



THE INSIDER

Newsletter # 53
September 2020

1. Official Notice – 2019-20 Annual General Meeting:

Make plans to join us from home on **Saturday October 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm** for the Annual General Meeting. With the pandemic continuing, your Board has made arrangements to hold the meeting using Zoom. You will have opportunities to ask questions and interact with the Board throughout the broadcast.

More information including reports and updates will be available on the PRI website. The Board has approved a temporary amendment to the PRI bylaws to accommodate this option. All bylaw change proposals will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

We require a head count for participation as it may be necessary to purchase a larger capacity Zoom license. So, please indicate your intention to take part by registering on this [AGM SignUp](#).

Click this [link](#) to join the AGM via ZOOM on October 17th.

2. Call for Nominations - Board of Directors:

Our bylaws require that five (5) director positions be elected each year as part of the Annual General Meeting. We have three (3) director terms expiring plus two (2) vacancies due to resignations. If you are interested in considering allowing your name to be placed in nomination, please contact [Reg Lakness](#), Nominations Committee Chair.

3. PRI Website Redevelopment Project

Pickleball Regina has received funding from the New Horizons for Senior/COVID Relief Program, part of which is being directed to develop a new website.

We are looking to the membership and asking for ideas about individuals or organizations that you think would be qualified to support this project. The need is to help reorganize and develop a new site that is easier to navigate and better meets member needs. The new site will need to interface with the new Integrated Technology Project of Pickleball Canada. This project is anticipated to be launched in the late fall and needs to be completed by March 2021.

If you are interested or have suggestions for contractors that the Board should talk to, contact [Al Carpentier](#), Chair, Media/Public Relations.

4. Seniors Safe Return to Play and Training

The New Horizons for Senior/COVID Relief Program funding will also be used to purchase a PLAYMATE ball machine, hold an Open House to encourage seniors to try out the sport of pickleball, train more members to introduce pickleball to new learners and to subsidize the cost of introductory pickleball for beginner players.

More information on the latter projects will follow, but we are immediately proceeding with ordering the PLAYMATE ball machine. A volunteer is sought to take responsibility for learning to operate it safely and provide training to users. This ball machine 'captain' will also coordinate the schedule for use of both Pickleball Regina's ball machines once we install them securely in Evraz Place for the fall and winter sessions. If you are interested in filling this role, please forward your name to [Barry Thuen](#).

5. Outdoor Program Summer Wind Up

Get ready for some fun at a round robin event for participants in PRI's outdoor program as we shift from outdoor summer play to indoor fall and winter play.

Get your partner and be ready to sign up to play (women on Saturday, September 26, men on Sunday, September 27). Enter at the highest of the club or tournament skill level for you and your partner. Entry fees are \$30 per team. Plans are to hold the event at the Mahon (Saturday) and Douglas Park (Sunday) courts. Evraz Place will be the back-up depending on the weather. This is a fun event, not sanctioned by Pickleball Canada. All COVID19 Return to Play safety protocols will also be observed during the event.

6. Pickleball Regina Fall Programs

The Program Committee has arranged several options for indoor play this Fall and Winter. The Fall term will run for the months of October, November and December and the Winter term for the months of January through mid-April.

We have booked dates at Ecole Monseigneur de Laval, 1601 Cowan Crescent (at Hillsdale) and the Canada Centre East building (Evraz Place).

Programs are priced to recover the rent charged (from \$60 - \$75/hour), to make a contribution to the Dedicated Courts fund and to cover the cost of equipment and supplies. All program hosts and Board members are unpaid volunteers and participants are expected to assist with set-up and take-down of equipment.

*A Sign Up Genius invitation will be issued September 13th for the Fall term. Members who volunteered with Pickleball Regina programs in 2019 and 2020 will be given first chance to sign up. After registration has been offered to the volunteer group, registration will be open to all Pickleball Regina members. Due to the limited number of spots available, you will be able to register for a **maximum of one session** initially. Registration for the remaining programs will be available later next week. We need your co-operation, so everyone has a chance to register for the available programs.*

Waitlists will be available for every session. By signing up on a waitlist, the Program Committee will know if there is enough interest to offer another similar session.

Payment instructions will be included with the Sign Up Genius invitation and payment will be required via debit or credit card to secure your spot(s).

