The Fair Deal

In the conduct of its business, PMI believes in the concept of “the fair deal”. In business, the fair deal can be said to be equivalent to the concept of fair play in sport.

The fair deal is represented in many ways in your association; low membership fees, reasonable costs for services such as clinics, league play, coaching and most recently, in our Sanctioning of Tournaments Policy. This policy is posted at our website. I am the first to admit that it is not the most scintillating of reading. If you are up at 3:00 AM and looking for a non-prescription sleep aid, this may do the trick!

We believe sanctioning of tournaments is a fair deal for tournament participants, tournament hosts and for PMI as the de facto sport governing body in Manitoba. Participants in sanctioned tournaments are ensured a safe and fair playing environment; tournament hosts benefit from PMI support (trained referees and liability insurance for example), and perhaps most importantly, our sport benefits. Benefits to the sport can be in the form of reduced entry fees for PMI members, or in other ways. A very modest fee structure, which varies according to the size (or assigned tier) of a tournament, and a review process ensure these benefits.

Sanctioning is the accepted and recognized method that mature sport governing bodies use to ensure competitive events adhere to a set of sport specific standards. Our Sanctioning of Tournaments Policy is modeled on similar policies presently in effect at the USAPA and Pickleball Canada Organization.

We are aware that challenges will occur in the implementation of our sanctioning policy.

For example, in mature sports, such as basketball or curling, a well-defined, local club system exists. It is the local clubs that host tournaments according to the sport governing bodies sanctioning policy. In turn, local clubs use proceeds from tournaments to further their delivery of sport specific services.

In Manitoba, and across Canada, pickleball is a growing and maturing sport. PMI is not aware of the existence of any formal pickleball clubs in Manitoba.

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Ask A Ref by Louis Allec

Answers are according to the USAPA Rule book.

Question:
Calling an ‘OUT’ ball.

Answer:
Rule 6.D.10. - In Doubles play, if one player calls the ball “out” and the partner calls it “in,” then doubt exists; and the ball must be declared “in”. (except that any player may appeal call to the referee in an officiated match)

Question:
What happens if a player, a player’s paddle, or clothing touch the net?

Answer:
Rule E. - If a player, a player’s clothing, or any part of a player’s paddle touches the net or the net post when the ball is in play, it is considered a Fault.

There are many community organizations that, as part of a broader mandate, offer court time for pickleball play; however, formal pickleball clubs and a system of defined roles and responsibilities for the local club, the provincial sport governing body and the national sport governing body are all in the formative stage of development.

In the coming months we will meet with various groups to raise awareness regarding our Sanctioning of Tournaments Policy. As a sport governing body that believes in the fair deal, we want to partner with community organizations to have positive, mutually beneficial relationships for the betterment of the sport and its participants.

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PICKLEBALL BEGINNINGS IN MANITOBA
Submitted by Ruby Laughren

In the spring of 2005 Nick and Nadine Yacheson returned from their winter in Arizona excited about a new sport they had learned to play while there. They approached their friend Pat Hasiuk who worked at the St. James-Assiniboia 55+ and received permission to do an introductory demonstration. The 55+ Centre saw merit in the activity and funding was made available and to make PB a new program at the centre. The Centre purchased nets, balls and paddles and secured courts at the Westwood Community Church gymnasium for the following 4 months and so began Pickleball in Manitoba. The sport became very popular and Nick facilitated the program for the next 2 years.

St. James-Assiniboia 55+ advertised this new program and Marilyn Gilchrist and I went to check it out. Of course, we were HOOKED immediately, despite being AWFUL at it.

Unfortunately, the Yacheson snowbirds were leaving for the winter and since there was no PB anywhere else in Winnipeg I approached the centre and volunteered to facilitate the program. Again 55+ Centre came through and secured another 6 months of play at the church. At the end of June, we had to find somewhere else and searched outdoor city owned tennis courts in the area, taped on lines and began to play at a couple of sites. This brought many spectators which in turn brought many new players.

Approximately 3 years later and after many free clinics throughout Winnipeg and surrounding towns, our membership grew to the point of needing additional space. Once again 55+ came to the rescue and partnered with the St. James Civic Centre to add an additional 3 courts.

In January 2011, the new Sturgeon Heights Community Centre opened and 55+ again got a new and better facility to play. We began playing during the day, 3 times/week.
PMI ASKS...

PMI asks that all members and non-members conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner always, both on and off the court.

PMI asks that all members and non-members err on the side of safety when on the court. Please make sure that you are healthy for physical play and if you are in doubt, please contact your health provider.

Are you looking to improve your ball/paddle control? Yes? Then check out the link below courtesy of Primetime Pickleball.

Prime Time Pickleball

YouTube Channel

2 Touch Ball Control Drill

4 Levels

https://youtu.be/h5i-V9AF0bc

Thanks Kevin for the suggestion

To this date we still play there 3 times a week, 8 hours per day with 3 different levels of play, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. All 3 sites are still in use for teaching and/or recreational play.

