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**WALLY OPRZEDEK SHOOTING IN FRONT OF CHRIS REYNOLDS AT THE JUNE HILL
MEMORIAL**

Editorial

So here we are. The first **Killshot** without a Pritchard at the helm.....waves of nostalgia are running rampid in my head; then I remember Grant Jennings used to write for this magazine, and the task of upholding high standard doesn't seem so daunting. All kidding aside, Ted carried this magazine for over thirty years. When he and his brother Larry began this journey, the world was a vastly different place. **Killshot** has seen the invention of the cell phone, the internet, e-mail and social media. Current 3 wall champ Ryan Bowler wasn't even born. A new day has definitely arrived. In sticking with the tradition of change, you, the reader will notice a new layout of the magazine, including the fact that this edition is an online version. For all your hard work, and for your vision, Ted the OHA thanks you.

This is OUR magazine. **Killshot** is the voice of handball in Ontario. My promise to you, the reader is simple; to maintain an informative and engaging vehicle for all things handball in Ontario. Handball is a terrific game which I have had the pleasure of growing up playing. I have made countless friends throughout the years as a result, and count myself lucky for all the experiences I have had. I look forward to many years of editing **Killshot**!

The Ontario Board of Directors is doing an amazing job at getting kids involved. Kids are playing, and tournaments are being organized for them. Let's support the organizers and their efforts. There are countless ways to get involved. It is very easy to sit back and watch a small group of others do the work, something we are all guilty of. Handball WILL NOT succeed if we burn out that group by sitting back and doing nothing. This game has given a lot to each of us, we each are responsible to give back.

The United States Handball Association is producing a new ball, the 21 ball. As more details become available here in Ontario, you will be advised. There are a limited supply of Red Label balls left.

In other USHA news, John Bike Jr will be inducted into the USHA Hall of Fame in 2012 at the USHA nationals in California. John has always been a strong supporter of Canadian Handball, winning the Canadian 3 wall singles in the 80's, the 1995 Canadian Open Doubles and the 1997 World title in Winnipeg. He was always great with juniors. In fact, my very first article for **Killshot** was about my experience playing John a pick up game at those 1995 Nationals in Edmonton.

Speaking of the Hall of Fame, anyone wishing to nominate players or contributors for the 2012 Nationals in Montreal (dates included at end of Canadian Nationals article) go to www.canadianhandballcourts.ca/hall_of_fame.aspx to submit your nomination.

This magazine has a lot of great stuff in it; Canadian Nationals, June Hill Memorial and Ontario 3 wall tournament results. Entries for the Golden Horseshoe in October as well as the 2012 Ontario Doubles.

Enjoy!

Yours in Handball,

Scott Wilson

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Letters of Praise

Ted,

The time has finally arrived, the shovel has been passed. I say shovel because the Killshot Editorial Policy (or lack of) has always been when in doubt improvise. This of course eliminates the need to waste time hacking cell phones. I realize, this Editorial Policy (or lack of) is motivated by a desire to make this publication more than a single page (or worse, one paragraph) newsletter.

This has been great for people like myself, who from time to time, help the cause by contributing. It allows for great literary license. It was nice to see that the departing (demoted, retired, whatever) managing editor went out in the style to which all his ardent readers (slander not intended) have come to expect.

The retired Managing Editor and I have something in common; we are both married to an English rose who is not called Rose. The photo caption in the last edition caused me countless hours of

trying to explain the editorial policy (or lack of) not to mention the ear ache I would have developed if I had been wearing my hearing aids. ANN finally accepted the quirks of the departing managing editor and hoped that he remembers the name of his English Rose.

In all seriousness, being a member of the OHA board is not an easy field to plow and Ted has never been just the Editor of Killshot, but a constant involved board member for over thirty years. I can find all sorts of words to yank Ted's chain, but there doesn't seem to be enough to adequately express appreciation for his contribution to the OHA and us handballers. I'll just keep simple Ted, with a very, very, very well meant THANK YOU.

Al Campbell

Letters continued.....

Ted,

Over the years I have enjoyed reading your KILLSHOT epistles replete with your own brand of jocularly. The good natured barbs, jabs and shots at the players, situations and questionable events have provided an air of light heartedness to the stories you have told us. Passing the baton (or quill) to your successor scribe will doubtless provide a fresh spin on the antics of the Handball Brotherhood.

One great feature on all courts is the number of veterans, seniors and old dogs who continue to enjoy the game amongst their peers. A case and point is our Sunday morning outdoor one wall games at Niagara University. The majority of participants will never see 60 again and some of us have survived beyond age 70. The fun and desire remain; the body limps to keep up.

