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“OLE”

PICKLEBALL MEXICO

A GROWING INFLUENCE FOR BC'ERS AND CANADA

From the Baja peninsula to the Mexican mainland and over to the Yucatan peninsula – pickleball lives and is growing. Rita and I spent two weeks in Todo Santos and three weeks in San Jose Del Cabo near Cabo San Lucas. We visited La Paz, the capital of Baja Sur and Cabo San Lucas and San Antonio. We did not see a drop of rain, or hear a tweet, or mention of the USA. Temp 70-85 degrees.

Most play locations were in private homes or smaller condo rental units, like Viva in San Jose, although commercial facilities are popping up like two golf courses in San Jose, Tres Palapas in Los Barrillos, and our sponsor from Alberta who works out of the East Coast in a turnkey operation. Most schools have high car port – type covers for concrete surfaces where the children can play protected from the sun. If there is a weakness, it seems it is the complexity and lack of involvement of the local bureaucracies, parks and recs, and community centers which leaves it up to the “Gringos” to do the teaching etc. So bring a paddle and a couple balls and see what you can do.



The Pickleball Channel was on today with an overview of what might happen regards an Olympics application. They mentioned many emerging countries but not Mexico. Many of those mentioned were facilitated in the beginning by Pickleball Canada which I ran for 2 yrs and by Bcpickleball.com which I have run since 2008. Examples are UK, India, France, Taiwan, Turkey, China, Japan, and Korea. Although we are not affiliated with Pickleball Canada due to their American Bent, nor the IFP (we can produce our own rules (we have), we do have some 400 locations in BC and 300 certified instructors – the largest public program in the world.

BC Pickleball encourages all Canadians going to Mexico to look up places to play, bring a paddle or two and try to help the cities and towns set up some of our sport outdoors – as the weather is so perfect for it, the people are keen to learn, the cost is cheap (they can make their own paddles) - you can send them a few balls. Let's give them a helping hand and they will repay

you with all the fish you can eat, Tuna, grouper, Dorado, red snapper. Enjoy the outdoors this summer as many more locations are adding in dedicated courts. South Surrey should achieve 50 courts this summer.

Did you know there is a line call you can use called OLE?

Yours in sport and health,

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