Hello Everyone

I have a confession to make. I blew it, sort of. Before “fessing up” though, I first want to say congratulations and thank you.

Congratulations to all the Manitoba pickleball players who had success at the 2018 55+ Games in St. John, New Brunswick (see report below by Terry Ladyman for full details). As well, congratulations to all participants and winners at the recently held Winnipeg Beach tournament (see pictures below).

Tannis Calhoun, Al Archibald, Alphonse Bernard, Brad Hallas, and Linda Roberts have retired as Directors of PMI. On behalf of all PMI members, I want to thank them for their many contributions. They were greatly appreciated.

I want to acknowledge the leadership of Tannis and Alphonse. Both brought their experiences as athletes, coaches and sport administrators - Tannis with Skate Canada and Alphonse with Athletics Canada - to the launch of our association. Tannis was our first Secretary. She ably established, and for four years, administered our membership system.

Alphonse established our annual competition calendar (league play and tournaments) and our tournament sanctioning system. As a self-professed ‘math geek’ he conceived a formula that rated a player’s standing during league play, and he was the driving force behind our initial indoor tournament. As we look to align ourselves with Pickleball Canada their respective contributions will help us immensely.

Now, for my confession. In the June 2018 newsletter I noted that I had two priorities for the summer. One of my priorities was to play pickleball outdoors at least three times a week; I enjoyed many warm, sunny mornings with the playing group at La Fleche Park.

My second priority was to visit pickleball venues in and around Winnipeg and talk with members about issues of concern. For a variety of reasons,
this did not go as planned. I visited one group in East Elwood. This was far short of the number I intended to get to. Listening to members regarding future directions and initiatives for their organization is work that needs to be done. How best to do it is a topic that I will raise with the Board at our November 2018 meeting.

In the June newsletter I also undertook to report on the organizational development initiatives underway at Pickleball Canada Organization (PCO).

PCO is in the process of reinventing themselves as pickleball’s National Sport Organization (NSO). In this newsletter, is the email sent to the Presidents of provincial pickleball associations, and at the bottom of that email there is an attachment that is a PDF copy of the PCO Strategic Plan 2018-2020. Please have a look at it.

As part of their strategic plan, PCO intends to “establish formal and structured affiliations with non-profit organizations in a minimum of eight provinces and territories”. To this end, the Governance – Membership Task Force was created with the mandate to (In summary):

- Research Canadian NSO governance and membership models, assess their respective strengths and weaknesses relative to the PCO context, and with rational, recommend to the PCO Board, a membership model and supporting governance structure that may be adopted by PCO.

The work of the Task Force is to be completed by early 2019 so that any adjustments to the current PCO Bylaws may be considered at the 2019 PCO AGM. The task Force is composed of representatives from B.C. Alberta, Manitoba (myself) Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime provinces.

The work of the Task Force is of importance to PMI as, in the future, we also desire formal and structured relationship with the pickleball NSO, so that we may partake in the programs offered.

Finally, the link below will take you to an update from the Pickleball Ontario website on the development of a national Pickleball Coach Development Program.


Let me know your thoughts – about anything noted in this message or other pickleball matters of importance to you.

All The Best, Doug Cable
To the Presidents  
Provincial and Territorial Pickleball Associations

Pickleball is fast becoming an immensely popular recreational activity and competitive pursuit for many Canadians. Membership in Pickleball Canada has grown exponentially since its formation in 2011. Pickleball Canada has an integral role in the development of pickleball across the country.

A strong Pickleball Canada — working in collaboration with the provinces and territories — will support the provision of high quality and accessible pickleball opportunities in communities and through local clubs. To provide a directional guide and operational framework for Pickleball Canada, the Board of Directors has prepared its 2018/2020 Strategic Plan. We are pleased to provide you with a copy. A shorter version is also available on the PCO website.

A successful implementation of this Strategic Plan will ensure that Pickleball Canada sets sound plans and priorities, aligns activities with strategic direction, measures progress and results, and communicates with its members and stakeholders. As well, the Strategic Plan will form the basis for the 2019 Business Plan.

The Board of Directors welcomes a review of, and comments on the attached Plan. Your insights are important as we strive to build relationships with our provincial and territorial partners.

We also welcome your sharing of the Plan with your affiliates within your province or territory. Their feedback, through you, will also be valuable to us.

The future of pickleball in Canada is bright and we look forward to our work with you over the coming months.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best regards,

Marcel Latouche  
Tony Casey

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tonycasey7@icloud.com

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**NOTICE:**
The 5th annual Beausejour Pickleball Tournament will be held in Beausejour, Manitoba on May 7, 8, 9th, 2019.