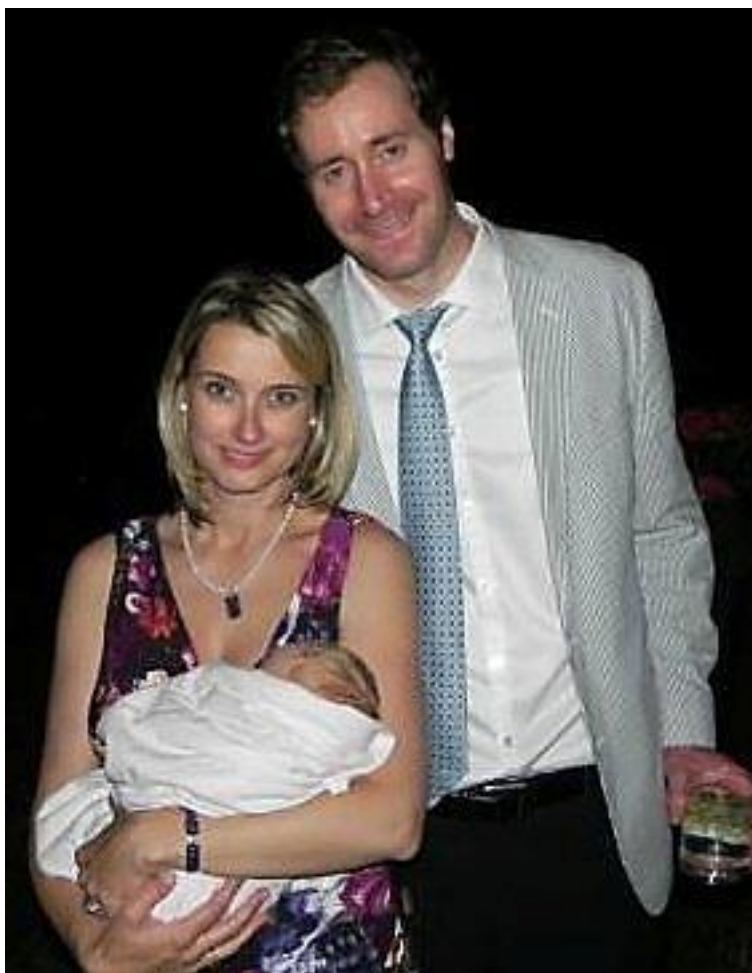
My friend and yours, Wayne Nichols, and I have concluded that handball, camaraderie and beer form the TRIPOD OF LIFE (Wayne didn't specify in what order).

I wish you good luck and good health.

Don Condon

New Additions

Natasha and Geoff Golding welcomed Amelia Elena on June 15th 2011. She weighed in at 7 pounds 15 ounces, and according to Mom is a natural for handball already!

