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Learn, Play, And Grow Together

1. Members Summer Fling Tournament

With the easing of health restrictions in July, PRI is planning a Members' Tournament for July 23-25, 2021, at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. Volunteers are needed to help Murray Bennett, Tournament Director. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

2. Summer Program Planning

The [schedule](#) for outdoor summer play at the Mahon and Douglas Park courts has been released and play resumed on June 14th. [Sign Up Genius](#) is used to register to participate in outdoor summer play with a \$50 registration fee covering play from now until the end of September. Once you have registered and paid the fee, watch for the weekly SignUp Genius to sign up for the non-ladder format sessions. Members interested in participating in more competitive programs that will lead to a performance-based Club Rating, will be able to "opt in" (sign up) for the weekly ladder leagues provided through Pickleball Brackets. See #3 below. Come on out and play - there are openings in most sessions.

3. Pickleball Brackets - Creating Your Profile

If you plan to participate in PRI's ladder (shootout) leagues in future or play in a tournament, you can set up your profile now. Please follow the summary or detailed [instructions](#) (all 3 parts) to ensure your profile is linked with Pickleball Regina. The instructions are stored on our website under Members / [Pickleball Brackets](#).

4. Summerfest Success

A huge thank you to Georgia Hearn and her Social Committee for the awesome event on June 13th. Over 90 members had opportunities to catch up with friends, have fun, food and return to play to kick off the summer programming schedule. Thanks to members for your many positive comments, they are always appreciated.

5. Congratulations, Queen City Pickleball Hub!



Pickleball Regina members will have another option to play Pickleball in Regina!

Those of you with a Facebook account have probably seen some of the progress being made at the Canada West building on the Evraz grounds.

Pickleball Regina's Board of Directors is very pleased and supportive of the efforts of Phil and Ray Greenwood on their dream of having a dedicated indoor Pickleball facility in Regina. This venue will hold 12 Pickleball courts with permanent nets and perimeter netting around each court. They have not spared the funds to make this a very nice and inviting facility.

Expected opening of the Queen City Pickleball Hub is June 24th, 2021, subject to the SHA's Phase 2 re-opening guidelines on June 20th.

Pickleball Regina is in the process of setting up sessions for an indoor summer program that will supplement the existing outdoor programs currently in place.

Official Grand Opening of the Queen City Pickleball Hub is scheduled on July 16-17, stayed tuned for more details.

We all know, as Pickleball enthusiasts, that we sorely need a dedicated indoor Pickleball facility in this city, so the opening of the Queen City Pickleball Hub is cause for celebration!

Contact can be made at queencityhub@gmail.com with any questions, comments or suggestions.

6. Member Club Ratings

Pickleball Regina is in the planning stages to offer members, the opportunity to obtain a skills-based club rating, when the SHA guidelines allow this activity to proceed. This is an alternative to the performance-based club rating that can be achieved through participating in the Pickleball Brackets ladder leagues.

The Ratings Committee is implementing a new method for obtaining a skills-based club rating. The rating sessions will be based on demonstrated skills. Those wishing to be "skill rated" will be given guidelines to practice prior to their scheduled date and time.

The Skill-based Club Ratings will be a two-step process:

Step 1: Based on the criteria provided to all those who wish to achieve a skill-based club rating.

Step 2: After "passing Step 1", the player will play against 3 other volunteer members of the skill level he/she has registered for.

For example, if attempting to get a 3.0 rating, you would, in Step two, play with three other 3.0 players and need to achieve a certain point total after playing three games for that skill level.

Club Ratings qualify members to register for specific programs that are offered throughout the year. It also gives the rated member an indication as to what is the appropriate skill level for entering a tournament.

On behalf of the "Ratings Committee" we want to thank you for your continued support during uncertain times.

7. Youth Development Program

PRI is working on the development of a program for youth aged 10-17 years. This program will be launched through the school system in September with coaching and play planned for the fall. Older adults that are learning over the summer will be asked to volunteer to mentor the youth group as part of an inter-generational effort to expand pickleball to all ages.

8. Need a Pickleball T-Shirt?

PRI has an agreement with the Sergin' General to offer apparel and other merchandise items with the **new** Pickleball Regina logo! [Click here to access the Online Shop](#). Payments may be made through eTransfer, Paypal, cheque, cash or credit/debit card.



9. Want a New Pickleball Regina Name Badge?

From time to time, members ask about getting name badges. These are available at Bazaar and Novelty, 2361 2nd Avenue. While an individual name badge is \$7.75 including a magnet back, the minimum order is \$12.00 plus taxes. If you are interested, get your crew together and order several name tags at the same time and save a bit of cash because they are cheaper if you buy more than one at a time.

10. Save the Date- 2021 Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Pickleball Regina Inc. AGM is being planned for October 16, 2021. Watch for additional details coming soon.

11. Mark your Calendars- 2021-22 Tournaments

a) Pickleball Regina Summer Fling

This PRI members only non-sanctioned tournament will be held July 23 - 25 indoors at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles with separation by skill and age will be offered. More information will be available soon on Pickleball Brackets. Get your partners lined up!

b) Canadian National Championship

The Red Deer Pickleball Club is excited and proud to host the Pickleball Canada National Championship 2021. The dates are **August 10 - 15, 2021**. For more information, click [here](#).

c) Saskatchewan Provincial Championship

Saskatoon Pickleball Inc. will host the 2021 Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament. The dates are **August 28-29, 2021** at the new indoor Soccer Centre courts. Registration opens June 20 at 6 p.m. For more information and to register, starting on June 20th, click [here](#).

d) Western Canadian Regional Championship

The inaugural Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Championship has been rescheduled to **July 22 - 24, 2022** at The International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. For more information, click [here](#)

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Questions or comments:

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