

**2017 -2018 SCPA EXECUTIVE**

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**Committees (more members needed)**

Communications Committee

Community Development Committee

Grant Development Committee

Indoor Committee

Membership Development Committee

Nominating Committee

Outdoor Committee

Social Committee

Sponsorship Committee



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**Strathcona County**

**Pickleball Association**



**YOUR ASSOCIATION**



**YOUR PICKLEBALL  
COMMUNITY**

### **Vision Statement**

We envision; being the “Centre of Choice”; for residents and members from Strathcona County and surrounding Communities by planning, developing, promoting and facilitating the sport of year round Pickleball.

### **Mission Statement**

By actively promoting the rapidly growing sport of pickle ball, SPCA will enhance the value of community resources for adults, seniors and youth, by:

- Delivering barrier free, pickleball participation and play and...
- Enhancing participant health and wellness, social, emotional and physical activity

### **Founding Objectives**

Pickleball is highly affordable and is currently the fastest growing sport for adults in North America. Where resources exist some education systems are introducing the game in schools. From a broader perspective: engaging in the sport supports meeting social, emotional, physical needs and acquiring skills for all age groups and genders. Participation in the game enhances community involvement, individual and group camaraderie, active living and “Age Friendly” initiatives. The following objectives have been defined by the SPCA association to fulfill its Vision and Mission and to support the community and its stakeholders by:

- Acquiring adequate resources to accommodate the growth of indoor and outdoor pickleball play in Strathcona County
- Providing a range of regular skill training, practice and play opportunities
- Collaborating in the development of a significant and substantial single location facility in the next 5 to 10 years
- Building recreational spirit by hosting “friendly” and “competitive” play

### **What is Pickleball?**

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis.<sup>[1]</sup> Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Pickleball was invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard pastime but has become popular among adults as well. (Wikipedia 2016)

### **Who is SPCA (Strathcona County Pickleball Association)?**

SCPA is a non-profit organization registered in Alberta (2015) inspired by enthusiastic and energetic pickleball players who wanted to collaborate with Strathcona County to address resource allocation and funding options to sustain the fastest growing sport in the county - Pickleball. Our association became the voice of pickleball and now deals directly with our council, Pickleball Canada, provincial government departments, agencies and other related pickleball associations in the surrounding areas. Working closely with our membership, our association strives to:

- Promote health and wellness through active living by participation in the sport of pickleball for all age groups
- Promote emotional and psychological well-being through social opportunities that potentially build friendships and camaraderie.
- Support ongoing development for those who strive to improve their overall well-being to be “the best they can be” at whatever age

### **Where to Play**

#### **Indoor**

Millennium Place/Ardrossan/Josephburg

#### **Outdoor**

Sherwood Heights location (2017)

Village on the Lake

Cloverbar School and McGhan Park

Ardrossan

### **What you get by joining SPCA**

- Free group lessons which are skills and drill
- Intra membership round robin play
- Intra membership shoot outs
- Intra membership mixed couples play
- Skills assessments and ranking
- Intra membership tournaments
- Intra and inter networking opportunities
- Socialization opportunities and functions
- Access to information shared by other PB clubs in Alberta and beyond
- Regular updates and access to the SPCA executive
- Access to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) with voting rights
- Comprehensive General Liability insurance coverage
- \$10 of SPCA Membership dues go to our governing bodies, Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Alberta. Benefits of being part of Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Alberta are:
  - Reduced fees for PB Canada sanctioned tournaments
  - Monthly Newsletter
  - Updated rules, policies and information
  - Promotion of groups and clubs
  - Tournament information and advertising
  - Voting rights at the AGM
  - Liability insurance at sanctioned tournaments
  - Tournament points in sanctioned tournaments and official player ratings in Canada and USA

**SCPA is your pickleball association. Help us make it the best there is!**