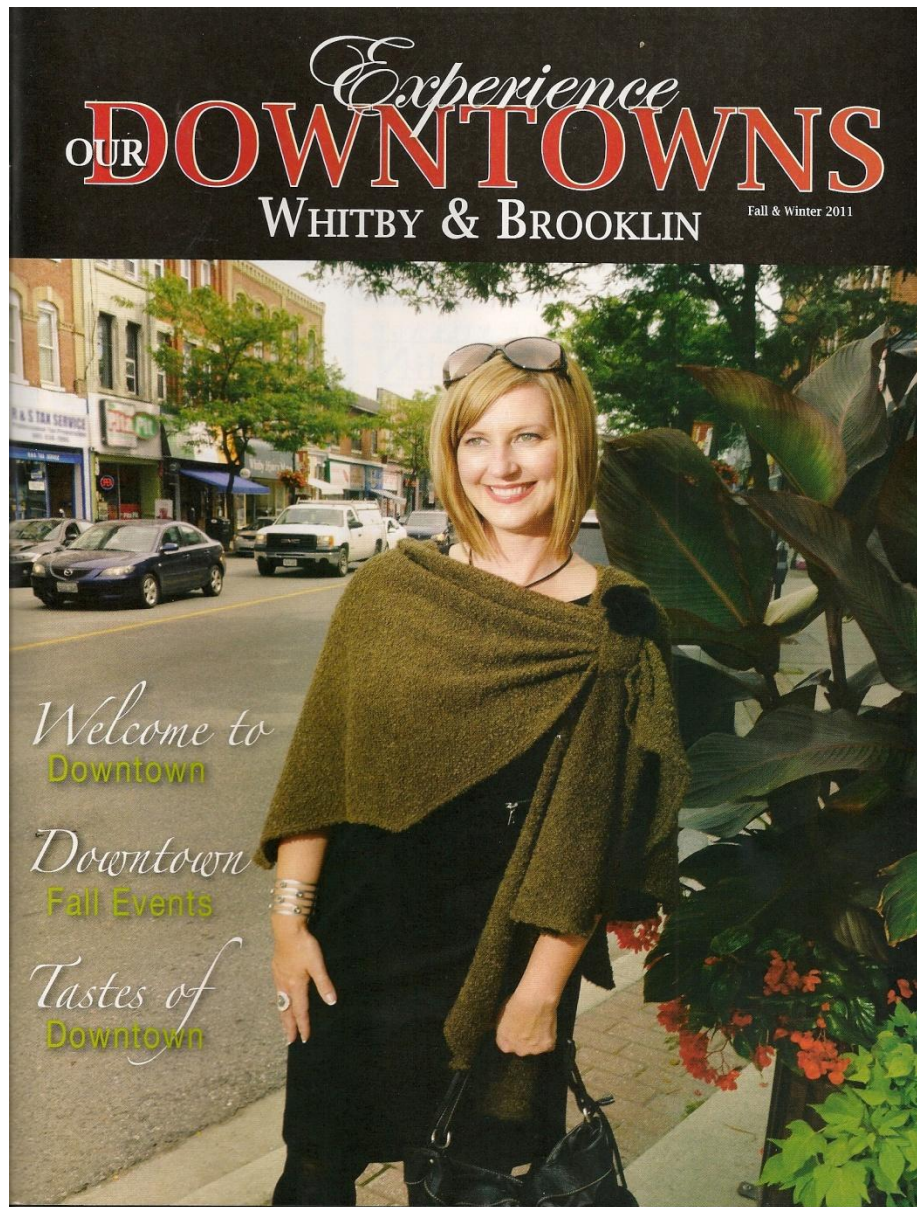


Happy Anniversary



Mike and Cathy Wilson on their wedding day. They will celebrate 35 years on
September 18

Around Town



Wendy Jennings graces the Fall & Winter Whitby and Brooklin culture magazine

Handball~racquetball
big ball~small ball
\$20k prize money
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Service Cool in the Heat

A gaggle of Ontario handball players made the migration to the 2011 USHA 3-Wall Nationals in Maumee, Ohio, over the Labour Day weekend - the 61st Annual. Unfortunately, almost all of them quickly ended up either on the golf course or enjoying some cold refreshments while watching amazing handball.



Fortunately, Peter Service kept the Ontario flock in flight by winning the 50+ division over Mark Zamora of Fontana, CA. It sounds simple enough, but with the temperature hovering in the 37 degree range, Service had to keep his cool after weathering a storm of fly-kills and super retrieves as Zamora went on to a comfortable win in the first game, 21-9.

By the time Zamora ran the score up to 20-9 in game two, most of the fans had quietly retreated to the beer tent...big mistake.

As Zamora's quickness and cutoffs were being rapidly depleted in the midday sun, Service was putting together a string of winning reverse-hook serves down the left side. He was also getting the ball up to the ceiling by this time, which further punished Zamora. Unbelievably, Service snatched the game, 21-20.

In the tiebreaker, nobody was surprised when Service came out pumped from his miraculous win and Zamora was so drained he offered little resistance; final score 11-1.

Ted Pritchard

Other Toledo Results:

Ryan Bowler made it to the finals of the A doubles with Mike Dorneker of Indiana while Carly Stickles was a Womens Open Doubles Finalist with Robin Sterrett.

John Audet - semis of Boys 19 and under



The YMCA Of Hamilton/Burlington
Proudly Presents. . A Revival Edition...
The 41st Golden Horseshoe Handball Tournament
October 21st-23rd, 2011

WHERE: Hamilton Downtown YMCA, 79 James Street South, Hamilton, ON
L8P 2Z1 (905) 529-7102

PLAY: C.H.A./O.H.A. Tournament Rules, Matches 2 of 3.
Games to 21 points, tie breaker to 11 points
(Guaranteed two matches)
Play begins on Friday, October 21st at 5:00 p.m.
Call the above number for start times on
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Players may enter one singles and one doubles event only.

OFFICIAL BALL: New Red Ace for all adult divisions with the exceptions of (50+, 60+ and Novice) which may use the White Ace Ball if both players agree, otherwise the Red Ace prevails. White Ace for Ladies Open .

ENTRY FEE (\$)

1st Event \$90Cdn or \$65. Cdn with OHA or USHA membership
2nd Event: \$20. Cdn.

***New* Junior age or college student**

1st Event \$60Cdn or \$45 Cdn with OHA or USHA membership
2nd Event \$20Cdn

Entry includes matches, hospitality, including a Saturday Night banquet.

