

## Pickleball is coming to Bancroft

What is Pickleball, you ask? Pickleball is actually a combination of three sports ? tennis, badminton and ping pong (table tennis). The game is played on a badminton sized court with a whiffle ball and a short handled paddle (a bit larger than a ping pong paddle). The rules of the sport are quite simple, and are adapted from the three sports.

Because the rules are simple, Pickleball is easy to learn. Because of the whiffle ball, it's fun to play; it can be enjoyed by men and women of all ages.

Pickleball is currently exploding in popularity. The number of places to play has nearly doubled since 2010. It's played in community centers, physical education classes, YMCA facilities and retirement communities.

Many communities around Bancroft (Coe Hill, Wilberforce, Peterborough, Haliburton, Buckhorn, Lindsay and Fenelon Falls) are enjoying the game.

All in all, it's a great new opportunity for people of all ages in the Bancroft Area to get involved with a fun sport.

And you can get started right away. The tentative start date for this indoor Tuesday night league is June 7.

Want to find out more? Join us for an Open House on Tuesday, May 31, from 7 to 9pm at the Bancroft Curling Club at 63 Newkirk Boulevard.

Submitted by The Bancroft Pickleball League