We approached ALCOA (Active Living Coalition of Older Adults) in 2012 to add PB to the 55+ Senior Summer Games. That year we demonstrated the game in Arborg and it was officially added to their program for the 2013 year. Pickleball has been a very successful addition to the games. Pickleball’s motto is Fun, Fitness and Friendship and is important to keep this in mind while enjoying the sport, especially with beginners.

PICKLEBALL NEWS from other provinces

From Saskatchewan...

Saskatchewan pickleball organizations are planning two major tournaments for 2018. Both will be Canada Pickleball Sanctioned events. We've been asked to pass along the following information regarding ONE of those tournaments. The 2nd annual Regina Pickleball Tournament on July 28/29, 2018. (Information regarding the 2018 Saskatoon tournament info isn't available online yet).

The July 28, 29 information is now available online: https://www.secure.pickleballtournaments.com/welcome.pl?tid=1666

Information from Karen Rust

Greendell Community Club – 75 Woodlawn Ave.

Submitted by Ken Kruger

Information regarding Pickleball play at Greendell - Singles play

January 3rd, 2018 until January 26th 3 courts available

Wednesdays – 11:30 – 2:30 pm and Fridays 11:30 – 1:30 pm

The cost is $3.00 per player

To ensure there are at least two players (i.e. you and me) I need you to email me stating your "commitment to attend" by 8 pm the night before -- if at least one player is coming that means we will play -- hopefully we can fill the three courts (i.e. at least six players) -- kenkruger@mymts.net

Let's support Greendell and get some exercise!

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO OTHERS INTERESTED IN TRYING SINGLES PLAY.

Please bring your own paddle and a couple of balls.
Yes, Manitoba rural communities, you too can enjoy Pickleball. Read on....

**Pickleball on Main Street in Southey, SK**

Original article by Reg Dumont
Edited by Doris McComb

Southey is a small southern Saskatchewan farming community of 778 people located 55 kilometres north of Regina.

Brenda Fry, the recreation coordinator wanted to see if there was enough interest in Pickleball to pursue a Pickleball program and enlisted the help of two Pickleball Canada members, Reg Dumont and Karen Wallace as well as a local pickleball player, Joyce Rieder.

With no facilities to play in, the ‘orientation to pickleball’ was being held on main street, Keats, and in the Memorial Hall, and 14 people showed up! The game became the talk of the town. Southey now has 46 people who are pickleball players, 6% of the community’s population.

Brenda now has her answer; there is sufficient interest in Southey to hold a pickleball program. Plans are developing for fall and winter pickleball play in the school gym. Through Pickleball Saskatchewan, Southey will soon become the next member of Pickleball Canada!

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**AIRBASE GYM 680 Whytewold Rd.**

2018: WINTER 2018 SESSION: Singles/Doubles Play

The Winter 2018 session will start up Tuesday 9 Jan thru to 29 Mar inclusive. (24 nights)
Tuesday’s 7 – 9 pm and Thursday’s 6 – 8pm. There are 24 nights costing $80 = $3.33 for each night, paid in full, in advance.

Pickleball is free for Military & Community Recreation Members.

Non-Military/Non-membership players have an option of paying $ 7.00 for a daily drop-in fee or buying a winter pickleball pass for $80.00.

For more information regarding the Airbase evening sessions and/or to commit to play singles at Greendell email:

kenkruger@mymts.net

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**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You**

**Volunteers** are the center of our organization. Because they make things happen, PMI wants to say thanks to ....

Brian Shippman and Brenda Vincent. Brenda has organized outdoor play at Dakota and indoor play at Winakwa. Her initiative was instrumental in having pickleball courts, community play hours and very attractive pickleball membership rates established at the new Dakota Fieldhouse. Brian was an early convert to the game of pickleball and for many years served as, and presently is, an ambassador in Manitoba for Pickleball Canada. We wish he and his wife all the best in their medical recoveries.

George Rodrigue, Ann Radon, Derek Plouffe, Daphne Allec, Cathy Cable, Hank Lodewyks, Lionel Piche, Louis Allec, Bill Johnstone, Diane and Ron Dunsford and Steve Mezaros for contributing their instructional expertise. In partnership, PMI and the Dakota Community Centre recently held eight weekly **Learn To Play Pickleball** sessions for 50 novice players at the Dakota Fieldhouse. It is hoped similar sessions will be held in the spring of 2018.

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Jim Vincent, for his leadership in developing and implementing a PMI coaching program. As part of the partnership with Dakota Community Centre, Jim’s program was tested over an 8-week period with two groups of players at the intermediate skill levels. Participants in these sessions agreed that the coaches were knowledgeable, and they helped improve their pickleball play. It is planned that the PMI coaching program will be delivered again in the spring of 2018.

Pat and Chris Bothe who acted as the Tournament Directors for the December 14 and 15, 2017 tournament held at the Winakwa Community Centre.

December 2017 Winakwa Holiday Tournament Results

Below are the medal results of the tournament that was played on Dec 14/15 at the Winakwa Community Centre.

