



## **PRI Newsletter #35 – Courts Announcement, Summer Programs and Training**

### **1. Dedicated Pickleball Courts**

On May 7, 2019, the City of Regina advised the Pickleball Regina board that they are proceeding with the conversion of the two old tennis courts at Mahon Park to six dedicated pickleball courts. The two courts at Douglas Park that currently have pickleball lines on them will also be converted to six dedicated pickleball courts. The contractors are being arranged and the schedule won't be known for some time, but the courts should be ready for use next spring.

It is very rewarding to see that the efforts of the Pickleball Regina Board, the court construction committee and the lobbying by individual members is going to result in the development of outdoor dedicated pickleball courts in the City of Regina. Good job everyone!

### **2. Summer Programs**

With the arrival of our beautiful Saskatchewan summer weather, all Pickleball Regina programs are in full swing. The public courts are also busy with casual play. For a listing of City of Regina outdoor courts which are lined for pickleball use, go to the City's [webpage](#).

Visitors to Regina may be interested in our Drop-in Play policy: *Drop-in play is allowed at Pickleball Regina Inc. programs on a limited basis subject to space availability and approval of the host. This option is only available to members of Pickleball Canada and proof of membership must be provided to the host. A \$10 per day drop in fee is to be paid in cash to the host upon arrival. A receipt will be provided.* Please note – the SZRB will not allow drop-ins at the 55+ weekday program at the Lakeview Courts.

#### **a. Evraz**

In order to accommodate more members who wish to take part in indoor play at Evraz, the number of spots available to register for play have been increased. Five spots have been added to registration for the Tuesday morning and evening sessions and the Thursday morning session at Evraz. Also, since we are now at the mid-point of the term, the registration fee has been reduced to \$35 for the remaining sessions of the 'spring' term. Click [here](#) to register.

A 'summer' term will be offered for indoor play at Evraz. It will run for the three months of July, August and September. Watch for the signup to come out in the next week.

**b. Lakeview Par 3 Courts**

**PRImetime** – the Wednesday evening/Saturday morning program is full and play has commenced.

The **Friday Night Lights** program, which is restricted to Club or Tournament Rated players at the 3.5 or higher skill level, has openings. Play occurs every Friday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. until September 27. Qualified players may signup [here](#).

There are still some spots available in the **SZRB/PRI Seniors Weekday** program. The paper registration form is available on the [SZRB webpage](#) (at the bottom). Play has started on a modified schedule (Open Play only) until May 20, when the full schedule will start.

The following charts outline the programs available to Pickleball Regina members this summer:

Pickleball Regina Indoor Play Schedule Five Courts - Evraz Place								
*** April 2, 2019 to June 27, 2019***								
Ages 13+	Play Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	9 - 11:30 a.m.		Open Play With Challenge Court(s) (SUG 32 Max)			Open Play With Challenge Court(s) (SUG 28 Max)		
	7 - 9:30 p.m.		Open Play With Challenge Court(s) (SUG 32 Max)			Shootout for All Skill Levels (SUG 25 Max)		

  

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*** June 1, 2019 to Sept 28, 2019***							
Ages 13+	Play Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	9 - 11 a.m.						Shootout for All Skill Levels (SUG 30 Max)
	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.				Open Play With Challenge Court(s) (SUG 36 Max)		Friday Night Lights for 3.5+ Rated Players (SUG 42 Max)

**SZRB/PRI Summer Outdoor Play Schedule  
Six Courts - Lakeview Par 3 Golf Course**

\*\*\* Effective May 20, 2019 \*\*\*

	Play Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>OLDER ADULT (55+)</b>	8 - 10 a.m.	Open Play* (SUG 40 Max)		Open Play* (SUG 40 Max)		Round Robin* (SUG 30 Max)	
	10 a.m. - noon	Round Robin* (SUG 30 Max)		Shootout Competitive (SUG 30 Max)		Open Play* (SUG 40 Max)	
	1 - 3 p.m.		Round Robin* (SUG 30 Max)		Shootout Recreational (SUG 30 Max)		
	3 - 5 p.m.		Open Play* (SUG 40 Max)		Round Robin* (SUG 30 Max)		

