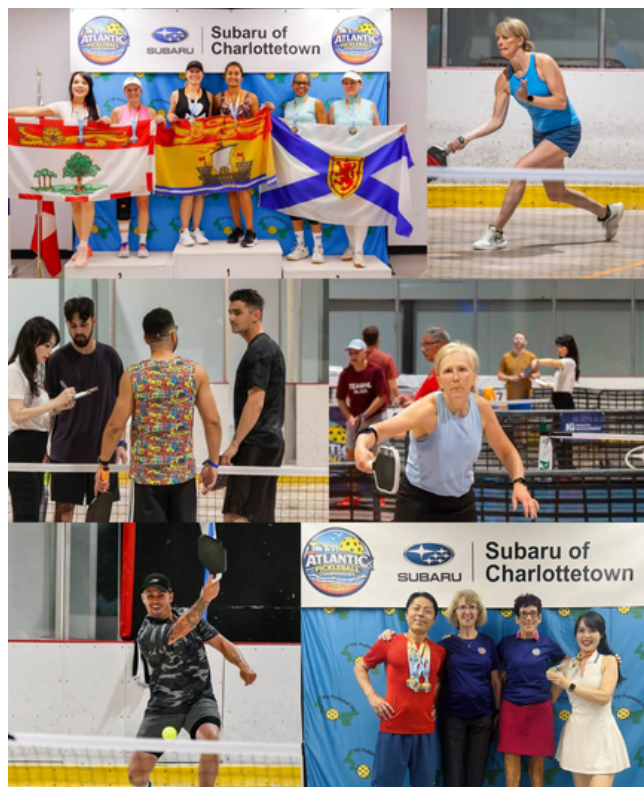
Our first issue is dedicated to an historic achievement—the successful hosting of the 2026 Atlantic Pickleball Championships. For the first time, Prince Edward Island welcomed nearly 500 athletes from all four Atlantic provinces to compete in an outstanding weekend of competition. The tournament showcased exceptional skill, tremendous sportsmanship, and an incredible volunteer effort that made every visitor feel welcome.

Events like this simply don't happen without the commitment of numerous volunteers. From setting up courts days before the first serve, to registration, scorekeeping, hospitality, refereeing, and medal presentations, every volunteer played an important role in creating a championship experience.

Beginning with this issue, we hope this newsletter becomes a place where our clubs can share their stories, celebrate achievements, announce upcoming events, recognize volunteers, and highlight the many ways pickleball is enriching communities across Prince Edward Island.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this championship—and our pickleball community—a success. We hope you enjoy the first edition of PEI Pickleball Today.

Doris Dunphy
President
PEI Pickleball ÎPÉ



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Atlantic Championships make History in PEI

496 Athletes • 4 Atlantic Provinces • 62 Events •
1,200 Matches • 312 Medals • 70+ Volunteers
June 19–21, 2026

Hosted by

PEI Pickleball ÎPÉ

Presented by

Subaru of Charlottetown

Supporting Partners

- Pickleball Canada
- IG Wealth Management
- Charlottetown SERF



Celebrating three unforgettable days of championship pickleball, outstanding sportsmanship, dedicated volunteers, certified referees, and the warm Island hospitality that welcomed competitors from across Atlantic Canada.

Officials

Referees Deliver Championship Excellence

The Atlantic Championships featured an outstanding team of referees who ensured every match was conducted fairly, professionally, and consistently. Their calm leadership, knowledge of the rules, and commitment to sportsmanship helped create an outstanding competitive environment throughout the weekend.



One of the highlights for PEI Pickleball ÎPÉ this year was the continued growth of our referee program.

Congratulations to Daniel Zhang PEI's first credentialed Level II Referee. Daniel's achievement represents an important milestone for pickleball on Prince Edward Island and reflects countless hours of study, training, and on-court experience.



Congratulations to our new level I Referees

- Brian LeBlanc
- Emily Le
- Tom Khoia
- Joanne Hader
- Adam Arsenaault

These new officials strengthen our provincial referee program and will play an important role in future tournaments throughout PEI.



Volunteers

Celebrating Our Volunteers

Behind every successful tournament is an extraordinary team of volunteers, and the 2026 Atlantic Pickleball Championships were no exception.

From the moment athletes arrived until the final court was packed away, more than 70 volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure every detail was taken care of. Whether welcoming competitors at registration, preparing welcome packages, setting up courts, managing scores, assisting officials, or helping with hospitality, every volunteer played an essential role.

Visitors from across Atlantic Canada repeatedly commented on the warm Island welcome they received. That hospitality became one of the defining memories of the championship.

To every volunteer—thank you. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and countless hours of service helped make this event one that PEI can be proud of.



Volunteer Spotlight

Check-in Team

The check-in desk was often the first stop for every athlete. Volunteers greeted competitors with a smile, answered questions, distributed welcome packages, and helped ensure the tournament began smoothly for everyone.

Hospitality Team

Island hospitality was on full display. Volunteers welcomed athletes with PEI potato gift bags, local information, refreshments, and plenty of friendly conversation that made visitors feel right at home.

Operations Team

From moving equipment to solving last-minute challenges, the operations crew worked behind the scenes to keep the championship running on schedule.



AGM and Awards

PEI Pickleball ÎPÉ Annual General Meeting & Celebration took place at Sport PEI on Tuesday, June 23rd 6:00 pm.

President Doris thanked the retiring board members; Kevin Bennington, Bill Lumley, Kaitlin Moore and Amanda Cheverie for their years of service and expertise in promoting and developing pickleball in their clubs and across the province. Following the business meeting there was lots of food and the presentation of numerous awards.



Bruce presenting Rosemary her Builders award



Presidents Award Daniel Zang



Builders Award Parker Fisher



Builders Award Lisa Murphy



Volunteer of the Year
Todd Fraser



Most Improved Daniel Nguyen



Community Spirit Hazel Gallant



Builders Award Kenny Peters



Builders Award Tom Stewart

2026-2027 Board members

President – Doris Dunphy
Vice President-
Secretary – Marian Grant
Treasurer -
Director - Adam Arsenault
Director - Alva Coade
Director - Ceili Randall
Director- Tom Khoa
Director- Joanne Hader



Club Champion Debra Downing
Bill Grady

Missing from Photos: Builders
Award Scott Harris

Club Corner

Growing the Game Across Prince Edward Island

One of the goals of PEI Pickleball Today is to connect every pickleball club across our province.

Beginning with our next issue, this page will become your page. We want to hear from you.

Every club is invited to submit:

Photos

Tournament results

Social events

Volunteer recognition

Clinics

Member achievements

New courts and facility updates



Featured Clubs

This issue introduces the clubs that make up the PEI Pickleball family.

Souris Pickleball Club
Miltonvale Pickleball Club
Charlottetown Pickleball Club
Summerside Pickleball Club
Three Rivers Pickleball Club
Kensington Pickleball Club
Cornwall Pickleball Club
Hillsborough Bay Pickleball Club
VN Pickleball Club



Upcoming Events

Looking Ahead

Exciting things are coming!
PEI Provincial Pickleball Championships took place July 17-19 at the new Atlantic Pickleball Club in Stratford.
link to some photos thanks to Lauralee
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/133Fm71xmq10eyzTct3JP8tR0nOfqg8Eg>

Coming this summer and beyond

Learn to Play Clinics
Junior programs
Referee Certification
Coaching Development
Club tournaments
Community Events

National Pickleball Day Aug 8th-To celebrate National Pickleball day the Miltonvale Pickleball Tournament is taking place in Miltonvale Park 413 Sleepy Hollow Road.. If interested contact MiltonvalePickleballClub@gmail.com

