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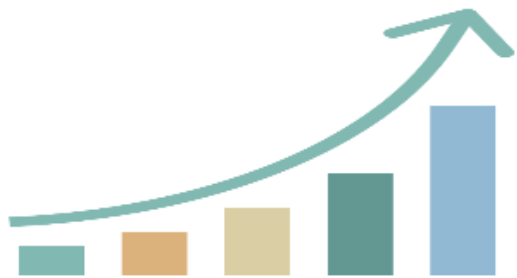
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MOVING FORWARD - IFP'S FUTURE

The International Federation of Pickleball was established in 2012 by then USAPA President Bill Booth who believed a world governing body was necessary, not just for the U.S., but for all countries. Pickleball's growth worldwide has not been as rapid as the growth in the U.S. until recently. Today, pickleball is exploding everywhere, hastening the need for a world governing body for the sport.

With over 60 member countries, the IFP motto to "*Leave No Country Behind*" is more valid than ever. The IFP believes that through international collaboration and representation, the future of pickleball is bright.

The IFP is working hard to assist countries to become pickleball organizations that can participate in world tournament play and ultimately, prepare for competition at the Olympic level. Among other things, the IFP assists countries with international training opportunities, grants, tournaments and guidance in tournament software. The IFP has amassed over 200 World Ambassadors and has a growing international staff packed with talent, new ideas and expertise. The IFP is confident in building a truly collaborative world organization.

Scoffers recently claimed that "It's the end of the road for the IFP"; however, that couldn't be

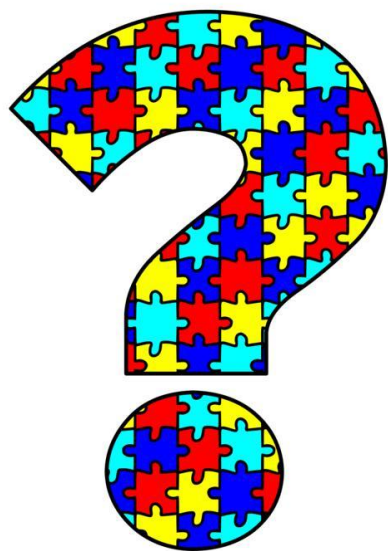
further from the truth. They are desperately trying to minimize the impact of the IFP. The truth is that the IFP is systematically moving forward adding new leadership volunteers from all corners of the globe and redesigning its programs to ensure that all positions and programs are meaningful and reflect the values, vision, and dynamic efforts needed to better serve the international pickleball community. Our *World Ambassador* program has been refined and is now our *Global Diplomat* program with the rollout effective July 2022. Additionally, our Individual and Country Member programs are being restructured to offer superior quality and member-only benefits.

The IFP is hosting its first international amateur tournament this fall in Las Vegas, Nevada. This tournament provides an international play format with an Olympic-style team competition in addition to traditional play. Moreover, the IFP is holding the Bainbridge Cup WORLD Tournament in India with a 50K purse at stake. Keep reading for more information about both of these IFP branded tournaments.

The IFP thanks all of our current Member Countries for your loyalty. We assure you that we will continue to work hard to maintain your loyalty. Our new Advisory Council is currently revising our by-laws and constitution to ensure that future elections and/or appointments occur with a balanced representation of our Member Countries. We solicit and welcome your suggestions to promote pickleball worldwide, as pickleball continues to grow throughout the globe. Please email us at: contact-us@ifpickleball.org or visit us at www.ifpickleball.org

UNIFICATION FACT or FICTION

In the most recent issue of Pickleball Magazine, there is an article written by Ruth Rosenquist outlining the actions of a group called *Unified Pickleball Task Force (UPTF)*. The article is well written with many positive ideas for the world unification of pickleball. Ms. Rosenquist identifies two organizations on the world stage



promoting pickleball. One, the International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) which has been in existence for ten years, originally started by Bill Booth when he was President of the USA Pickleball Association and the other, the

World Federation of Pickleball (WPF) started by Seymour Rifkind about four years ago. The IFP is working diligently to systematically grow pickleball globally with over 60 member countries, an international rule book, an international magazine, an international training partner and an international advisory

committee. Furthermore, the IFP is working with consultants to meet the rigorous GAISF requirements needed to move pickleball into the Olympic arena. Concurrently, the IFP has partnered with Eastern Management Group in the construction of a world-class sports complex just North of St. George, Utah that will house one of, if not the largest dedicated pickleball facilities in the world. The IFP plans to utilize this facility for global headquarters.

