



## **PRI Newsletter #33 – Survey Results, Summer Programs, Training, etc.**

### **1. Survey Results**

Thank you to the 253 Pickleball Regina members who took the time to reply. Your responses are being used to develop the specific programs to be offered this summer and to guide the direction of Pickleball Regina's future programs. If any member wishes to receive a copy of the entire survey results, email [Karen Rust](mailto:karen.rust@pickleballregina.com).

Highlights extracted from the survey include:

- There is a strong preference for outdoor play in the summer while a large number of members would like both options;
- Most members like the idea of paying one price with the option of signing up to play at various times (using SignUpGenius);
- Half of the respondents have skill ratings below 3.0; 28% are rated 3.0, with 12% rated over 3.0;
- Members plan to play:
  - 151 SZRB Weekdays at Lakeview
  - 70 PRImetime Outdoor at Lakeview
  - 115 Evraz Indoor

Favourite Options for those who indicated they plan to play:

	<b>SZRB</b>	<b>PRImetime</b>	<b>Evraz</b>
<b>Open Play</b>	55	25	46
<b>Round Robins</b>	38	17	20
<b>Shootouts</b>	46	21	35
<b>Team Play</b>	2	4	4

<b>Skills Training</b>	5	2	7
<b>Other</b>	4	1	3

This data will be used to develop the schedule for all three summer programs. The schedules will be available when the registration for each program opens.

Many respondents provided additional comments. For the most part, they were complimenting and thanking the Pickleball Regina board and volunteers who provide our programs, make new members welcome, arrange for training, etc. The bouquets are appreciated!

Some specific comments include: praise for the SignUpGenius tool, recommendation that the number of signups/person be limited to ensure everyone gets a chance to play, more time for skills development and modified games.

There were also some comments referring to issues at Community Associations, privately run programs and casual play at locations such as the courts on University Park Drive. These are not Pickleball Regina programs, so we are unable to act on this feedback.

For a complete listing of all places to play pickleball in Regina, go to the international database of Places 2 Play which is maintained by the USAPA. We try to ensure the Regina information is kept up to date and provide this link: [Places 2 Play Pickleball](#) Enter 'Regina' in the search field and be sure to look at both pages (change pages by clicking on the number at the bottom of the page).

## 2. Outdoor Play at the Lakeview Par 3 courts

The South Zone Recreation Board has taken the position that the weekday program at the Lakeview Par 3 courts is to be for Seniors, age 55+ (age as of May 1, 2019).

Additionally, they have decided to open registration to South Zone residents first – on April 1. On April 15, registration will be open to all - until the cap of 200 participants is reached. The [registration form](#) is available [here](#). Pickleball Regina's role is to run the program on behalf of the South Zone board. We pay for the court rental, provide the equipment, training, volunteers, technical support, etc. For this, we receive 4/5 of the registration fee.

Pickleball Regina's mission is to promote the growth of pickleball as a game for all ages within the City of Regina. We have booked the courts at the Lakeview Par 3 for Wednesday evening and Saturday morning play for members ages 13+. If this isn't enough time to meet the needs of our members who wish to have access to outdoor play, more court time will be booked. Sign-up for the PRLmetime and Evraz indoor programs will open later this month for all members.

### 3. AED

The newly purchased Automatic External Defibrillator has been purchased and can be found in the storage box at Laval school. It will be moved to our equipment storage area at Evraz, in April, and available for other special events throughout the year.

The instructions for using it are very clear and found with the unit.

We are also pleased to be advised that the Living Hope Alliance Church has recently purchased and installed an AED in the lounge area outside the gymnasium.

### 4. Training

#### Introduction to Pickleball

- Following the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA) curriculum
- Sessions will be arranged based on demand
- Please advise anyone you know who is interested in learning to play pickleball to send an email to [training@pickleballregina.ca](mailto:training@pickleballregina.ca)

#### April 8, 9, 10 – Brooke Siver (IPTPA Master Instructor)

Brooke Siver will be conducting numerous sessions over the three days he is in Regina; including Skill Development, Club Rating and Small Group lessons. An opportunity to indicate your interest in one or more sessions was sent to you on February 11. If you haven't already done so, please [use this link](#) to access the Expression of Interest signup.

### 5. Tournaments

We have been hearing that some players are unsure what skill level to register at when entering tournaments. The short answer is - enter tournaments at the level you play at in club play.

For example, if you are playing on Tuesday nights at Laval with the 3.0+ group, enter in either the 3.0 or 3.5 skill level (depending on which you feel is most appropriate).

Your Club Rating and UTPR rating (for those who belong to the USAPA) are also good reference points.

Make sure your player profile is updated and your membership extends past the date of the tournament so you are ready when the tournament online entry opens:

- Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament
  - Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. on **March 9** through [www.pickleballtournaments.com](http://www.pickleballtournaments.com)
- Paddles on the Prairie
  - Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. on **May 25** through [www.pickleballtournaments.com](http://www.pickleballtournaments.com)

### 6. Dedicated Pickleball Courts Meeting

Pickleball Regina was well represented by Barry Thuen, Allan Carpentier and Noreen Hetherington at the January 18, 2019 meeting with City of Regina and tennis

representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain feedback from members of Pickleball Regina and tennis stakeholders regarding:

- The potential conversion of one outdoor asphalt tennis facility (two courts) in the east end (Varsity Park, Howell Park, Mahon Arena) to six dedicated pickleball courts; and
- The permanent conversion of two outdoor synthetic tennis courts at either Lakeview Par 3 or Douglas Park to six dedicated pickleball courts.

At this time, we are waiting to hear which locations will be selected for the new dedicated court facilities, which are expected to be completed in the summer of 2019.

***Watch for the Pickleball Regina Summer Programs Signup to be issued toward the end of February!***