\* Recreational and Competitive Courts will be allocated for Round Robins and Open Play based on participant's preferences

**Note - For Round Robin and Shootout Play, you must check-in at least 15 minutes before the start time!!! And be prepared to stay for the entire session.**

### 3. Training

Pickleball Regina is pleased to be able to provide options for pickleball training for players of all skill levels to our members:

- a. **Brooke Siver**, International Pickleball Teaching Professionals Association (IPTPA) Master Instructor will be available on June 10 & 11 for Club Rating, small group and/or larger group skill sessions. An '[Expression of Interest" Signup](#)' was recently sent to all members. The exact sessions to be offered will be arranged based on members' preferences.
- b. **Scorekeeper Training** on April 22 was very well attended with 28 people taking the classroom portion and starting their on-court training. They are now in the process of getting their practice games completed and passing the quiz in order to qualify as Pickleball Canada Scorekeepers. The Scorekeeper role is restricted to using the prescribed tools to record the score, and to handle time-keeping. They are not authorized to make or overrule line calls, etc. This is the first of four levels of pickleball officiating in Canada.
- c. **Introduction to Pickleball** - Sessions will be arranged based on demand and are tentatively scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday evenings this summer at the Lakeview courts. 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). There is no charge for the introductory lesson for members of Pickleball Regina Inc. Training will follow the IPTPA curriculum.

- d. **Mentored Play** – after completing the introductory lesson, Novice players are invited to send an email to [training@pickleballregina.ca](mailto:training@pickleballregina.ca) indicating they have attended an introductory session and now wish to attend a mentored session. These sessions will take place at Evraz on Thursday mornings from 9 – 11:30 a.m. This is an opportunity to receive further coaching in the game while playing with individuals of a similar skill level. There will be a \$10/session charge. All equipment provided.
- e. **Ball Machine and Pickleball Rebounder** – this equipment, which can be very valuable in enhancing skills, is available for use at Evraz on the practice court during regularly scheduled hours. Pickleball Regina members will indicate their intention to use the equipment through this [Signup](#).

The pickleball rebounder is a new piece of equipment that was purchased using funds received through the New Horizons for Seniors Program. To see how it can be used, view this [video](#).

There are excellent Youtube videos that provide information on how to use the Pickleball Tutor ball machine and illustrate various drills that you can work on. Here are links to a few:

- [Ball Machine Review](#)
- [Simone Jardim: How to Improve Your 3rd Shot Drop](#)
- [Simone Jardim: How to Practice Block Volleys](#)
- [Simone Jardim: How to Practice 3rd Shot Drives and 5th Shot Drop](#)

#### 4. Tournaments

- a. Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament, June 8 & 9
  - At the Douglas Park courts; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Several vendor/sponsors are already lined up, so even if you aren't competing you will have the opportunity to watch some great play, cheer on your friends and do some shopping.
  - Thanks to our dedicated army of volunteers, this will be the biggest and best pickleball tournament to date in the province!
- b. Paddles on the Prairie, August 24 & 25
  - Registration opens at **noon on May 28** through [www.pickleballtournaments.com](http://www.pickleballtournaments.com)
  - Set your reminders!

## 5. Name Badges

With all the new programs and new players, it is really helpful to wear a name badge. If you have one, please wear it. If you don't, Marlene Bast coordinates orders of Pickleball Regina name badges.

To order yours, provide Marlene with the exact spelling of your name along with \$10 cash or cheque (Payable to Pickleball Regina). You may also e-transfer the \$10 to Marlene at [marlenebast@gmail.com](mailto:marlenebast@gmail.com).

The badges are made of white aluminum, 2.75" X 1.25", and attach by a magnet.



***Welcome to the Southey Pickleball Club members who recently joined Pickleball Regina. Our membership count is now 653!***