Tickets for the Saturday Night Banquet are available for purchase for any guests you wish to invite.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Your completed/signed entry form along with the appropriate fee must be received no later than Friday October 14th.

Cheques are to be made payable to: *Brian Goto (In Trust), 225 Juniper Dr, Burlington, ON L7L2T2 (Home) 905-637-8616*

- Singles:**
- ☐ Open Singles
 - ☐ "B" Singles
 - ☐ "C" Singles
 - ☐ Ladies Open
 - ☐ Masters (40+) Singles
 - ☐ Golden Masters (50+)
 - ☐ Super Golden Singles (60+)

- Doubles:**
- ☐ Open Doubles
 - ☐ "B" Doubles
 - ☐ "C" Doubles
 - ☐ Masters Doubles (40+)
 - ☐ Golden Masters Doubles (50+)
 - ☐ Super Golden Doubles (60+)
 - ☐ Diamond Doubles (70+)



ONTARIO HANDBALL ASSOCIATION

2012 ONTARIO OPEN

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 3rd-5th, 2012

***Cedar Springs Health, Racquet and Sportclub
Burlington, Ontario***

ENTRY FEES:

- \$50.00 per player. \$20.00 per junior (junior event).
- Players may enter one doubles event only
- Make cheques payable to Brad Warren and mail entries to:

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**Brad Warren
6 Rowatson Rd
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Email: bwarren@goodlifefitness.com

AWARDS:

- First and Second in each category

RULES:

- Current USHA/OHA rules will apply. Eyeguards are mandatory. Losers referee next match.

HOSPITALITY:

- Morning Coffee and muffins. Afternoon lunch. Dinner at 7-7:30 p.m.
- 6 viewing courts, souvenir, prizes, and more!

BALL:

- Red Ace, with White Ace for Women's and 15 and Under divisions

DEADLINE:

- January 26th, 2012.

START TIMES: (please provide)

- Call Brad at 416 559 5786 on Thursday February 2nd, or preferably check your email

PLAY STARTS:

- Saturday, 09.00 a.m.

ELEGIBILITY:

- All divisions as of December, 2011.
- Ontario residents must be O.H.A. members

NOTE:

- OHA Annual General Meeting Saturday afternoon.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Comfort Inn: 905-639-1700

Across from Cedar Springs

Quote Cedar Springs when making reservations.

See next page for divisions



ONTARIO HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
2012 ONTARIO OPEN
DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Event Categories

Doubles Events

Open Doubles: _____

B Doubles: _____

C Doubles: _____

40 + Doubles: _____

50 + Doubles: _____

60 + Doubles: _____

70 +

Doubles: _____

Womens Open Doubles: _____

Novice 'A' Doubles: _____ (-6 months)
Doubles: _____

Junior

If there are insufficient numbers in divisions, some may be combined.
Consolation divisions may be combined under the discretion of tournament director.

In consideration of this entry being accepted, I hereby for myself, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damage I may have against the organization holding this event as well as the facility which is hosting the same.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: H: _____ B: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PARTNER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

18)

(parent or guardian if under

Cedar Springs Health, Racquet and Sportclub
960 Cumberland Ave.
Burlington, Ontario
(905) 632 - 4800

2011 Women's Report

Throughout Ontario this year we have had some new introductions to Handball. Through junior programs and the "invite a friend to play" concept, the sport has been introduced to approximately 10 new females. It is my goal as Women's Commissioner and as a player to support and encourage new female participants as well as already established players. Our final tournament for 2011 will be the Golden Horseshoe in Hamilton running Friday October 21st- Sunday October 23rd. This is a historical tournament that offers both singles and doubles and I hope to see some of you there in the Women's Events!

The 2011 Canadian Nationals in Edmonton, drew approximately 20 female participants competing in divisions varying from 15 & Under to Women's Open. Although there were some familiar faces missing this year, as always, it was refreshing to see a couple new faces as well as some returning players. Thank you to all who attended the Women's annual meeting which gives us the opportunity to discuss any concerns, ask questions and to share some stories and have some fun! One of my goals on a National level is to increase communication with female Handball players. In saying this, I have started creating a database of e-mail addresses and for those who don't know, there is a facebook page "Women in the World of HANDBALL" (which is being updated) that offers information and an easy way to communicate.

