



# CHARITY CHRISTIANSON

Running For Position Of:  
President (2-year term)

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- Previous Vice President for Pickleball Alberta
  - Focused
  - Passionate
  - Leader
  - Diligent

## BIOGRAPHY

### EXPERIENCE

*Charity Christianson has served as Vice President of Pickleball Alberta since 2023, overseeing junior programs, the Alberta Provincials, critical policy decisions, and contributing to new bylaws and updated policies. She has also played a key role in securing significant grants to support the sport's growth across the province.*

*Since 2015, Charity has been President of The Allied Group – Canada, leading operations across five locations with more than 150 employees, \$100 million in inventory, and annual revenues averaging \$250 million. She co-founded the company in 2000 and helped build it into the largest Canadian-owned master distributor and manufacturer of steel flanges, fittings, and pipe. With over a decade of global travel sourcing products and developing supplier relationships, she has developed strong expertise in leadership, operations, and mentorship.*

### ABOUT ME

*I am a determined and community-focused leader with a passion for both business and sport. Through my role with Pickleball Alberta, I've worked to strengthen programs, events, and governance while ensuring resources are in place to grow the game. In business, I have always prioritized mentoring young women and supporting those who rise from the ground up into leadership roles.*

*A lifelong competitive equestrian, I bring patience, compassion, and an ability to "read" people into all areas of my life. Whether in sport, corporate leadership, or community service, I aim to make decisions that serve the greater good and create opportunities for others to succeed.*



# ALISON RAMSLEY

**Running For Position Of:  
Vice President (2-year term)**

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- Previous Director of Technology for Pickleball Alberta
  - Experienced
  - Determined
  - Inclusive
  - Organized
  - Accountable

## BIOGRAPHY

### EXPERIENCE

*Before retirement, I spent my career in the Information Technology field, most recently serving as Chief Information Officer for a global engineering firm. In that role, I worked extensively within a three-tiered organizational structure—local, provincial, and national— building collaboration across all levels to ensure a positive user experience. I am a strategic leader with strong interpersonal skills, known for fostering alliances with all stakeholders, motivating teams, and successfully delivering complex projects through effective governance.*

### ABOUT ME

*I am an avid pickleball player and lifelong sports enthusiast. Since retiring, I've dedicated my time to staying active through pickleball, biking, golf, ice hockey, and hiking.*

*What I love most about pickleball is its accessibility—there's truly no other sport that welcomes people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities in such an inclusive and enjoyable way.*

*In 2023, I joined the Pickleball Alberta Board as Director of Technology, a role that allowed me to combine my professional expertise with my passion for the sport. I have thoroughly enjoyed contributing to the growth and success of pickleball in Alberta and am now eager to expand that contribution as Vice President.*

*As our sport continues to grow rapidly, I believe it's essential to maintain a safe, welcoming environment for all participants. I am committed to keeping safety a top priority through robust screening processes, certified coaching, sanctioned tournaments, and a strong values-based approach. I've seen firsthand the consequences when sports organizations neglect these areas, and I am determined to ensure Pickleball Alberta remains a leader in safety, integrity, and inclusivity.*

*I'm excited about the future of pickleball and encouraged to hear discussions about its potential inclusion as an Olympic sport. The possibility of seeing an Albertan represent Canada on that stage inspires me even more to contribute to the sport's growth in our province. Pickleball brings people together in a truly unique way, leveling the playing field and creating connections across communities and generations. I look forward to continuing to help this sport thrive for everyone, everywhere.*



# LAURA SPENCER

**Running For Position Of:  
Treasurer (2-year term)**

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- Previous Board Member of Pickleball Alberta
  - Experienced Pickleball Player
  - Volunteer
  - Reliable

## BIOGRAPHY

### EXPERIENCE

*Laura has extensive leadership and financial management experience from her career and volunteer work. She recently retired as the Executive Director of Treasury Operations with the Provincial Government, where she oversaw the management of approximately \$6 billion in cash and over \$100 billion in debt. Prior to that, she served as Treasurer with St. Albert Victim Services, managing an annual budget of \$250,000.*

