



## **PRI Newsletter #39 – AGM & Skill Ratings**

### **1. Annual General Meeting**

Reminder – Pickleball Regina’s Annual General Meeting will be held:

**Friday, October 18**

**6:30 p.m.**

City of Regina Fieldhouse, Classroom #1

**We must have a quorum (about 80 members) in order to transact the Club’s required business and we are at risk of not achieving this!** So please come to the meeting if you can – it won’t last much longer than one hour. You will be home in time to watch the Rider Game!

The SignUp to indicate you will attend is found [here](#).

### **2. Performance Based Club Ratings**

In order to provide another option for members to obtain a Club Rating, and to better manage Shootouts, the Pickleball Regina Board has implemented the ‘Clique and Club’ Performance-Based rating tool that is provided by [pickleballratings.com](http://pickleballratings.com). This methodology uses your performance in club play (based on the matches you win with your partner) to assign a Club Rating.

Les Kingston input over 1,000 games from the shootout data collected over the summer, which recorded whom you played with and against and which team won. The results were submitted to the ratings service; calculations were done and ratings produced. This is a similar approach, as is done for performance-based Tournament Ratings (UTPRs).

The ratings data will be used to organize play for Pickleball Regina Shootouts, going forward. The results will be provided to the ratings service weekly to update members’ ratings.

For more information on Player Ratings:

<https://sites.google.com/site/pickleballregina/player-ratings>

<https://pickleballcanada.org/ratings.php>

To review the most up-to-date Performance-Based Ratings for Pickleball Regina members, click [this link](#). Please keep in mind that you must have participated in a Shootout in order for your rating to appear. Also, the more games that have been recorded for a player, the more reliable the results are. The software provider recommends a minimum of 25 games.

Many members will have Expert and Performance-Based Club Ratings, as well as UTPR/tournament ratings.

- The highest available rating will be used in determining eligibility to participate in Pickleball Regina skill level sessions
- The UTPR/tournament rating will take precedence over Club ratings in determining skill levels for tournament entry.

We are working with **Brooke Siver** to firm up dates for his next trip to Regina, to provide Expert Club Ratings and Skills Training Sessions. They will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

### **3. Ball Machine & Pickleball Rebounder**

This equipment, which can be very valuable in enhancing skills, is available for use by all members at Evraz on the practice courts during regularly scheduled hours. Check the [Fall Signup](#) to see the scheduled days and hours. There will be no Signup and if multiple members show up at the same time, they will be expected to practice together/share.

The pickleball rebounder 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:

- o [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. Christmas Supper and Tournament Fundraiser**

Please come to Pickleball Regina's Christmas supper and Tournament Fundraising event at the Press Box Sports Bar, 909 Albert St. on Tuesday December 10. Meal service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$25, with \$10 from each ticket going to Pickleball Regina. This will be used to help offset some of the costs of the Western Regional Pickleball tournament being hosted in 2020.

The meal will be a hamburger and fries, plus a highball, beer, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Come out and enjoy the company of your fellow players as well as supporting the club.

The event is open to everyone, Pickleball Regina members, family and friends.

Tickets can be purchased on [Sign Up Genius](#) or directly from Norm or Pat Drummond (ph. 306-201-5763). Tickets will be available from Norm or Pat (address: 2233 7th Ave. East).

If you have questions, please e-mail Norm or Pat at [ndrummond48@gmail.com](mailto:ndrummond48@gmail.com)

We sure hope you will join us!!!

## 5. Drop-In Play

There have been some indications that the Drop-In Play policy needs to be reviewed with members. The policy for Drop-in Play, states:

*Members are encouraged to register for Pickleball Regina Inc. programs in advance whenever possible as the club must make a commitment to rent facilities and this commitment cannot be made unless an adequate level of participation is assured.*

*Drop-in Play at Pickleball Regina Inc. programs may be available on a limited basis subject to space availability and approval of the host.*

*The Drop-in 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.*

Furthermore, please note that:

- ! Drop-ins will not be accepted during Shootouts.
- ! Host permission will depend on whether or not the person is qualified. E.g. if it is a session for rated players, he/she must be on PRI's list of member ratings with the appropriate skill rating.
- ! The maximum number of players per session is in line with the number of signups on the registration. E.g. if there were 40 people registered and 40 show up to play, there is no room for a drop-in player.
- ! The substitution of a non-registered player for a registered player is not allowed. The non-registered player will be treated as a Drop-In (must qualify and pay \$10).

## 6. Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Tournament

Pickleball Regina is honoured to be given the opportunity to host the inaugural Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Tournament. The tournament will provide Open as well as Skill (and Age) based competition and be played indoors on 24 courts over three days. This is a Pickleball Canada Tier I sanctioned tournament.

Dates: Friday, July 24 through Sunday, 26, 2020

Location: International Trade Centre, Regina Exhibition Association grounds.

- ! Only residents of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, the Yukon, or Northwest Territories are eligible to participate in this Regional Tournament.
- ! Full details regarding competition format, schedule, etc. are found on our [webpage](#).
- ! Registration will be handled through [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com)
- ! We will require lots of referees in order to provide officials for 24 courts for three days. Please consider taking the appropriate training in order to help out in this manner. Training sessions will be held in Regina in May, 2020. Referees will be compensated \$5 per match.
- ! We are also looking for Host Homes for referees from out of town. If you have a guest room that is available, please let [Karen Rust](#) know.
- ! Our current priority is finding sponsors that will help offset the fairly significant costs of putting on a tournament of this scope. Please contact [Tonia Hauck](#) or Twyla Meredith if you have some ideas for sponsors or are willing to approach some businesses/individuals yourself.
- ! There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer in other areas as well. SignUps will be issued in the Spring. Please mark the dates off on your calendar and plan to be part of this exciting event.
- ! We are working on bringing in a pickleball professional to put on clinics in the days leading up to the tournament. Announcement coming soon.
- ! Also, a pre-tournament social event is being planned for the Thursday preceding the tournament. It will be open to all competitors, Pickleball Regina members and our sponsors.

## 7. Programs

Fall 2019 – there are only a few openings remaining in the fall programs which are accessible through this [SignUp Genius link](#). All Evraz programs end mid-November due to Agribition.

Winter 2020 – registration will open mid-November for the January through April sessions.

Summer 2020 – the results of the recent survey will be analysed and a plan for next summer developed. It will be reviewed with the City of Regina and details provided when they are available. Thank you to all the members who took the time to respond. It is appreciated and helps ensure your preferences are taken into account.

***Hope to see you at the AGM!!!***