May 7 (Women's events)
May 8 (Mixed events)
May 9 (Men's events)

"Save the Date" on your calendars.

Watch for further information regarding registration details in March 2019.

Pat & Chris Bothe

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**2018 Interlake Pickleball - Classic**

Friday, October 19th – **Women’s & Men’s doubles** (4 categories)
Saturday, October 20th - **Mixed doubles** (4 categories)

**Warren Collegiate – 119 MacDonald Ave, Warren, MB  R0C 3E0**

Daily start/end times: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Participants will be notified prior to the tournament with specific start times for their events.

**Formats:** Round robin or modified round robin, depending on the number of teams. All teams play a minimum of 4 games. Playoff format determined by time & number of teams.

**Cost:** 1st event--$20; 2nd event--$10; Payment due at Check-in. (Please bring cash)

**Prizes:** Gold, Silver, & Bronze Certificates will be awarded to winners of each event (Any proceeds after expenses will be given to The Canadian Diabetes Association, Interlake School Division, purchase equipment, etc.)

**When/How to register:** Registration starts SEPTEMBER 19th, 2018.

**Deadline: OCTOBER 12th, 2018**

**Email Curtis Granger at** interlakepickleballclassic@hotmail.com

Please provide the following information for both team members. You will receive a confirmation email once you are registered (usually within a day). Entries are limited. If your category is full, please advise if you wish to be put on a wait list.

1. Players names x 2, Phone # x 2, Email addresses x 2
2. Skill levels x 2, Ages x 2
3. Categories —see next page for options
4. If your category is full, please advise if you wish to be put on a wait list.
Practice / Check out venue: arrive early for warm up

Volunteers Required: Assistance is needed in several areas: scorekeepers, check-in table, Lines people, & “court announcers”, etc. None of the roles are complicated but are key to keeping things moving. If you can help, please contact Curtis Granger at interlakepickleballclassic@hotmail.com

To Help You Choose your category:

If you have “medaled” in a tournament (Gold/Silver), you must move up to the next level (e.g. 3.0 to 3.5; or if you are a high 3.5 you should now play in the 4.0 category).

There are 4 category options.

You can enter a total of 2 events---ONE event per day.

If partners’ skill levels differ, a ‘lower level’ player must play ‘up’ to match their partner. If partners’ ages differ, the older player must play ‘down’ to match their partner.

The 4 Categories to choose from are:

1. 3.0 skill level, (Women’s, Men’s, Mixed)
2. 3.5 skill level, (Women’s, Men’s, Mixed)
3. 4.0 skill level, (Women’s, Men’s, Mixed)
4. Over 65 yrs. all skill levels (Women’s, Mixed, Men’s) OR you can choose ‘Over 18yrs at your specific skill level’.

This is an unsanctioned tournament and membership in ‘Pickleball Manitoba Inc’ or ‘Canada Pickleball’ is not required. Onix orange indoor balls will be used. Please do not wear orange clothing.

Tournament organizers reserve the right to place players in their appropriate skill levels and to cancel categories if there are less than 6 entries. The “HONOUR” system is used for Round Robin play. Playoff games will use the honour system and volunteer lines people, if available. Tournament Organizer’s decision with regards to disputes is final. Please watch for an email after OCTOBER 12th, 2018, providing a list of teams and specific start times for the different events. The Warren Collegiate Gym has 4 pickleball courts. “Out-of-towners” ---this is a perfect opportunity to have fun & meet new pickleball players.

Spectators & Volunteers Welcome!!!
WINNIPEG BEACH TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Men’s 3.0
Gold-Brian Kletke, Peter Schellenberg
Silver-Roger Gratton, Allan Greengrass
Bronze-Bryan Weber, Norman Short

Mixed 3.0
Gold-Tony Messner, Pat Messner
Silver-Glen Paulson, Marilyn Jacobs
Bronze-Horst Welk, Charlotte Welk

Men’s 3.5
Gold-Tom McMahon, Louis Lansard
Silver-Reg Siemens, Chris Siemens
Bronze-Gerard Gregoire, Rob Nemeth

Women’s 3.5
Gold-Lynda Marshall, Gloria Kropla
Silver-Viola Labun, Cindy Litke
Bronze-Brenda Granger, Beth Last

Mixed 3.5
Gold-Chris Bothe, Pat Bothe
Silver-Tom Bauer, Karen Schellenberg
Bronze-Leo Boiteau, Trisch Lehmann