Over the last couple of months, pickleball has come under fire about divisions within the US. Multiple organizations are vying for position and control over different aspects of the game. While the USAP has historically been the largest pickleball organization in the world, *Sports Illustrated* and the *New Yorker* magazines have correctly reported that the USAP is being challenged by new and more financially backed organizations. Because of the rapid growth of pickleball and the potential money to be made, this was inevitable.

The IFP applauds efforts toward unification and have requested a place at the UPTF table alongside WPF representatives. The IFP is currently in negotiations with them about how that can happen. The IFP looks forward to working with the UPTF, or any unifying organization, in the future to make pickleball the best it can be on the international stage.

GLOBAL DIPLOMAT PROGRAM



The IFP began restructuring earlier this year to accommodate growth, cultivate greater diversity within its organization, and meet the International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements. Concurrently, we are redesigning our GLOBAL DIPLOMAT program (previously, *World Ambassador*) to ensure that the position is meaningful and of high quality. In addition, we are now able to offer support for our GLOBAL DIPLOMATS with training and benefits.

GLOBAL DIPLOMATS are volunteer representatives and unofficial spokespersons for the IFP. Their primary responsibility is to promote and grow the sport of pickleball in the country/countries they represent. They serve a key role in ensuring that we "Leave No Country Behind" while we move pickleball toward the Olympic arena as directed by the IOC.

A prospective GLOBAL DIPLOMAT ideally: **1) plays/coaches/promotes pickleball in the country or countries where they live or, 2) travels a minimum of 2-4 times a year to the country or countries where they wish to promote the sport, and 3) possesses other important qualities such as character and attitude, professionalism and work ethic, communication and marketing skills.**

The IFP thanks you for your interest in becoming our new Global Pickleball Diplomats. This new application requires thoughts and planning to complete. [CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#). Please make sure you complete ALL required questions in detail to the best of your ability to avoid delay of processing. If you are applying as a couple, each member must submit separate applications with responses to the questions and acknowledgements to the IFP Code of Conduct.

At present, processing time is **TWO TO FIVE WEEKS** pending reference verification. The IFP reference policy: **1) Those who have known you well for a minimum of two years and are willing to attest for your qualifications, and 2) One reference from your national governing body (if applicable) and two references from your other career/profession.**

NOTE: Since "Ambassadorship" is not forever without merit, ALL prior World Ambassadors will need to go through the NEW application process and please submit it by **OCTOBER 31, 2022** for consideration.

For those who may not qualify to be Global Diplomats under the new criteria, we encourage you to continue to be an important part of the IFP restructuring by leveraging your skills and interest in different areas within the organization. Here's the link: <https://www.ifpickleball.org/positions>. Thank you!

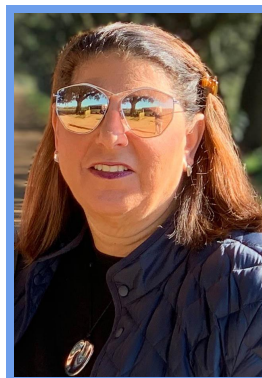
MEET THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PICKLEBALL

	<p>BAKAZE, ROBERT Uganda</p> <p>IFP Global Diplomat Robert Bakaze holds a Bachelor of Procurement and Supplies Management from Makerere University, and holds a Sports Administrators Certificate from the Uganda Olympic Committee. Bakaze is a multi-talented sports enthusiast with a record of playing a number of different sports disciplines including pickleball, table tennis, badminton and many more. He is a sports administrator who has served in different positions involving the promotion and development of sports in Uganda and Africa, which include, floorball, gateball, VX...etc. Bakaze is the Founder and President of the Uganda Pickleball Association, and is working on the promotion and development of pickleball in Uganda. He plans to assist with the expansion of IFP memberships to achieve the number of member countries required for IOC approval.</p>	 
	<p>KANYI, ANIRE Nigeria</p> <p>Anire Kanyi has over 32 years of experience in the legal profession cutting across a broad spectrum from litigation, oil and gas law, conveyancing, company secretarial practice to general legal advisory services. He is currently the Principal Partner of Kanyi Karibi-Whyte & Hastrup, a firm of Legal Practitioners, located in Lagos Nigeria, a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, and a Notary Public of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. Kanyi's interest in serving on the Advisory Council is to assist in ensuring a structured environment, where clear rules and procedures are observed, review and/or revise governing documents to assist members to be more active and participate in the activities of the IFP. Kanyi's vision is to see the emergence of the sport of pickleball as one that will be enjoyed across the globe and eventually a competitive sport at international sporting events. He is committed to put his energy and time into achieving the above.</p>	 