*Since 2020, Laura has been an active member of the pickleball community and has served as Treasurer of the St. Albert Pickleball Club for the past three years. In this role, she has applied her financial and accounting expertise to support the club's operations and growth.*

### ABOUT ME

*I grew up in St. Albert and returned to this wonderful community in 2017. In early 2020, I discovered pickleball and quickly became hooked on the sport. My passion for both pickleball and volunteering drives me to give back by supporting the growth of the game across Alberta.*

*With my professional background in finance and treasury operations, I enjoy applying my expertise to ensure organizations are financially sound and well-positioned for growth. Whether it's through my professional career or volunteer roles, I value integrity, accountability, and teamwork. I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute to Pickleball Alberta's success and to help grow the sport across the best province in Canada.*



## **DEB WACKER**

**Running For Position Of:  
Secretary (1-year term)**



- Business Management
- Coach
- Experience
- Confident
- Youth Development

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **EXPERIENCE**

*With over 30 years as the owner and operator of AccuScript Reporting Services, I bring strong business management, leadership, and communication skills to the Board. My professional background includes staffing, client relations, and organizational oversight.*

*In sport, I have more than a decade of volunteer and coaching experience, including 10 years coaching children's gymnastics at the Edmonton Gymnastics Club, where I also supervised and supported other coaches. I have coached and managed multiple ringette teams and served as Secretary on the Edmonton Ringette Club Board for two years, gaining valuable experience in governance and youth development.*

### **ABOUT ME**

*Pickleball has become an important part of my life, not only for the physical and mental benefits but also for the community and friendships it has brought me. I am passionate about youth development and believe strongly in the role sport plays in building confidence, teamwork, and resilience.*

*As a prospective Board member, I am eager to give back to the pickleball community by supporting initiatives that keep the sport accessible, inclusive, and well-organized as it continues to grow. I look forward to helping foster the same sense of connection and belonging that has been so meaningful in my own pickleball journey.*



## **ILSA WONG**

**Running For Position Of:  
Director at Large - Coaching  
(2-year term)**

- Previous Director of Coaching for Pickleball Alberta
- Coach
- Honest
- Leader
- Experienced

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **EXPERIENCE**

*Ilsa Wong is extending her volunteer service as Pickleball Alberta's Director of Coaching for a third term (2021–2027). In her most recent term, she led Team Alberta to Nationals, served on the Awards Committee, supported numerous coaching clinics, and contributed to the "Teach the Teacher" program. She has also been an active committee member of the EKCP HOTSHOTS initiative and has played an important role in policy and bylaw updates.*

*Ilsa's background includes nearly two decades as a university-level soccer coach at the University of Lethbridge (2001–2020), where she also served as Department Chair of Kinesiology beginning in 2007. She has coached at provincial and national events, co-founded the Women's Soccer Association of Lethbridge, and sits on the Alberta Soccer Equity Committee. A certified Level II pickleball referee and NCCP-trained multi-sport coach, she has facilitated clinics and training across multiple sports.*

### **ABOUT ME**

*I am passionate about coaching as both a science and an art, blending my love of teaching with sport. My experience spans grassroots to national competition levels, and I value creating inclusive, supportive pathways for athletes and coaches alike. Pickleball has become a meaningful part of my life, not only through playing and refereeing but also by helping build programs that strengthen the sport across Alberta.*

*With a strong belief in mentorship, equity, and long-term development, I look forward to continuing to serve as Director of Coaching and to advancing opportunities for players, coaches, and communities as the sport continues to grow.*



## **DARLENE MACLEAN**

**Running For Position Of:  
Director at Large  
(1-year term)**

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- Project Management
  - Level 1 Coach
  - Business Management
  - Community Contributor
  - Organized

