



NEW PMI LOGO

Check out our New Pickleball Manitoba Inc Logo. PMI recently established a new look / Logo that represents the province and the sport of Pickleball. The buffalo and pickleball obviously stand out however the colors presented in the logo, stem from the colors within the coat of arms in the provincial flag.

We would like to thank **Greg Saydak** for all his work in building this new Logo.

WHO do we need - WHY do we need you?

We are in the final stages of developing our long term strategic plan (LTSP), for the next five years. This plan is an important component in establishing our credibility on our journey to being recognized as a sport by our provincial sport body. Though establishing this plan is important, implementing the plan is critical to growing the game.

PMI needs motivated and skilled members to run with the various strategic concepts. To inquire, reach out to **1Pickleballmb@gmail.com**

NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAMWITH TENNIS CANADA

Pickleball Canada (PCO) and the Tennis Professionals Association (TPA) — Tennis Canada's coaching development arm — will collaborate in the development and implementation of a nationwide pickleball coaching education and certification program accredited by the Coaching Association of Canada's National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

Pickleball Canada is pleased that **Mark Renneson** has joined TPA to lead this initiative under the terms of this five- year agreement with Tennis Canada. The emerging program is well positioned to provide excellent coaching for new and existing Canadian pickleball players for years to come.

Pickleball Canada's National Tournament in 2021— Manitoba excels in Red Deer

A number of Manitobans traveled west this summer to compete in Pickleball Canada's national tournament in Red Deer Alberta.

These athletes displayed a high level of competition that provided very impressive results on the national stage.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

Damien Rondeau/Keith Bially
Men's doubles 4.0 - Age 35-49 ~ Gold medal

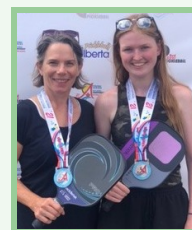
Nich Rush/Tom Bauer
Men's doubles 4.0 -Age 35-49 ~ Bronze medal



Dave Goertzen
Men's doubles 3.5
Age 70 and up ~ Gold medal

Mixed doubles 3.5
Age 70 and up ~ Silver medal

Jeanette Clark
Woman's singles 3.0 -Age 50-64 ~ Bronze medal



Woman's doubles 3.0
Age 10-49 ~ Bronze medal

Woman's doubles 3.0
Age 17-34 ~ Silver medal



Rose Sawatzky/Jun Laffin
Woman's doubles open -
Age 17-49 ~ Silver medal



FEATURE ARTICLE

Considering pickleball? What to expect if you're a tennis, squash, badminton, or racquetball player. Nich Rush, a sport transitioning player, goes into depth, with what his experience has been and how his skills and techniques in other sports have helped him smoothly adapt. You will be able to relate to much of his article at <https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/pickleball-manitoba/4/testimonials/1843/>

Nich thinks (as many of us do...) ..."that pickleball has a lot to offer players from other racquet sports. Pickleball is exciting, requires skilled shot making, has long rallies, and is quite enjoyable both indoors and outdoors."

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2021 MANITOBA TOURNAMENT RECAP

1) ARBORG'S FIRST PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

History was made October 15th-17th, when Arborg Pickleball Club hosted its first annual pickleball tournament. The event was enhanced by great people, great competition and great times! Over 80 players came from throughout Manitoba, as well as Ontario, Fargo and Colorado!



Arborg Club created a social aspect to the tournament by opening the upstairs lounge and viewing area, as well as making food available. Many took the opportunity to sit down, eat, and enjoy a beverage while socializing with other players and spectators! A very sought-after Selkirk paddle and Selkirk bag were raffled, as well as having a 50/50 prize for guessing the number of pickles in a jar.

It was truly an exciting weekend for our club! We are very grateful to all of those who came out to support us, as well as the hard working volunteers and sponsors who made it all possible! We thank you all! We are already planning for next year and we guarantee it will be bigger and better!

We are a small club here in Arborg but we make things happen! If you want to know what we are planning in our club follow us on **Facebook @ Arborg Pickleball Club**



STAY TUNED for our next tournament announcement!!

2) BRANDON PICKLEBALL STORY

Founded in 2019, the Brandon Pickleball group is very active. They play anywhere, anytime. In 2021, they played in Manitoba, during every month of the year.

Our first tournament was held this fall, and was a great success for the club and facility. The weather co-operating, along with the 68 participants and many spectators, made for a fantastic fall tournament! See results at **Brandon Pickleball Club - Grip It and Rip it Tournament (google.com)**

Windscreens and windsocks were installed in August 2021. The practice board will be installed next spring. The purchase of these items was made possible through fundraising and the generosity of sponsors. Thank you to all who supported or contributed.

In partnership with the City of Brandon, we hosted **Fresh Air Fitness** pickleball clinics for beginners and hope to strengthen our presence in Brandon with continued partnership with the city. Our goal is to teach and motivate all level of players to maximize their abilities by continuing to bring clinics and tournaments to our city. We have a great executive that is motivated to do just that!

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Executive consists of: President: **Jackie Jacobsen** ; Vice President: **Mark Smith**; Treasurer: **Helen Nantais**; Communication: **Heidi Howarth**.

