



# THE INSIDER

Newsletter # 64  
July 2021

**Learn, Play, And Grow Together**

## **1. Members Summer Fling Tournament**

The Summer Fling exceeded everyone's expectations with 104 participants during July 23-25, 2021. Special thanks to Murray Bennett for his excellent leadership as tournament director and all the volunteers that make this event possible. For a list of winners of the 16 events, check out [pickleballbrackets.com](http://pickleballbrackets.com).

## **2. Summer Programming Changes**

### **a. Extension – Free Indoor Open Play twice a week**

Additional times have been added for indoor play at the Queen City Pickleball Hub for all members that have registered for the summer programs.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00pm to 4:00pm (July 27- September 30, 2021).

These have been added to the weekly Sign Up Genius invite that goes out on Fridays to all Summer Program registrants.

If you haven't signed up for the summer programs and still want to, you will be able to register for \$50.00 to play until the end of September. A \$5.00 Regina Community Association Membership is also required (if you don't already have one). Click [HERE](#).

### **b. Changes to Outdoor Schedule**

Due to low enrollment, several outdoor time slots have been changed to open play – any level can now sign up. Hosts, together with players (depending on group size that day), will decide on play format – either Gold/Silver, Round Robin, or Level play. Come out and enjoy the outdoor play. Click [HERE](#) for schedule.

## **3. Fall Programming**


PR1 is working on developing the fall program for members. Indoor play will occur at the Queen City Pickleball Hub and Tuxedo Courts (opening fall 2021). Details will be announced in the coming weeks. Watch for Sign Up Genius for details. Laval Ecole courts will not be used for the 2021-22 indoor season.

#### 4. Update on Using Pickleball Brackets

Pickleball Regina Inc. is one of the first clubs to be using Pickleball Brackets to help register, assign, organize and keep score of the various ladder leagues that are part of PRI's programs. As with any new system, there are inevitable glitches, and the developers continue to work to resolve them as we use the system.

Coming soon – guide and tips to help players use Pickleball Brackets is being worked on and will be posted on PRI's website and periodically updated. Visit [PRI's website under Members / Pickleball Brackets](#).

A few initial tips and points to remember:

- Many screens and public data can be viewed without being logged in
- To view or access any data associated with your personal account, or to enter scores you must be logged in
- Refresh often (as many others may be entering scores at the same time) –  
iPhones: pull down to refresh, android and computer: refresh  icon
- If refresh does not help, close and reopen your browser to clear memory
- You can also log out to clear memory and then log back in.
- Encourage the players in your group to try entering the scores so more people become familiar with the system
- Talk to your hosts or fellow players for assistance

Upcoming - More on receiving text messages, viewing your stats, navigating the system, etc.

With the new system, we are asking for your patience and cooperation to work with PRI volunteers to help introduce the new system. While it's easy to complain to other members, the system won't be improved and problems resolved without your help. If you have comments, suggestions, or want to help with the guide and tips document, please direct your feedback to [pickleballreginainc@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballreginainc@gmail.com).

With system issues, contact [prairieguy@gmail.com](mailto:prairieguy@gmail.com) via email (or if necessary, text) - **Please do not call during working hours.**

#### 5. Playmate Pickleball Machine

Looking for some upscale practice? PRI has purchased a top quality pickleball machine for member usage. This unit can help you build skills and improve your game. For a lesson on how to use the machine and access to the machine at the Queen City Pickleball Hub, contact [Rick Beattie](#) for more information.

## 6. Referees Needed

Pickleball Regina is pleased to announce that we are continuing with our referee mentor and training program. Marshall Hamilton and Bill Paisley are coordinating orientation, training and refresher sessions as key members of the new Referee Development Committee.

**WE NEED YOU** - If you have any interest in getting involved in the refereeing side of the game this is a good time to let us know. Send your contact information to Deb Carpentier, [deb.al.carps@gmail.com](mailto:deb.al.carps@gmail.com)

If you have further questions about the refereeing process you can contact Marshall Hamilton, [marshall.hamilton@sasktel.net](mailto:marshall.hamilton@sasktel.net)

Looking forward to welcoming you into our referee group.

Future tournaments will require Level 1 and 2 referees – please consider signing up for SK Provincials August 28-29, 2021 held in Saskatoon.

## 7. Windscreens/Practice Walls

PRI is continuing to work with City of Regina officials to have the windscreens re-installed at Mahon Courts. These were removed for repairs to the fencing when the big windstorm occurred last winter. Decisions needed to reinforce the posts against strong winds are causing delays in the installation process.

Funding has also been approved to erect practice walls at Douglas Park Courts to assist members in skill building. This project requires City involvement and approvals to proceed. The weight of the wooden walls has caused the City to replace some posts with larger posts to hold the added weight. PRI remains hopeful that these changes can be made prior to the end of the summer programs.

## 8. Youth Development Program

Special funding has been received to work on the development of a program for youth aged 10-17 years. This program will be launched through the Regina school systems in September with coaching and play planned for the fall. If you are interested to assist with this program as it develops, please contact [Georgia Hearn](#), Project Lead.

## 9. 2021 Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Pickleball Regina Inc. AGM is being planned for October 16, 2021, at 7:30pm. With the potential of any future surges in the pandemic, the Board has decided to hold this meeting **virtually on Zoom**, as we did in 2020.

A key date to remember for the AGM:

### September 1, 2021:

- Official Notice of the AGM
- Notice for Nominations for the Board
- Motions proposal from members
- Bylaw change proposals from members

## 10. Mark your Calendars- 2021-22 Tournaments

### a) True North Open Tournament

Scheduled for August 7-8, 2021, in Saskatoon at Father Basil Markle Park. Click [here](#) for more information.

### 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. There are only a few openings left so to see if you can still register, 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](#)

**Your 2020 - 2021 Board of Directors:**

President – Reg Lakness

Vice-President – Allan Carpentier

Treasurer - Murray Cook

Secretary – Shelley Serle

Past President - Karen Rust

Directors at Large - Barry Thuen, Leslie Kingston, Donna Loran, Randy Dove,  
Lonnie Dynna and Georgia Hearn

**Questions or comments:**

Let us know at [pickleballreginainc@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballreginainc@gmail.com)

**“We gratefully acknowledge the support of Sask Lotteries  
We could not succeed without their continued investment and ongoing support.”**