Men’s 4.0
Gold-Curtis Granger, Jim Nein
Silver-Lionel Piche, Larry Falk
Bronze-Dave Henry, Tom Richmond

Mixed 4.0
Gold-Patti St Godard, Tom Richmond
Silver-Gary Kufley, Lisa Bergson
Bronze-Dave Henry, Judi Reid

Women’s 4.0
Gold-Lisa Bergson, Judi Reid
Silver-Carol Nellis, Susan Spence
Bronze-Patti St Godard, Eleanor Schlamb

REMINDER:

PMI Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
2:00pm
Sturgeon Heights Community Centre
210 Rita Street

Bring your own refreshments
Manitoba sent a team of eight pickleball players to the games. There were 24 events ranging from Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey to Track & Field but “The loveliest of them all was the PICKLEBALL.” Teams came from all over Canada and the Territories and although they expected about 1,500 participants, there were more than 2,000 by the final count.

In pickleball there were Men’s, Women’s and Mixed teams with age categories every five years from 55+ to 75+. In total there were 92 pickleball teams competing.

After winning their respective categories at the Manitoba 55+ Games, the following eight pickleball players qualified to represent Manitoba:

Terry & Larry Ladyman – Winnipeg
Brenda Granger & Beth Last – Warren/Argyle
Peter Hildebrand & Len Victor – Morden
Judi Reid & Lisa Bergson

St. John, New Brunswick has a population of just over 67,000, all of who were willing to offer us rides when we looked lost and a friendly chat when we greeted them. Maritime hospitality is alive and well in St. John. One lady
in the hotel lobby offered to drive us to the venue because it “was only 20 minutes away and I don’t have to meet my sick son at the hospital for another 30 minutes yet.”

The games opening ceremonies has a parade of athletes with each province and territory marching with a flag bearer. Closing ceremonies included a sit-down dinner for over 2,000 people with entertainment and dancing afterward. Mid-week, the highlight of the entertainment was a Maritime Kitchen Party with wonderful singers, dancers and musicians. Even my 81-year-old brother Larry was on the dance floor showing off his moves.

All eight of Manitoba’s representatives in pickleball came home with medals:

Men’s 75+
Gold – Terry Ladyman and Larry Ladyman (Manitoba)

Women’s 55+
Gold – Lisa Bergson and Judi Reid (Manitoba)

Mixed 55+
Bronze – Lisa Bergson & Len Victor (Manitoba)

Mixed 65+
Gold – Judi Reid and Peter Hildebrand (Manitoba)
Summer Tournament Fun

By Lionel Piché

I had a busy summer playing various tournaments around the country. Here are a few of the highlights.

The National Pickleball Championships were held in Kelowna, B.C. in early July. Most categories were full within 5 minutes of registration opening. They used 28 courts for players from skill level 3.0 to 5.0. It was a thrill to watch some of the top players in Canada. It is worth noting than Manitoba’s own Rose Sawatzky won gold in Ladies’ 3.5 singles. It was great to be there sharing a passion for the game of pickleball with so many people.

The next outdoor tournament was in Regina. Perfect weather and very courteous hosts made this a must go to tournament next year. It was nice to see Don and Gloria Kropla from Prairie Pickleball with a booth. Manitoba fared well with Rose and myself winning the mixed event, Rose winning the ladies’ doubles with her partner from Saskatchewan and myself winning silver with a gentleman also from Saskatchewan.

East Grand Forks was the next event on the pickleball calendar. Warm weather and equally warm hosts greeted us for this event. Four new permanent pickleball courts were added to accommodate the tournament. Pickleball is growing very quickly in this area. Manitoba again performed very well. Rose Sawatzky and Jun Laffin won the ladies’ doubles, Rose and I won the mixed, Jun and Curtis Granger took silver, and I teamed up with Morden’s own Larry Falk to win the gold in men’s doubles against a couple of strong young former tennis players turned pickeballers.

Kitchener Ontario was my last stop on the summer pickleball schedule. This tournament was held indoors at a badminton club. They offered two levels of play; the Pro Event and the Open Event. First prize in the Pro Event was $1,000 and $100 was given to the winners in the Open Event. Congratulations to Curtis and Jun for winning the mixed title in the Open Event.

In a nutshell, this is how I spent a portion of my summer. Playing out of town tournaments is a good way of improving our skills by seeing how other people play the game. It is also a great way of meeting new people and making new friends.

Happy Pickleballing,

Lionel Piché
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# PICKLEBALL MANITOBA INC.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS SEPTEMBER 30th, 2018**

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