For anyone whose contact information I do not already have, please feel free to send it to me. For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (905) 995-4581 or jeninec@rogers.com

Jenine Wilson

Presidents Message



I am very excited as the 2012 indoor season kicks into to high gear. We have already had some great tournaments this summer. I need to really thank Wally for coordinating the first Ontario Junior Big ball 1 Wall tournament. This day was a huge success introducing 40 plus junior to our great game. We will be looking for helpers and sponsors next year to make this another successful day. Thanks to John and Ted for a great Ontario 3 Wall tournament as always it was a fun filled day. The OHA board has been busy making some well needed changes to our website and has added more vehicles to communicate with all players in Ontario. I am pleased to announce that dates have been picked already for our 2012 Ontario Doubles and Singles and entry form will be at the Hamilton Golden Horseshoe Tournament this Oct 2011. I look forward to seeing everyone this winter season.

Brad Warren

Membership Update

Dear OHA Members,

Summer is just about over so handball will be moving back inside once again. Tournaments are just around the corner and it may be time to once again think about your OHA membership. Although membership is stable, we are down in numbers for years ago. Please all remember that you must be an OHA member to participate in an Ontario Handball tournament. A current membership list will be provided at each event and payment will be accepted at each event. Annual membership fees are \$25 for adults and \$15 for juniors.

Should you have a question on the status of your membership, please feel free to contact me via email at nbody@peakpowersports.ca. Or, please send a check along with your application to the address below.

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c/o Nathan Body
4325 Harvester Rd Unit #12.
Burlington, ON.
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ONTARIO HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
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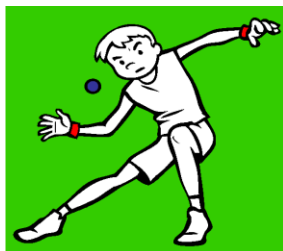
If you would like to contribute to the Ontario Handball Association's junior development program please fill in the contribution along with your name and forward it to:

OHA JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT
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BURLINGTON, ONTARIO, L7L 5M4

Contribution: \$ _____ On behalf of: _____

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Air Miles for Juniors



2011 Canadian National Championships in Edmonton

Once again, the CHA held an essay contest for Juniors hoping to attend the 2011 Canadian National Handball Championships in Edmonton, Alberta. Handball enthusiasts from across the country help to collect points using the CHA Air Miles number **8014 007 8606** which are used to award a Junior athlete by flying them to the Nationals.

Congratulations once again to this year's winner Michael Gaulton from Newfoundland.

Please watch for next year's **JUNIOR AIR MILES CONTEST** as we will be sending a Junior to the Canadian Nationals in Montreal!

Winning Essay 2011 Canadians

The Game of Handball

My name is Michael Gaulton and I am 11 years old. I have been playing handball now for 3 years in St. John's, Newfoundland and I am currently playing in the 15 and under age category. My coach's name is Wayne Amminson and he has taught me all the skills and techniques I need to play a good game of handball.

I love to play handball because it is fun, you meet a lot of different people which includes coaches and other players and I make new friends. On court, I play a hard game of handball, bring a positive attitude, never miss any practices or local tournaments and I love a good challenge. Off court, I sometimes help my coach by doing some drills with the younger age groups. Also, I like to encourage other people to play handball because I love the sport and I think they will love it as much as I do once they start playing.

I would love to go to Edmonton for the 2011 Canadian National Championships because it would be a good experience to compete with so many other players that love this game.

2011 Canadian Nationals

Edmonton Alberta

The 10th Canadian National Handball Championships held in Edmonton, Alberta since 1970 proved to be one of the very best tournaments.....ever! The bar has been raised once again for all future Nationals to be held in Canada.

The event was hosted at the University of Alberta at the Van Vliet Court Facility. The court facility has two glass back show courts and 4 solid wall courts. Hospitality was hosted in the Faculty Lounge in the "Butterdome" recreation facility with both breakfast and lunch being served along with full refreshments. The tournament began Wednesday with a "FUN" 1-WALL EVENT. The morning session had Senior players, some who had never tried 1-wall before and enjoyed the outdoor court facility at the World 2006 Legacy 1-wall court in Sherwood Park. The afternoon session had Junior players, who also enjoyed the outdoor 1-wall with both singles and doubles being played. The exposure of 1-wall for all players, and those who wish to pursue the game, which will become the "handball future" as 4-wall courts begin to diminish in numbers. A Junior High School was set up for 1-wall in the event of in climate weather.

The Alberta, Edmonton and Sherwood Park Handball Associations were very pleased to also have two of the very best handball players in the World attend to not only compete, but to host both Junior and Senior handball clinics. Coaching clinics at this level from both David Chapman and David Fink had all those attending in awe of both these great athletic individuals but also the message, "you can always get better at your game of handball".