If anyone would like to join the executive board please join us in our next AGM—Date TBA



VISIT PMI ON FACEBOOK ...
Share your stories & pictures!



*If you are interested in having your pickleball activities shared in next Kitchen Line, send your group's unique program details, your personal pickleball testimonials, your pictures, or any contribution you feel the membership might be interested in, (... subject to review) to: **TKL@pickleballmb.ca** .*

MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

As of Jan 1st, 2022, PMI's annual membership fee will increase to \$10.00. As well, our annual term has changed to be the calendar year.

Pickleball Canada (PCO) and PMI, as well as some other provincial organizations, merged their membership database onto the same platform,. This changeover dictates that our membership term aligns with PCO's. This alignment will match up most provincial memberships, allowing for one payment, each year, rather than memberships coming due 'willy-nilly' throughout the year.

Pickleball Rule Interpretation

YOU MAKE THE CALL *(By certified Ref. Paul Aquin)*

One of the new rules in Pickleball is the Provisional Drop serve. The player standing behind the base line throws the ball in the air and it bounces in the playing court about one foot ahead of the baseline. They then proceed to serve the ball to the receiver. The receiver then stops play and calls a fault on the server. Is this a fault or not? "You make the call" (See pg 4)

The 'Line' Rule

The most common call in Pickleball is the "LINE CALL". I have refereed and played the game of Pickleball for a few years now. I can honestly say that seldom is there a Pickleball game played that does not have a questionable line call. More often than not, there is uncertainty in calling the ball out. The Line Call rule is as follows in the IFP Rulebook.

Section 6.D.7: Players shall not call a ball out unless they can clearly see a space between the line and the ball as it hits the ground.

Section 6.D.8: All calls must be made "promptly" otherwise, the ball is presumed to still be in play. Promptly is defined as calling "out" prior to the ball being hit by the opponent or before the ball becomes dead.

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PMI Annual General Meeting

As proposed at our last AGM, PMI has opted to change our fiscal year to run from Jan to Dec. This means the AGM will slide from mid October to Jan 12, 2022, at 7:30pm. Watch for the agenda, being sent by 'Sign-Up Genius' and an invitation to attend the AGM virtually, via Zoom. We look forward to comparing weather stories with some of our membership who will be enjoying the sun down south!

SEEKING A BOARD MEMBER

We are currently looking for board members to fill our ranks. If building and developing this great sport interests you and you are keen to work collaboratively with other board members and communities, we would love to hear more about you and your passion for the sport.

Please send your resume to 1Pickleballmb@gmail.com

PLACES TO PLAY IN THE PROVINCE

GREENDELL - SINGLES PLAY

At Greendell, there are between 6-8 players utilizing the 3 courts and rally point scoring is used (unless there are no players waiting to play) and all players are encouraged to play each other in round-robin play. These games (even closely matched ones) last about 5-7 minutes , lots of turn-over and different levels of play. Depending on the skill level, players are encouraged to work on their techniques or a 'game-on' approach, to ensure that all are benefitting from the experience. They work to keep the games short and the bench time "minimal".

Sharyn and Ken Krueger started playing about 6 yrs ago. For years, they also hosted at the airbase - but Ken now only plays singles, so Greendell is where you will find them. Ken's previous racquet experience is primarily squash, with some racquetball and badminton on the side. Sign up is:

Wed and Fri 11:30am-1:30pm @ Greendell CC
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F48A4AE23AAF58-greendell>

Sun 7:45am-9:00am @ Lafleche - 4-5 players usually attend
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F48A4AE23AAF58-outdoor1>

PORTAGE PICKLEBALL

Our club in Portage, is attempting to make adjustments during Covid times, to play year round. We have access to outside courts, provided by the city, for 7 months and the remaining 5 winter months we rent at a local fitness center. Prior to the pandemic, there were over 80 members, but our membership is now hovering around 30. A smaller group means the court rental is spread between fewer players, therefore, more costly per person.

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We currently have 3 time slots a week available to us. Club president **Sue Davidson** and myself, **Carl Wermie**, have held beginner instructions and we are looking to those folks to continue with the game, as well as having previous members return to the game.

For information on pickleball play in Portage la Prairie, we can be reached at peas4@mymts.net or cjwermie@gmail.com

WINNIPEG WEST PICKLEBALL CLUB

Since its inception in 2019, Winnipeg West Pickleball Club (WWPB) has been passionate about the growth of the sport. Current members continue to introduce others to the game and as a result membership has increased to where the club presently has 173 active players. A good part of the attraction is that the club provides a great venue for social interaction.

A number of the members love to support and to train others. Last summer the club offered "Learn to Play" clinics for 14 people many of which now play regularly. In September the club also held a day clinic for intermediate players with Rose and Damien instructing. Currently there are twenty people who are on the waiting list for the next "Learn to Play" teaching session so plans are being made for future courses. Also, the club is in the process of developing a "Doubles Play Strategy" class for next year: covering topics such as who's ball is it, court geometry, does the forehand always take the middle, and so on.