RELLA, GERARDA | Belize

IFP Global Diplomat Gerarda Rella from North America has been a practicing attorney in the U.S. for 35 years, and founded her practice 30 years ago. She has 15 employees and has managed to grow her business from a solo practice to a firm with 6 attorneys. Rella also purchased a beachfront boutique hotel in Belize a year ago with 2 pickleball courts built on the premises to be the first and only resort in Belize with pickleball courts. They ran clinics to introduce the game to the island and did a demonstration at the high school in the spring. Currently, free lessons and use of equipment are offered for any students interested in learning the sport. The island has very few on-land options for vacationers and Rella is hoping that they will provide both avid pickleball players and active travelers a venue to be outside enjoying a fun sport. She can make it known that pickleball does have an active community on the island and Belize is a destination country where people can play their favorite sport while traveling. On a bigger scale, Rella would like to help the sport grow in the country and in all of Central America.



HAIEK, JORGE “DICKY” | Argentina

IFP Global Diplomat “Dick” Haiek from South America has tremendous knowledge and experience as a Sport Manager and in System Analysis. Haiek has been working for the Ice Hockey Federation since 1996 and for the International Ice Hockey Federation. He started promoting pickleball in Argentina in 2021 and continues expanding this fascinating sport in South America. Haiek is a valuable officer of the *Asociación Argentina de Pickleball*. His main goal is to help pickleball grow in South America by interconnecting people, finding ways to get more equipment to Argentina and its continent as well as attracting more American pickleball pros and players to join the tournaments there. Haiek has been working closely with legal experts and the International Olympic Committee in Germany for ice hockey so he can bring pertinent experience to help the IFP with its bylaws and constitutions and pave the way to the Olympic arena.





SANIL, CHETAN | India

Chetan Sanil is an Air Veteran who served in the India Air Force for 20 years, and is currently working in Press Trust of India Ltd. He along with his friends formed 'NAT Foundation', a charitable organization which works for upliftment of underprivileged people. He is a Law graduate and has a Masters degree in HR Management. Sanil has been working closely with All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) in planning and executing various measures towards development of the game in India. His vision is to see this game reach to all the leftover countries, befitting IFP's motto of 'No Country Left Behind'. The ultimate aim being to get the game into the Olympics. He would be working with focus on reframing the by-laws and constitution to meet the requirements of the GAISF and IOC, development, training, promotion, and proper representation of member countries.



ZENG, GRANT | China

Grant Zeng is the founder of the first pickleball governing body in China, the Shenzhen Pickleball Association, and also the manager of the pickleball project of the China Sport Schools Federation. After graduating from university, Zeng founded Shenzhen Anxin inspection Ltd. and served as the General Manager. Following his involvement in pickleball, Zeng founded Guangdong Pickleball Sport Co., Ltd. and served as the Chairman of the Board, focusing on promoting the sport of pickleball in China. As an enterprise in China, Zeng is full of interest and promotion of pickleball. As a member of the IFP Advisory Council, Zeng will devote more efforts to promoting pickleball and IFP in China and around the world. At present, the series of activities of the China Cup Pickleball Open has been launched in China.