Although the player numbers were down over previous Nationals, the bright light was over 40 Juniors attending playing in all Junior events. Juniors and coaches were from Newfoundland, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and both Calgary and Edmonton. The Richard Kearney Junior Award was presented to the Alberta Junior Teams from Calgary and Edmonton. There are currently over 24 juniors active in the sports in Alberta and this is a huge growth and accolades from the Calgary coach, Bill McGrath and Edmonton coach, Jennifer Martin. The Rene Hurley Award went to Rhiannon Cooper of St John's, Newfoundland. Both of

these awards are in honour of former handball players, both Senior and Junior who have left a legacy of what handball means to all that play our game.

The final wind-up banquet was held at the Lister Convention Centre, U of Alberta on Saturday evening. Guest MC was Mark Connolly of CBC Sports fame. Mark has reported on over 6 Summer and Winter Olympics and is a former Junior Handball Player in Edmonton. Guest Speaker was Georgette Reed, U of Alberta Track Head Coach and is a former Olympic and Pan Am Games shot put and discus champion. Entertainment was provided by a World Class Hoola Hooper and the evening dance started with a Belly Dancer bringing onto the dance floor both Junior and Senior handball players.

The highlight of the evening was the induction of BRIAN GOTO former Canadian Handball President into the 2011 CANADIAN HANDBALL HALL OF FAME. Brian's contribution to Canadian Handball is legendary. As a High School teacher in Burlington, Ontario, he established 1-wall indoor and outdoor courts in the school system and then bringing students to experience 4-wall as well. Many of his former students obtained USA College Handball Scholarships with many becoming champions. Brian's efforts through his tenure with the CHA has not only improved the quality of handball being played in Canada, but also the exposure to handball in both the USA and Ireland. Brian's lovely wife, Sandy, and his two daughters did a power point presentation, with many great memories brought out. Al Campbell of Hamilton, ON introduced Brian, Rob Pearse of Chattanooga, TN had many wonderful words to say as a former student, and a surprise to Brian was his former doubles partner from Hamilton, ON Jim Turnbull showed up to say a few words. Congratulations, Brian Goto.

As always, a successful tournament does not go without the guidance of a sold committee of volunteers. Both Skip Smiley and Howard Strettle were very fortunate to have such a committee. Also the bank of day to day volunteers that did court duty, shuttle duty and hospitality. Major sponsors: Gov't of Alberta, City of Edmonton, Strathcona County, Alberta Handball Assoc., Noralt Royal Lepage Real Estate, Functional Assessment Systems, MHK Insurance Ltd., United Farmers Assoc., Big Rock Brewery, McCallum Printing.

Skip Smiley



Jessica Gawley serves against Jen Hinman.....



.....the finalist share a smile



Rob Pearse, with Jim Forest serves to legends Dave Chapman and Merv Deckert



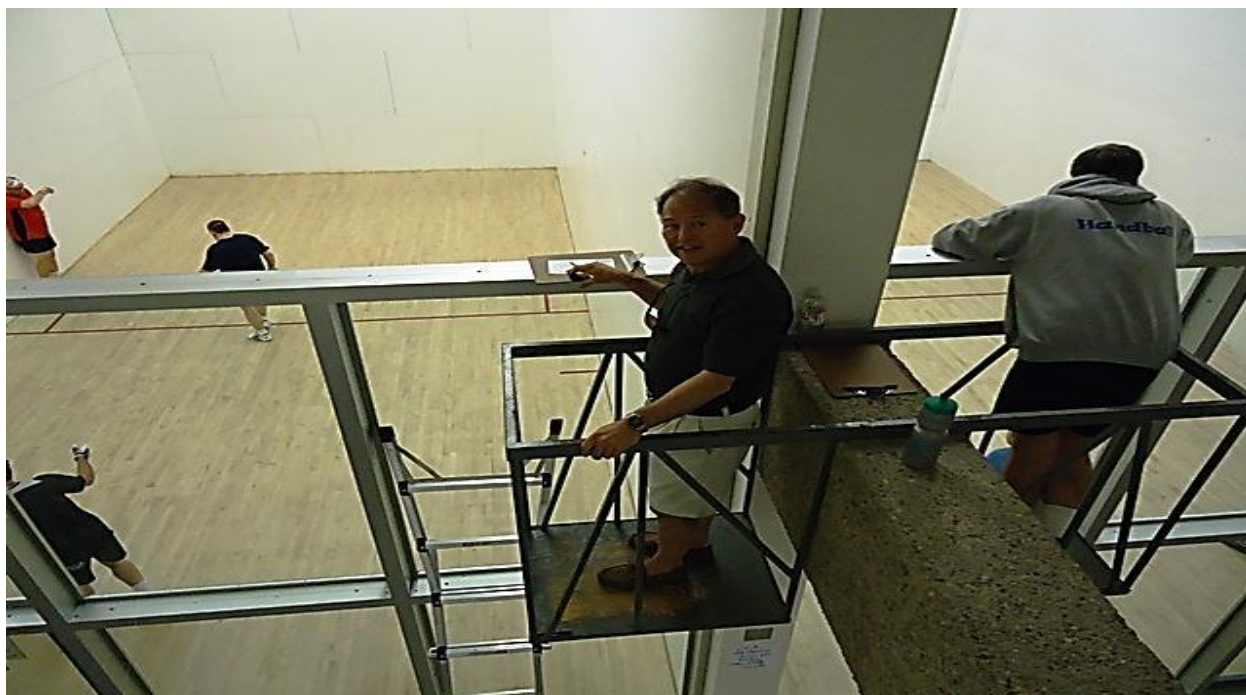
Deckert/Chapman took the title over Pearse/Forest