The club is working very hard to find enough venues to accommodate the increasing interest. Six outdoor courts were developed with the encouragement and cooperation of the Bourkevale Community Centre in 2020 and during this past summer those courts were in use six days a week. Thirty to forty members played each day at 8:00 a.m., another twenty to thirty played at 10:00 a.m., and a number often played at noon. With the winter approaching, the club has moved indoors to the Sturgeon Heights Community Centre. Recognizing the need to accommodate younger and working members, the club is engaged in an effort to locate an evening venue.

In order to deal with the increasing demand, the club has been actively promoting pickleball to city counselors and Members of the Legislative Assembly in our area (St. James-Assiniboia / Charleswood). The goal is to educate with regards to the growth and development of dedicated facilities in other Western Canadian cities. So far, the interactions have been positive and the club is optimistic about the development of facilities in the city's future.

WWPB is pleased to work together with Pickleball Manitoba and Pickleball Canada to promote the sport and to provide a service to the community. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the continent and WWPB is proud to be a part of that movement. Info at info@winnipegwestpickleball.club

WINAKWA PICKLEBALL PROGRAM

We are indeed accepting new players. The times for play are as follows: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8-10 and 10-12. Generally our beginners play from 8-10 but you are welcome to play at either time. We also have play times on Tuesday and Thursdays from 12-2 and 2-4 but these times are seldom attended. We do not offer instruction but the 8-10 time slots are where most people start off.

Our current members are very welcoming and willing to give some pointers. Players are welcome to try out the game but will have to pre register at signupgenius.com. The drop in fee is \$5 per session and we would expect after visiting us 3-4 times you would have an idea if pickleball and our facility is for you. We would then offer you a membership.

Contact Darren Bishop at (204) 253-4418 or gmwinak-wacc@gmail.com

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Join the University of Manitoba Recreation Services Pickleball drop in program beginning Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 8:15-9:45 pm. Open to Recreation Services Members, 10 Pass Users or Drop In Guests. The goal of the program is to introduce the community to the game of pickleball and will occur weekly till the end of December to start. Equipment will be provided for free for the first month as an introduction to the sport. 4 Courts will be in play in the gymnasium (brown gym) and open for singles or doubles play. Pre-registration is required. Email us for more information rec_services@umanitoba.ca

NORBERRY-GLENLEE CC

Pickleball at NGCC takes place every Monday to Friday. Times may vary but generally we have Advanced in the morning, followed by Intermediate and Beginners. Registration is done online.

New people are always welcome and we provide paddles to borrow for those just wanting to try it out. The purpose of this program is to promote fun and socialization, along with friendly recreational (and sometimes competitive) games of Pickleball. Contact Carmelle at info@norberry-glenlee.ca

PMI WELCOMES KENORA

Just as Kenora and Ontario opens their cottage country to 'Tobans' during summer season, so too, does the pickleball community in Kenora. Pickleball Manitoba has formally extended a warm welcome to the members of their club who are interested in joining PMI as their provincial organization. We have the blessing of Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Ontario, to incorporate those who wish to join Manitoba in this capacity

We are working through the details, but we look forward to increase the number of competitive players in the Manitoba pickleball community.

As we know, Manitoba has players at all skill levels, from recreational and up! This provincial arrangement will assist those who are interested in 'upping' their game, to improve their skills - as having more competitive players, will beget more competitive players. Bring it in, Kenora!

LETTER FROM KENORA PICKLEBALL CLUB

The Kenora Pickleball Club has voted unanimously to join Pickleball Canada and a provincial organization on January 1, 2022. Many of our members will be choosing Manitoba over Ontario simply because of geography and opportunity to play in various competitions. We have gotten to know many players from Manitoba as some of you have travelled here to play in tournaments or for recreational play. We have several members in our club who are summer residents of Kenora and surrounding area but live in Winnipeg. We look forward to growing the relationship between the two organizations.

As for club activities this fall, we have been enjoying well above normal temperatures and very calm winds which are helping us enjoy our outdoor courts. Normally we are in 5 schools on various evenings and Saturday mornings but the Public Board denied our permits outright in August and the Catholic Board after initially granting us permission pulled our permits due to Covid safety protocols a week before we planned on playing indoors. After exploring about a dozen options last year our search was made easier this year and we are again playing in the Legion hall but only until November 15 because of Christmas hamper food and toy drive which takes place annually. So, 70 people are signed up to play on one court. Everyone gets two time slots per week and we are running 12 hours a day. Not ideal but all we can do. Our hope is to be able to be playing in the schools after Christmas break.

I hope all is well in your clubs and maybe see you out here in Kenora at our courts on the lake. Visit Kenora Pickleball Club on Facebook and/or Instagram.

Derek Holbrow
President Kenora Pickleball Club

*DID YOU MAKE THE CALL?
If you answered Yes because the ball bounced in the court then you are wrong.
If you answered Yes because the player threw the ball in the air then you are correct.
Section 4.A.8.b.: Before bouncing on the ground the ball shall not be propelled (thrown) downward or tossed or hit upward with the paddle. Failure to drop the ball properly will result in a fault. There is no restriction on where the ball can land on the playing surface after it is dropped. (Providing 4.A.2 is satisfied).