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **EXPERIENCE**

*Darlene MacLean brings extensive professional and volunteer experience to her work in pickleball and community sport. She currently serves as a Business Development Specialist, Event Planner, and Coach with YEG Pickleball in Edmonton. Prior to this, she built a long career with Capital Power Corporation (2011–2025), where she advanced through roles including Executive Assistant, HSE Training Advisor, and Construction Coordinator.*

*Her earlier career includes positions with Fortis/Maritime Electric, Synergy Technology Solutions, and MacIsaac Younger Roche Solomon, where she developed expertise in customer service, training, project management, and process development. She holds an NCCP Level 1 Pickleball Coaching Certification, a business management foundation from Athabasca University, and a diploma from Holland College.*

### **ABOUT ME**

*I am passionate about building community through sport and lifelong learning. As an active member and volunteer coach with both the Parkland Pickleball Association and Yellowhead West Pickleball Club, I enjoy helping others discover and grow their skills in pickleball. My background in business, training, and organizational leadership has given me strong skills in communication, relationship building, and strategic planning. Beyond pickleball, I've contributed to my community through years of volunteer service in ringette and hockey, and I enjoy staying active through sports, coaching, and even scuba diving. I thrive on teamwork, mentorship, and creating positive experiences for those I work with.*



# TAYLOR CHRISTIANSON

**Running For Position Of:  
Communications Director  
(2-year term)**

- Administration
- Social Media
- Detail oriented
- Team Player
- Problem Solver

## BIOGRAPHY

### EXPERIENCE

*I currently work as an HSE Administrator at Akita Drilling, where I oversee safety compliance, reporting, incident tracking, and training coordination across operations in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan. I chair the Joint Worksite Health and Safety Committee and create safety programs, presentations, and compliance documentation.*

*Alongside this, I run Pink Bow Event Planning, organizing weddings, showers, wellness classes, and more, while also managing social media content and vendor coordination.*

*Previously, I gained experience as a receptionist and HR trainee at Akita Drilling, as well as receptionist roles at Tommy Guns, Sherwood Kia, and Boulevard Salon.*

*I also held a cosmetology apprenticeship and managed social media for the Parkland Pickleheads pickleball club.*

*I hold certifications in H2S Alive, First Aid, and several WCB seminars, along with Microsoft PowerPoint training.*

### ABOUT ME

*I am a detail-oriented and adaptable professional with experience in workplace safety, administration, event planning, and customer service.*

*I enjoy balancing structured corporate responsibilities with creative projects like event planning and social media. With a background in both safety compliance and client-focused industries, I bring strong organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills to every role I take on.*



# VERONIQUE DEWILDE

**Running For Position Of:  
Membership Director  
(1-year term)**



- Business owner
- Level 2 Coach
- Passionate
- Finance & Marketing
- Decision Maker

## BIOGRAPHY

### EXPERIENCE

*Professionally, I am a successful entrepreneur with over 16 years of experience in managing two corporations and a sole proprietorship. My ventures include an accounting firm and a financial brokerage, Make Financial Wisdom Viral, which serves more than 600 clients across Canada and globally.*

*I also own and operate Pickled Passion, pickleball attire and more.*

*With a robust background of over 36 years in business development, finance, taxation, and marketing, I have also engaged in international business development, utilizing my language skills to facilitate growth for companies through strategic marketing, process optimization, and system implementation.*

### ABOUT ME

*Since 2022, I have been a passionate pickleball player and advocate, actively involved with the Airdrie Pickleball Club and previously a member of the St. Albert Pickleball Club—whose tournaments are always a highlight. I've also traveled to clubs across Alberta, Canada, and even internationally, so I can play with different people. What I love most about pickleball is its social aspect. Through the sport, I've met countless amazing people I never would have connected with otherwise.*

*To share that passion, I founded PickledPassion.ca, an online store dedicated to "All Things Pickleball," which brings joy both to me and to fellow players who shop there.*

*I also serve as a Pickleball Canada Ambassador.*

*I have written and published articles on the sport, captained Team Alberta at Nationals, and contributed to initiatives such as HOTSHOTS and the Pickleball Alberta Symposium.*