

Hello Everyone:

It's that time of year when the long, warm days of summer are being replaced by the cooler, sunny days of autumn. Our outdoor season has finished, and our indoor league is well underway.

Outdoor Championship: Congratulations, Bravo and Many Thanks

Congratulations to all players who participated in our first ever Outdoor Championship. (We had a record number of entries!) We trust your experience was positive and look forward to having you back in 2017.

Bravo to those players who placed in the top 3 positions in their respective categories. There were many great exhibitions of skill and athleticism throughout the round robin and playoff portions of the tournament.

Full details on the placement of teams in the various categories of play can be found at the Competitions tab of our website www.pickleballmanitoba.ca

Many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time and expertise, before, during and after the event, to ensure players had a positive tournament experience. **Special thanks goes to Alphonse Bernard** for his leadership in making this event a reality.

Medals and Awards At The Outdoor Championship

One question that was asked several times at the Outdoor Championship was, "How come there are no medals or awards." Good question. There were several factors that resulted in our decision not to have medals or awards. First, timing: the dates of the tournament did not jive with the suppliers lead time of 4 to 6 weeks between placing an order and receipt of goods. Second, small batch orders were not possible. Third, was cost, which we did not want to pass on in the price of the entry fee. Fourth, there was not a consensus amongst the Directors that we need to have medals or awards at tournaments.

PMI believes there should recognition for athletes at tournaments. We are not sure though, how best to do this.

Donation To Cancer Manitoba In Memory of Rick Chippendale

In the absence of medals or awards at the 2016 Outdoor Championship, PMI will make a donation to Cancer Manitoba in Rick's memory. Many of you knew Rick. For those who had not met Rick, he was an early advocate for pickleball in Manitoba, and an accomplished player of the game. Unfortunately, Rick was stricken with throat cancer and died on August 26, 2016.

GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS

We would like your thoughts on the idea of medals or awards at tournaments. Should we have them or not have them? Why or why not? Are there other options we should consider? Should we continue the idea of a donation to a worthy cause in lieu of medals or awards?

Let us know what your thoughts are. Email us, talk to your Board members, bring it up at the AGM. However you choose to communicate, know that your input is valued.

HELP!

To paraphrase the legendary rock band, the Beatles, "help us if you can...." As we grow, (we are now at 225 members), we have a number of projects, planned and underway, that require your skills and abilities.

We need help with the following:

Volunteer Coordinator

Maintains a list of willing volunteers, contacts them as required and coordinates their contributions with leaders of projects and events.

Competition Aid

Working with Alphonse Bernard, help with a variety of tasks associated with the operation of the PMI indoor and outdoor leagues.

Director, Outdoor Championship

Works with the above 2 positions to ensure the 2017 tournament is held.

If you are interested – contact me at dcable6@gmail.com.

Try a Tournament

Come on down....not sure if tournament play is for you, but want to check it out.

For PMI members, PMI will host a Men's and Women's doubles tournament designed to allow players at the 2.5 to 3.0 skill levels to experience this type of play in a low key, fun environment.

Tournament details are:

3.0 tournament (Men's & Women's) **Friday, Oct.7**, 11:00am till 5:30pm at Winakwa CC, 980 Winakwa Road.

2.5 tournament (Men's & Women's) **Friday, Oct 14**, 11:00am till 5:30pm at Winakwa CC, 980 Winakwa Road.

Court fees at \$4.00/day per person, unless currently a member of Winakwa CC Pickleball.

For more information contact Louie Allec at:
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We hope to see you there.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Doug Cable