- All 48 available entries were filled, with additional teams waiting in the wings–hoping for a cancellation.
- All profits ($700) were kept by the Winakwa Community Club to benefit 27 refugee families that the board supports.
- Six events were played - Men's 3.0, Men's 3.5, Women's 3.0, Women's 3.5, Mixed 3.0, Mixed 3.5

Submitted by: Pat & Chris Bothe

Men's 3.0 (L to R) (Bronze) Jim Turnbull & Wayne Dennis (Gold) John Fleming & John Daughney (Silver) Brian MacKenzie & John Penner

More photos next page...
Decision made by the PMI Executive regarding the inclusion of ads in the PMI Newsletter:

Following discussion on the advertising rate to be charged by PMI, it was agreed, unanimously, that opportunities for PMI members to advertise in the PMI newsletter and on the PMI website would be free of charge providing the service to be advertised was in the opinion of PMI, of significant benefit to members or PMI.

Men's 3.5 (L to R)
(Silver) Alex Parobec & Louis Laferriere (Gold) Jim Nein & Lorne Heinrichs
(Bronze) Brent Cranwill & Joel Hogue

Women's 3.5 (L to R)
(Silver) Susa Robbie & Barb Laferriere (Gold) Judi Reid & Lisa Bergson
(Bronze) May Duff & JoAnne Whalen

Women's 3.0 (L to R)
(Bronze) Bev Smith & Lynda Marshall (Gold) Lynda Bennett & Brenda Rand
(Silver) Trisch Lehmann & Deb Beltram

The Prairie Pickleball

Your Manitoba Pickleball Equipment Supplier. Please visit:

www.prairiepickleball.ca

Don & Gloria Kropla

Call: 204-806-4333 or

Email: prairiepickleball@gmail.com
Mixed 3.0 (L to R)
(Bronze) Dale Kein & Trisch Lehmann (Gold) Viola Labun & Ken Obirek (Silver)
Curtis Granger & Brenda Granger

Mixed 3.5 (L to R)
(Bronze) Yvon Doucet & Sandra Campbell (Gold) Patti St Godard & Peter Willms (Silver)
Eleanore Schlamb & Tom McMahon

*Pickleball Lessons for Beginner and Intermediate Players*

Beginner - Basic introductory to the game of Pickleball. Learn the serve, return of serve, ground strokes and volley’s.

Intermediate - Basic strategy to becoming an advanced player. Learn the third shot drop and drive shots, dinking and blocking.

LESSONS

Private - 3x1.5hrs = $50.00 per person - (1)  
Semi Private - 3x1.5hrs = $40.00 per person - (2)  
Group - 3x1.5hrs = $30.00 per person - (4)  

10% Discount for PMI members  
Payment by cheque only- made out to a children’s charity of your choice.

Outdoor lessons will be held weekday and weekend mornings. (Locations-TBD). Indoor lessons will be held weekdays. (Locations-TBD) additional drop in fee will be charged. Lessons to begin in early April through September. Video analysis included with lessons. Registration opens March 1  
For more information email  
Paul Aquin - aquinp1@gmail.com  
204-799-8327
Financial Update: Submitted by Ron Dunsford

At our recent Annual General Meeting, we advised PMI Members of our hope to have a professional audit of PMI’s books.

After a discussion with a local, small accounting firm, we were advised that the cost for a “Review Engagement Report” would be in the range of $900-$1,200. This report would include a Statement of Operations, Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Cash Flows.

After rethinking the need for an audit or review, Doug Cable and I decided that, based on the way we handle all revenues and expenses, the money for the “Review” could be better spent on pickleball activities for our members.

We want to be transparent in the way we operate, so I will explain how our process is currently handled.

Revenue

The majority of our revenue has been generated by memberships, skills development and tournaments. In most cases these revenues are sent to our Secretary (Tannis Calhoun) who records the necessary details and forwards the monies to me on a timely basis. Normally, the funds are in a cheque format (85%) and the balance is cash. This past November was different; we conducted two coaching/training sessions, one at Dakota and the other at Sturgeon Heights. The total gross revenue was $1,350 of which $510 was cash. These funds were collected by Doug Cable, then forwarded to me to deposit.

Total number of deposits during 2017 was 13.

Expenses

All expenditures are paid by cheque, we do not operate a Petty Cash system. All expenses for goods or services are supported by invoices and are approved by Doug Cable (President) and myself and all cheques require two signatures.

The total number of cheques issued during 2017 was 16.

Below, I have included The PMI 2017 Cheque Register for review. if you have any questions please contact Doug at dcable6@gmail.com or myself rondunsford01@gmail.com

Regards
Ron Dunsford
Treasurer

**Please see the cheque register below**
## PICKLEBALL MANITOBA INC - CHEQUE REGISTER 2017

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**TOTAL CHEQUES 2017** $3,961.37

At November 30, 2017 the balance in the PMI account at the Assiniboine Credit Union was **$7,568.86**