

# Pickleball Manitoba Inc. - Update – Fall 2016

Hello Everyone

I wanted to give all y'all (Texan for everyone) a quick update on a number of Pickleball Manitoba initiatives for the coming weeks and fall months, as well as updates on other events that may be of interest. First, though, two things.

## **OOPs....WE GOOFED AND WE ARE SORRY**

In the information that went out to members regarding the upcoming Outdoor Championship, it stated that this event was open to players with a 3.5 rating or higher. **This should have been 3.0 or higher.** As this is our first year running the outdoor league, and this championship, there is a learning curve for us. For reasons of scheduling (courts and people), weather considerations, and volunteer availability we want to keep the Outdoor Championship to a manageable number of players.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO HANK LODEWYKS AND LIONEL PICHE**

Hank and Lionel participated in the Canada 55+ Games in Brampton this last week. In Hank's words: ["Hello everybody, just thought I'd give you an update, we got back last night from Brampton. We won the silver medal. We played two days of round robin, and playoffs on Friday. There were many good teams, two of which were 4.5 players. All of the games were very good. We won all our games in the round robin best of three. In the quarterfinals we beat Quebec, in the semi finals we beat Ontario 1, and in the gold-medal game against Ontario 2 we each split a game, and then in the third game I twisted an ankle, and couldn't continue, therefore, we had to forfeit the gold medal. We played very well, we had a lot of fun, met a lot of great people, it was a good time, lots of activities, 1700 people participated in the events, 107 people from Manitoba, we all stayed in the same hotel on the Brampton college campus, You could imagine what that was like. See you on the pickle ball court!"](#)

## **INDOOR LEAGUE**

As the outdoor season wraps up, the PMI indoor league will begin August 31 and run to May 2017. Full details on the indoor league will be sent to you very shortly. The deadline for sign up is August 26.

## **DROP SHOT CLINICS**

Over the first three weeks in August PMI held its first, in a planned series, of pickle skills clinics. Here's what one participant had to say about the drop shot clinic.

“Thank you to Pickleball Manitoba and all the helpers for this clinic. It was well organized, and extremely helpful. I learned a few more tips, along with how the drop (shot) should be executed. The drills are well planned and something I want to keep practicing. Keep up the good work and look forward to more clinics.”

For those members on the wait list for the drop shot clinic, a second clinic will be held. Arrangements are now being made for court times and coordination of instructors. When arrangements are finalized information will be sent to you.

## **ROUND ROBIN PLANNED FOR OCTOBER AT WINAKWA**

PMI will hold a round robin, fun oriented, competitive play, event for players who self rate up to the 3.0 level. This event is designed to gently introduce players to a more competitive play format than they may have previously experienced. Full details on this event will be forthcoming to PMI members in early September.

## **RETURN OF OUTDOOR PICKLE BALLS**

Players, who were issued outdoor pickle balls, please keep them in a safe place. As I noted above, we are on a learning curve. We had originally planned to have the issued outdoor pickle balls returned, but on second thought, keep them for next years outdoor season. At that time, we will revisit the PMI issuance of new outdoor balls for league play.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Just a heads up... the PMI notice to you, regarding our AGM, will be out as soon as a meeting room is confirmed. Our AGM is an important vehicle for our ongoing dialogue with members. PMI appreciates and values all feedback, this is one way we are able to ensure our activities are aligned with members interests, so please let us know how we are doing.

That's all for now. All the best. Hope to see you, and chat with you, during indoor league play.

Sincerely,

Doug Cable  
President Pickleball Manitoba Inc.