Note - Participation in 3.0+ and 3.5+ Rated sessions will be restricted to individuals with Club or Tournament skill ratings at the relevant level.

| Pickleball Regina Inc. Fall Programs 2020 - PROPOSED | | | | | | | |
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| LOCATION | SESSION | LEVELS | PLAYERS | TIME | DATES | #days | \$ Cost |
| | MONDAY | | | | | | |
| Laval South | Open Play* | Self-Rated 2.5 | 30 Max | 7:00-9:00 | Oct 5 - Dec 21 | 12 | 65 |
| | TUESDAY | | | | | | |
| Laval South | Level Play** | Rated 3.0+ | 30 Max | 7:00-9:00 | Oct 6 - Dec 22 | 11 | 60 |
| | WEDNESDAY | | | | | | |
| Laval South | Team Shootout | All Skill Levels | 24 Max | 7:00-9:00 | Oct 7 - Dec 23 | 12 | 75 |
| | THURSDAY | | | | | | |
| Laval South | Open Play* | Rated 3.5+ | 30 max | 7:00-9:30 | Oct 1 - Dec 17 | 12 | 75 |
| | FRIDAY | | | | | | |
| Laval South | Open Play* | All Skill Levels | 30 Max | 7:00-9:00 | Oct 2 - Dec 18 | 12 | 65 |
| | SATURDAY | | | | | | |
| Laval South | Shootout | Group C | 24 max | 9:00 - 11:00 | Oct 3 - Dec 19 | 10 | 65 |
| Laval South | Shootout | Group B | 24 max | 11:30 - 1:30 | Oct 3 - Dec 19 | 10 | 65 |
| Laval South | Shootout | Group A | 24 max | 2:00-4:00 | Oct 3 - Dec 19 | 10 | 65 |

| | SESSION | LEVELS | PLAYERS | TIME | DATES | #days | \$ Cost |
|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|---------|
| | MONDAY | | | | | | |
| EVRAZ | Shootout | Rated 3.5+ | 30 Max | 7:00-9:00 | Oct 5 - Dec 28 | 11 | 65 |
| | TUESDAY | | | | | | |
| EVRAZ | Open Play* | All Skill Levels | 30 Max | 10:00-Noon | Oct 6 - Dec 29 | 12 | 70 |
| | WEDNESDAY | | | | | | |
| EVRAZ | Open Play* | Rated 3.0+ | 30 Max | 10:00-Noon | Oct 7 - Dec 30 | 11 | 65 |
| EVRAZ | Open Play* | Beginners & Recreational | 30 Max | 7:00-9:00 | Oct 7 - Dec 30 | 11 | 65 |
| | THURSDAY | | | | | | |
| EVRAZ | Open Play* | All Skill Levels | 30 Max | 10:00-Noon | Oct 1 - Dec 31 | 11 | 65 |
| | FRIDAY | | | | | | |
| EVRAZ | Team Round Robin | All Skill Levels | 30 Max | 10:00-Noon | Oct 2 - Dec 11 | 11 | 65 |
| | Sunday | | | | | | |
| EVRAZ | Open Play* | All Skill Levels | 30 Max | 1:30-3:30 | Oct 4 - Dec 13 | 11 | 65 |
| EVRAZ | Gender Level Play** | Rated 3.0+ | 15 Male 15 Female | 4:00 - 6:00 | Oct 4 - Dec 13 | 11 | 65 |

Register for an Introduction to Pickleball lesson by emailing: training@pickleballregina.ca

* during Open Play, one or more courts may be set aside for newer players and/or for a Challenge Court
 ** during Level Play sessions, players move up/down based on wins/losses

7. Renew Your Membership:

Keeping your membership up to date keeps your Sport Accident insurance in force plus provides opportunity to receive invitations to register for organized play and training opportunities.

Also review and update your profile on www.pickleballcanada.org with current information - especially **emergency contact** information. Contact membership@pickleballregina.ca if you have questions or need assistance.

8. Mark your Calendars- 2021 Tournaments:

a) Saskatchewan Provincial Championship

Saskatoon Pickleball Inc. has been awarded the hosting of the 2021 Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament. The dates are **June 5 - 6, 2021**.

b) Western Canadian Regional Championship

The inaugural Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Championship has been rescheduled to **July 23 - 25, 2021** at The International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. Many of our sponsors have shown incredible support by continuing their commitment to the tournament in 2021.

c) Canadian National Championship

The Red Deer Pickleball Club is excited and proud to host the Pickleball Canada National Championship 2021. The dates are **August 11th - 15, 2021**.

Thanks for your continued support!

Your 2019 - 2020 Board of Directors,
President - Karen Rust
Vice-President - Reg Lakness
Treasurer - Murray Cook
A/Secretary – Shelley Serle
Directors at Large - Allan Carpentier, Barry Thuen, Leslie Kingston, Donna Loran and Randy Dove.

Have a comment, notice or need information?

Contact us at: pickleballreginainc@gmail.com

Learn, Play, And Grow Together!