David Fink repeated with a victory of Shane Vigen in the Open singles final



The Juniors are always a huge part of the Nationals success



2011 Hall of Famer Brian Goto

**The 2012 Canadian Nationals will be held in Montreal
South Shore (Brossard) May 30-31, June 1-2.**

**Bernard Pelissier is the Chairman with Danny Bell and
Merv Deckert as Co-Chairmen.**

**Hall of Fame nominations are still being accepted. Go to
[http://www.canadianhandballcourts.ca/hall_of_fame.a
spx](http://www.canadianhandballcourts.ca/hall_of_fame.aspx) to nominate a player or contributor!**

Entry to follow soon!

2011 June Hill Junior 1-Wall Handball Tournament

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The 2011 June Hill Memorial 1-Wall Junior Handball Tournament (Parts I & II) were recently held at Brant Hills Public School, located in Burlington, Ontario. On June 4th, the bright smiles on the faces of the junior players, were unfortunately disrupted after a couple of hours, by an intense hail storm. If someone had been able to grab a water-proof camera, footage of the attempts to close the Peak Powersports tent in the high winds, would certainly have gone viral. The tournament was continued 3-weeks later, on a cloudy, but dry day.

Highlights of the tournament include:

- In preparation for the event, the OHA re-painted the 4-outdoor courts located at Brant Hills Public School. This will provide a centrally located venue for future 1-Wall events in Ontario.
- Over 20-kids participated in the round-robin format in 3-Divisions: Elementary Boys, High School Boys and Girls. Participants came from Fort Erie, Smithville, Newmarket, Pickering, Toronto and Buffalo, NY. We now have over 30-identified juniors playing handball across Ontario.
- Each player received an Ontario Handball T-Shirt, a Big Blue Handball, an Ektelon Gear Bag (courtesy of the WPH), a pizza lunch, and a variety of towels, frisbees and bags donated by Goodlife Fitness. All of this, came at no cost to the kids, thanks to the generous donation by Ted Hill, in the memory of his wife June, who is greatly missed by the handball community. Thanks also to Rick Stybak and the Wilson family for their kind donations.
- Following a spirited round-robin format, the 1st Ontario Junior 1-Wall Champions were crowned:
 - Elementary Boys Division: Alam Burgos from Fort Erie.
 - High School Boys Division: Matt Shrum from Smithville.

- Girls Division: shared between Lisa & Loma Lipuma of Buffalo, NY, and Danita Guest & Sydney Knight of Newmarket.

Thanks to Harold McLean for refurbishing and donating all of the division trophies.

- Thanks also go out to Brad Warren, Jenine Wilson-Cramp, Harold McLean, Fernando Burgos and Chris Reynolds for helping to coach and referee the matches. Also to Garrett Reynolds for taking dozens of pictures that captured the spirit of the day. They are all posted on the “Canada 1 Wall Handball” Facebook page.
- Following tournament play, the “Senior”-players hit the courts and joined in on the 1-Wall fun, which resulted in some pretty entertaining singles and doubles matches (for a bunch of 4-Wall Small-Ballers).

The next Junior Handball event will be at the 41st Annual Golden Horseshoe Handball Tournament at the Hamilton YMCA in October. I want to invite all of Ontario’s Junior Handballers, to come and give 4-Wall handball a try. Hope to see you there!!!

Wally Oprzedek – OHA Junior Development Co-ordinator











Bowler Has Hat Trick

As told by Edwin Pritchard

The 2011 Ontario 3-wall Tournament, the John Choma Memorial, was held on Saturday, August 20th under sunny skies.

