

THE INSIDER

Learn, Play, And Grow Together

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Indoor Programming Continues

Indoor programming continues at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. Various offerings for members are available to respond to your interests.

Go to CourtReserve online schedule for the current lineup of programs.

If you have ideas on new/different or more program times, please let us know at admin@pickelballregina.ca

MLP 14/16 and Team Ladder Programs

As these programs wrap up for the season, PRI thanks all the members that participated and helped set attendance records for PRI-QCPH programs. With almost 500 people on the courts for these programs during January, it's clear that these types of programs are popular and supported by members.

PRI thanks events.



(9 $^{\text{th}}$ Ave North location) for sponsorship and continued interest in PRI

MLP Day Time & Spring Season Tournament League

PRI continues to listen to members and appreciates your engagement. These programs are being introduced as a direct result of your interest. Space remains in both programs so sign up now through via GPN.

Volunteer Hosting Opportunities

The strength of PRI is our volunteer base that continues to be the key to success for pickleball as the sport grows. With your support and involvement, new programs can be introduced, supported, training programs can be run with on-court coaches and everyone wins. For more information on how to get involved, contact admin@pickleballregina.ca

New Members - Learn to Play

A reminder that Pickleball Regina Inc., offers a one-time two-hour introductory Learn to Play Pickleball session for new members. Loaner paddles, balls, and protective eyewear (if needed) will be provided. The cost is \$17.00 plus service fees to cover court rental at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. For more information, contact training@pickleballregina.ca.

Meet and Play Programming Introduced

Many newer members have mentioned that they are unsure where they fit in the PRI-QCPH programs. In response to this PRI is experimenting with "Meet and Play", to create a bridge between Learn to Play and regular programs. Anyone who considers themselves new (rating 3.0 and under) is welcome to join in. The goal is to connect new members with each other and help them find their way with confidence. Early indications from members that were invited has been very positive. Members are also provided with help as needed to understand how to use Court Reserve to access programs for continued play. Contact training@pickleballregina.ca for more information.

Outdoor Summer Programming

Pickleball Regina has submitted our request to the City of Regina for permits for outdoor play at Douglas Park and Mahon Courts. The new, 12 court Douglas Park facility is scheduled to be available by June 1, 2024. The permits for courts will be received by March 2024. Programming begins on May 1st, weather permitting. Ongoing, indoor programming will continue at the Queen City Pickleball Hub over the summer months.

Thank You Georgia!

The PRI Board thanks Georgia Hearn for the support and contributions made to the Board of Directors over several years. Georgia has chosen to leave the Board and will work with committees and future tournaments. Georgia's positive outlook, enthusiasm and engagement will continue to be part of the success of the pickleball community.

Did You Know? - Self Rating Options in Court Reserve

Court Reserve, provides members with the option of choosing one of three rating categories (3.0 and under, 3.0 to 3.5, and 3.5 and above) so that you can join programs aimed at your skill level. Note that the colors on the Court Reserve Calendar view (or the colored dot in the List view) indicate the program level – All Levels (tan); 3.0 and under (yellow); 3.0-3.5 (green); 3.5 and above (blue).

To learn how to get set up on Court Reserve and select your rating category, check out the guide at <u>Pickleball Regina.</u>

Membership Renewals

Thanks to those who have already renewed for 2024. Those who have not renewed can log in to their account on www.pickleballcanada.org to renew now OR email membership@pickleballregina.ca to have a direct renewal link emailed to them.

Longer Term Planning

PRI is working on a longer-term plan to consider the future priorities of the Club. We've had seven years of growth, success at managing major tournaments, introducing pickleball to hundreds of new members, solidifying our relationship with QCPH and building a solid financial base. The Board is considering the future and what PRI can do to continue to provide excellent services and support to the pickleball community. As the direction is developed, more information will be provided to members.

Future Tournaments:

June 11-13, 2024, Sask. Seniors Fitness Association (SSFA) will host the 55+Games in North Battleford. For details go to https://www.ssfa55gameshost.ca/ and for the Regina area info, click HERE

June, 2024, Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Championship, Watch for announcements.

July 25-28, 2024, 2024 Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship, hosted by the Vernon Pickleball Club, Vernon, BC. Contact vpatouraments@gmail.com for information.

August 20-24, 2024, Myoflex 2024 Pickleball Canada National Championship, hosted by Pickleball Nova Scotia, being held at the Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre at Bedford, Nova Scotia. Contact djohnston@pickleballnovascotia.com for information.

Meet your 2023 - 2024 Board of Directors

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Questions or comments:

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