



# THE INSIDER

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Learn, Play, And Grow Together

## 1. Join the Fun - Western Canadian Regional Championship

Mark your calendars, join Pickleball Regina as we start three days of competitive pickleball in July. On Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, join us at the Viterro International Trade Centre at REAL District for a free social between 3:00-7:00 p.m. for an afternoon of good fun!

We will have a fun event, complete with demonstration play by some of the grads from the 60 youth that completed the youth program over the winter. Steve Deakin, Pickleball Canada Ambassador and professional will be in attendance and special presentations will be made to start the tournament.

This will be a good chance for you to see the Viterro International Trade Centre all set up for the weekend championship. Check out the courts, parking, find your favourite location to watch by the courts or overlooking the courts from the upper mezzanine. Grab a drink, check out the food vendors and get ready to enjoy the weekend!

Our thanks to you for volunteering to help PRI! We still will need more volunteers to help as we prepare to host the Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship in Regina July 22-24, 2022. The Organizing Committee will be announcing the various roles and opportunities with a detailed shift schedule on Sign Up Genius very soon.

## 2. Membership Update

PRI is pleased to report that our membership has reached an all-time high at 900 members. Our thanks to you for renewing your membership and supporting Pickleball Regina as one of the larger clubs in Canada. Your support provides PRI with a solid base for programming and volunteers.

### **3. Summer Programs**

We are pleased to report that 302 members have registered for outdoor play for 2022. This is one of the highest sign-up rates we've seen in recent years. Click [HERE](#) for the current schedule.

With continuing issues at Douglas Park, only 4 courts will be usable for the summer months. You will notice some limitations in Sign Up Genius as some courts are a safety issue. We are encouraging all members to contact your City Councillor to express your concerns or call 306-777-7000 to raise your voice about the condition of the courts.

If you plan to attend any of the weekly sessions, please sign up! To attend more than one session, you need to sign up for each session. Sign Up Genius opens for sign-ups 6 days ahead, so you will always see the current day plus 6 days into the future. Each day, one more day in the upcoming week will open up.

The indoor play schedule, fees and sign up for May-June 2022 at the Queen City Pickleball Hub is available [HERE](#). PRI is supporting these indoor programs at the QCPH over the summer.

### **4. Fall Program Planning**

The Programming Committee has started to develop ideas for the fall schedule. Discussions will occur with the QCPH to develop a more integrated schedule starting in October.

The fee structure including the \$2 overhead fee will no longer be collected. For play at the QCPH, members will only pay the court fees based on whatever fee package you choose to purchase. Fees and operational funding will be discussed at the AGM in October.

### **5. Working Together – Member Ratings**

PRI and QCPH have agreed to partner and offer an integrated approach to member ratings. This means that the skills phase will continue and the games will shift to an on-court assessment led by Phil and Anna from the QCPH to monitor overall player performance. Over 50 players have participated in this process over the last two months.

Both PRI and QCPH have agreed to accept these ratings and recognize them as valid for PRI and QCPH program eligibility.

Contact the QCPH directly to inquire about upcoming rating schedules.

## 6. Triple Crown Performances - Saskatchewan Provincial Championship



Congratulations to Noreen Hetherington and Francis Mlilo for their performances and success at the recent Provincial Championship held at the QCPH. They both won three medals in single, doubles and mixed play.

## 7. Youth Pickleball League (YPL)

These new programs have led to the introduction of a youth league with up to 15 of the “grads” playing on a weekly basis between 3:00-5:00pm on Saturdays at the QCPH. With continued support from the PRI-New Horizons grant, funding for the program is covering the court fees for the summer program. All 60 families that participated in the U-14 programs during last winter have been contacted for interest. Check out the YPL webpage [HERE](#) for details.

## 8. Mark your Calendars - 2022 Tournaments

### a) Pickleball Canada National Championship

The “Nationals” are planned for Kingston on June 20-26, 2022. Click [HERE](#) for details.

### b) Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship

The Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship is scheduled for **July 22 - 24, 2022** at the Viterra International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. For more information, click [HERE](#). Special thanks to our sponsors (shown as part of the Western Regionals on Pickleball Brackets) for their generous support of this event.

## 9. Save the Date - 2022 Annual General Meeting

The 2022 AGM is being planned for October 23, 2022. This will be an in-person opportunity at the Atlas Hotel, 4177 Albert Street, Regina. Start time is 7:00 p.m. Updates on PRI operations, fees and plans will be presented.

The Nominations Committee (Randy Dove, Al Carpentier and Marilyn Picard) is also looking for nominees for the Board as several terms are set to expire in October. If you are interested in learning more about the role of a Director, please contact [rwd51@sasktel.net](mailto:rwd51@sasktel.net).

### Meet your 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

President – Reg Lakness

Vice-President – Randy Dove

Treasurer – Joyce Rieder\*

Secretary – Randy Dove

Directors at Large – Al Carpentier\*, Donna Loran, Georgia Hearn\*, Murray Bennett, Marilyn Picard and Steven Sagal\*

\*Term expires at the October 2022 AGM.

\*Two vacant director positions

#### Questions or comments:

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

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