Getting into shape and staying there, has fashioned Ryan Bowler into a winning machine. In the 2009 finals he beat perennial 3-wall champ Peter Service and followed that up in 2010 with the win over Chris Jennings. In this year's finals, he downed powerhouse Matt Philips, chasing down Philips' best shots while employing serve after serve to the back line. He added a barrage of well-chosen fist blasts to hit the ball where nobody was home; and excellent effort for a deserving champion.

Harry Cowie must be getting tired of seeing the back of Ted Pritchard's balding head as they fought it out yet again in the finals of the Combined division. Pritchard's overhead serve was in overdrive this year hitting the back line at either side of the court. This produced many weak returns providing Pritchard with the chance to employ his famous (or infamous) dump shot; a shot that never gets applause but did tally up the points for the win.

In the Super Senior finals, Mike Jennings and Zoltan Motoz exchanged point after point before Jennings was able to claim the title. It was a super effort for Motoz as it was his first time on a 3-wall court. And it was a special day for him as he teamed up with his grandson, Adam Johnston, to win the Combined Doubles division over Eddy Reyes and Rick Jackiew.

There was also some really exciting handball in the Open Consolation, with Chris Reynolds the winner, Jordan Fromstein second and Grant Jennings third.

With John Philips and Ted Pritchard in charge, the matches ran smoothly and finished early. So, with open courts, the boys suited up again for some spirited doubles play. What a super day, with pizza for lunch and then down to the Dog

Fish for supper on the outdoor patio amongst the bobbing boats, the Caribbean wedding upstairs and the Macedonian party downstairs.

On a final note, OHA President Brad Warren thanked John Philips for decades of running the 3-wall tournament with help from Harry Cowie, Mike Wilson and Ted Pritchard. As John is stepping down now, the OHA is actively looking for someone to step in and run the Ontario 3-wall in 2012; just contact Brad Warren.



JOHN PHILIPS AND TED PRITCHARD



GERARD CAYA RETURNS SERVE



GRANT JENNINGS DISCUSSING HIS GAME TO A CAPTIVATED AUDIENCE



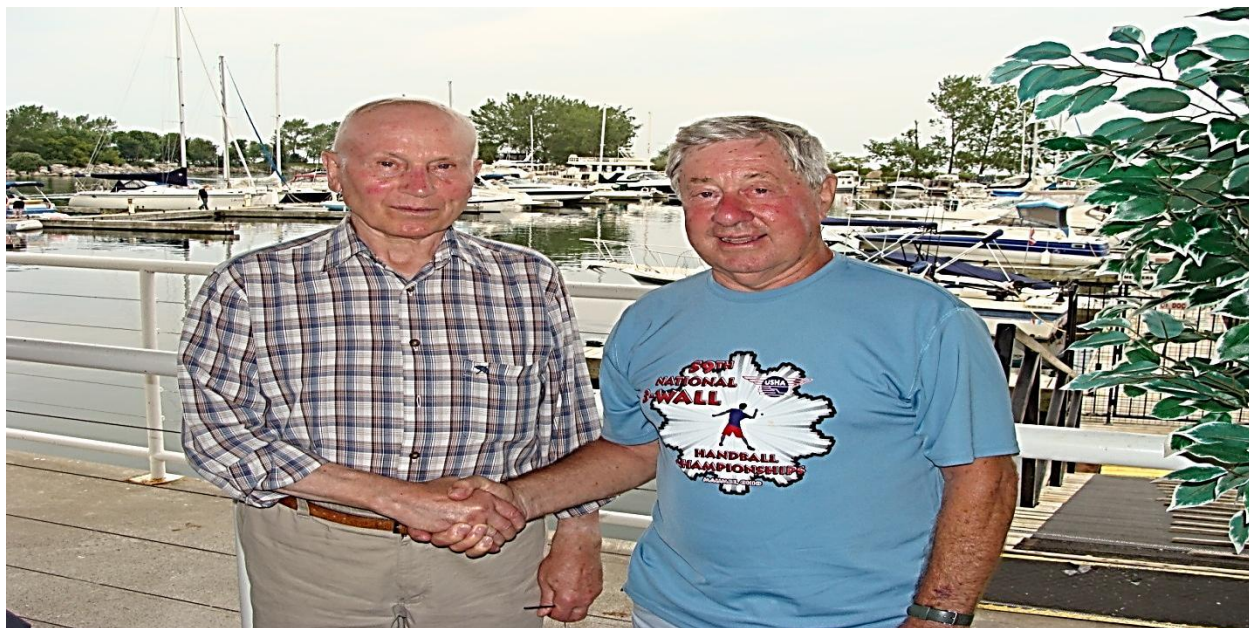
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