



THE INSIDER

Learn, Play, And Grow Together

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1. Success = Western Regional Championship!

The recently held Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship was a huge success! The feedback and comments during and since the event have been overwhelmingly positive. Comments about the degree of organization, the quality of the Viterra International Trade Centre venue, the scheduling and the video streaming reinforced how well the event ran. Special thanks to the 288 athletes from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, the USA, referees, sponsors and funders for their support and participation.

To see our highlight video, check out:



[Link to Highlight Video](#)

Fishbowl Video Productions is offering a full video of any given match on Championship Court 2 from the Western Regional Championship for \$5.00 + tax. It will be directly sent to them via Dropbox. If you are interested, contact fishbowlvideo@sasktel.net

Access Communications will be showing highlights in September from Court 1 – check TV listings for date and times.

2. By the Numbers - PRI and Saskatchewan Rocked at the Westerns!

We had outstanding success at the Western Regionals as a Club and part of the Saskatchewan contingent. Here's the scorecard where PRI members represented 24% of the Saskatchewan medal winners!

Pickleball Regina

9 Gold
7 Silver
12 Bronze

Pickleball Saskatchewan

31 Gold
39 Silver
47 Bronze

3. Volunteer Appreciation!

In addition to the participants at the Western Regionals, very positive comments have been received about the hospitality and attention provided by the 140 volunteers. The willingness of members and friends to step up for the tournament is appreciated. Your contribution made this event a huge success in every way!



Special thank you to the combined efforts of the Organization Committee members, who worked many hours. WELL DONE!

4. Lifetime Achievement Honoree:

During the Western Regionals, Karen Rust was honoured for the contributions that she has made to pickleball in Regina, including the development of Pickleball Regina. Congratulations Karen, your leadership and commitment are unparalleled!



5. Membership Update

PRI is pleased to report that our membership has reached an all-time high at 946 members. Our thanks to you for supporting Pickleball Regina as we are one of the larger clubs in Canada. Your support provides PRI with a solid base for programming, volunteers and the ability to attract major events to Regina.

6. 2022 Fall Indoor Programs Now Open for Registration

View the September-October schedule on the [PRI website under Play > Programs](#). Note the change to using the Global Pickleball Network (GPN) system for sign ups. [GPN instructions](#) are also on the PRI website.

7. Youth Pickleball League

Youth between 10-15 years, who have completed the Youth Learn-to-Play, are invited to join the Saturday Youth league. The league will start Saturday Sept 17th and run for 6 weeks. Court fees will apply (\$10 drop-in or punch card) or pre-pay for the 6 weeks program for \$45. Youth League registration details will be sent to all PRI youth members in the coming days.

8. Youth Learn to Play

Plans for youth Learn-to-Play (ages 10-15) is in the works – details to follow at a future date.

9. New Member Ambassador(s) Needed

Pickleball Regina is looking for one or more volunteers to act as our “ambassadors” who will help introduce new players to Pickleball Regina. This role responds to new member inquiries, coordinates “Learn to Play” sessions and promotes/supports new members through the various sign-up processes. This valuable role requires less than 2 hours/week – if interested, please contact pickleballreginainc@gmail.com for more information.

10. Annual General Meeting

The 2022 AGM is being planned for October 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. This will be an in-person meeting at the Atlas Hotel, 4177 Albert Street, Regina. Updates on PRI operations, fees and plans will be presented. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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.

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

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