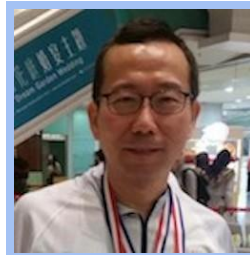


	<p>MUNZ, MARIA Germany</p> <p>IFP Global Diplomat Maria Munz is a Portuguese-German who obtained her Veterinary Medicine and PhD degrees in Portugal. She is fluent in several languages (Portuguese, English, Spanish, French and German.) Munz's vision for IFP is to continue growing internationally; that more people and countries get to know the sport and become global diplomats and country members; to be able to provide support to the existing diplomats and players with information about the necessary conditions and facilities to play the sport, to get coach training, to organize tournaments; to make sure the proper regulations are being followed by the existing governing bodies and at tournaments; and to offer trainings for referees. Besides being a huge fan of the game, Munz is a very engaged person and extremely social and empathic. Some of her key qualities are integrity and genuine passion for the sport, and that she takes her commitments seriously.</p>	 
	<p>FLORES, PACO Spain</p> <p>IFP Global Diplomat Paco Flores holds a degree in Physical Education and is a teacher of this subject in a high school. He has been a pickleball player since 2006 with 4.5 rating. Flores conducts pickleball training courses for teachers and provides pickleball presentation sessions for all kinds of players and pickleball clubs. Flores is the President of the Albacete Pickleball Club and the Castilla La Mancha Pickleball Association. As a member of the IFP Advisory Council, Flores plans to help people interested in pickleball, players, spectators, and organizers both in a recreational and competitive way, as well as bring new ideas to IFP training systems and lines of action for Olympic recognition.</p>	 



HO, KING CHOI “CROCKET” | Hong Kong, China

Crockett Ho is a Chairman of the Training and Development Committee, Pickleball Association of Hong Kong, China, Deputy Director of the Referee Committee, International Pickleball Federation Liaison Office, Shenzhen, China. He started playing pickleball in 2018, and promoting pickleball among schools, community centers and social welfare units. His vision is to develop pickleball throughout Hong Kong and get more attention from the government. To apply this model to new locations, as well as work with Shenzhen Pickleball Association to be the bridgehead for the development of pickleball in China. On the other hand, he plans to be the voice of progress and development for rules changes, equipment standards, etc. and to get pickleball into the Olympics.



INDIA HOSTS WORLD BAINBRIDGE CUP



The International Federation of Pickleball is proud to announce that the **fourth** annual *Bainbridge Cup* WORLD Tournament will be held in Mumbai, India on November 30 - December 4th, 2022. This year's cup will be an international gathering of players from across the globe. With the rapid growth of pickleball throughout the world and a \$50,000 purse we expect registration will fill up fast so register as soon as possible. Events will include: Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register or for the tournament or to see more details.

LAS VEGAS HOSTS BAINBRIDGE CUP SERIES EVENT



The International Federation of Pickleball is introducing a new style tournament which will contain an amateur Olympic-style team format in addition to the customary Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events. The specific round-round format for each bracket will depend on the final team count of that bracket. This international tournament will be played in Las Vegas, NV on the beautiful 24 court Sunset Park facility located just south of the McCarran International Airport, October 26th - 29th, 2022.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the tournament or to see more details.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS APPRECIATED



The International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) began restructuring earlier this year to accommodate growth, improve quality, cultivate greater diversity within its organization, and meet the International Olympic Committee requirements. Due to Mr. Sunil Valavalkar's elevation to the post of IFP President on July 1st, his earlier post of Vice President is vacant. At this time, the IFP invites each Member Country to inform all of their members that the IFP is seeking to fill the volunteer **Vice President** vacancy.

Since there are already representatives from the Americas, Asia, and Europe on the Board, the IFP would like to encourage candidates from the Africa and Oceania continents to apply. Each interested applicant must complete and submit the application via this link by the deadline for consideration. [CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#) using the IFP *Board of Directors* application.

The DEADLINE for sending applications is SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 (midnight Friday, Pacific Time).

The IFP exists to support its Member Countries and serve the pickleball needs around the world with representatives from all 5 continents. Thereby, this is an opportunity for Member Countries from the Africa and Oceania continents to become more involved with the IFP. If you are a dynamic person who possesses EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, RESOURCEFUL WITH A DIVERSE BACKGROUND, and is immersed in the pickleball culture, we would love to hear from you! Prompt responses from all of your three professional references will ensure you receive the best care possible with your application.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

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The IFP is committed to the continued progress and involvement of each and every Member Country. We want your relationship with us to be as open and honest as possible. We value input and call for suggestions that would enhance our organization's efficiency and efficacy. So, we would like to encourage you to email us with some constructive ideas as to what more we can do to improve our service to the global pickleball. **The authors of the top three ideas we deem best will be announced at the next edition and will be receiving complimentary gifts.** We look forward to hearing from all of you. [CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT](#).

The DEADLINE for sending ideas is SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

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