

AUGUST ,2021

PRESS RELEASE

THE CANADA PADEL FEDERATION AND THE CALGARY PADEL CLUB

PRESENT:



**THE IV ANNUAL
PADEL FOUNDERS CUP**



AUGUST 19-20-21-22, 2021

CALGARY PADEL CLUB

GLENBROOK COMMUNITY - 3524-45 ST. S.W



In recognition of our Padel founders, Bill and Angelo Stamile we are pleased to inform you that we are hosting the Fourth Annual “Padel Founders Cup” and invite all those interested in watching some of Canada’s top players and participants from 4 provinces to drop by and enjoy the event. This will be the most inclusive nation-wide Padel tournament having individuals participating from Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and of course Calgary.

Tournament dates are :

Thursday, Friday August 19- 20 - 6pm to dusk

Saturday, August 22- 9am to 6pm

Sunday Finals; 9am to 4pm

We are located at the Glenbrook Community site: 3524- 45 street.s.w. Calgary, Alberta

Inquiries at: 403-671-6838 or email; info@calgarypadel.ca

Backgrounder:

The Canada Padel Federation and Calgary Padel Club are grateful and fortunate to benefit from Bill's extensive know-how of everything Padel and to have his support and involvement in our club programming and activities as we work to reach our mutual objectives to grow and promote the sport of Padel from grassroots to elite.

The Founder of Padel in Canada



Mr. Bill Stamile is the founding father and the biggest promoter of the sport of Padel in Canada.

Padel would not be played in Canada today were it not for Bill's relentless persistence and sheer will to keep our game alive that at times were against all odds and often times single handedly.

Ever since he first saw the sport played in his native Argentina in 1992 he has been passionate about padel in Canada, and has put in countless hours and personal resources towards the development and promotion of the sport that has been enjoyed by thousands of people over the years.

Since introducing Padel to Canada in 1992, Bill has been instrumental in establishing local, regional and national associations as well as chairing numerous initiatives in his efforts to establish a permanent indoor national headquarters for our sport that we hope one day will become a reality.

Bill is a certified padel instructor and has spend thousands of hours on court with beginners, intermediates and elite, which means that if you play the sport in Calgary today, chances are you started with Bill. He has been actively involved in countless number of local and international events from smaller socials and fundraisers to hosting a major Intentional World Padel Championship in Calgary as well as organizing and managing our Canadian National Team programs for over 30 world ranked events.

As a senior member of the International Padel Federation Board of Directors and the overall global Padel community, Bill's know-how and expertise is continually being sought after by individuals working to introduce Padel in their own countries.

THE SPORT OF PADEL IN CANADA

The sport of Padel is a unique Canadian sport treasure that was born in Calgary. Canada has been a member of the International Padel Federation since the early inception of the sport in 1992. The CPSF and the CPC were formed in 2013 and 2015 respectively, both are non-profit amateur athletic associations with a mutual mission to grow and promote the sport of Padel locally, regionally and nationally.

Padel in Canada had its beginnings in Calgary, Alberta. The sport was introduced to Canada by Bill Stamile, who first saw the game played while on vacation in Argentina in 1992. He founded the National Association in February 1992, as a federally incorporated Canadian Registered Amateur Athletic Association.

The first padel court was built in mid-1992 by Bill and his brother, Angelo inside a Calgary warehouse, which operated for nearly one year. The court was used to attract some of Calgary's top tennis and squash players, many of whom still play the game today. In May 1993, the first padel team representing Canada internationally played the Corcuera Cup in Acapulco, Mexico.

The Canadian national association was invited to join the International Padel Federation at this time and has continued as a member in good standing. Canadian national teams have participated in over a two dozen major tournaments including thirteen world championships. Our greatest successes were achieved in 2008 where our women's team finished in 5th place at the Calgary World Padel championships and in 2009 where our junior boys finished in an incredible third place in the World Junior Championships in Seville, Spain.



The History of Padel

Padel originated in Acapulco, Mexico in 1969. Enrique Corcuera, a Mexican industrialist in search of a less strenuous family-oriented racquet game, altered tennis court dimensions, rules and the racquet to create the new sport.

The Mexican elite enjoyed padel for several years before it was picked up by the Spanish royal family and taken to Madrid, where it was first introduced to Europe. In the late 1970's, the game was introduced into Argentina, again as a game for a wealthier set of people.

However, by the early 1980's, several public courts were built on a popular Argentine beach resort allowing the general public to access the game. In the mid 1980's, many more public courts were built in Buenos Aires; and since then, the sport has grown at a tremendous pace. Currently, over 30 million participants play the sport in over 70 countries. Padel is growing internationally and is organized under the International Padel Federation.



First Padel Court- Enrique Corcuera- Inventor of Padel