

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - November 23, 2014

Lots of news this week and some changes to our weekly scheduled play so be sure to read carefully. Have a superb week at Mesa Regal and have fun on the courts. Count down to the Steve Judy Annual Pickleball Tournament is 15 days!!

Scheduled Play for this Week

- * **Sunday to Tues & Thurs to Sat 7:30-10:30, Wed 7:30-9:30 Open play**
- Monday - 10:30-12:30 - Beginner lessons (sign up on bulletin board, limit 8)**
 - 6:00- 8:00 pm - Beginners Mixed Social (Guys & Gals) -just drop in**
- Tuesday - 10:30-12:30 Ladies Social - Intermediate Skill Levels**
 - 6:00-8:00 pm Interpark play - check the park you are playing at.**
- ***Wednesday - 9:30- 1:30 Ladders (#courts dependent on sign up - Sign up on bulletin board at pickleball courts up until Monday)**
 - 6:00-8:00 pm - Beginners Mixed Social (Guys & Gals) -just drop in**
- Thursday - 10:30-12:30 Ladies Social - Intermediate Skill Levels**
- * **Friday - 10:30-12:30 - Beginner 2 lessons (sign up on bulletin board, limit 8 and must have taken beginner lesson and had a week of practice)**

*** Note Schedule Changes**

- **Open play Wed 7:30-9:30 & Ladder play Wed 9:30-1:30**
- **Beginner 2 lessons moved from Wed 10:30 to Friday 10:30**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - EMBRACING CHANGE/GROWTH PROCESS

The goal of every pickleball executive is to continually work towards enhancing the pickleball experience of every member of the MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL CLUB. One way of many in improving your pickleball experience is to slowly and formally introduce into our schedule "skill level play". This needs to be done by communicating in a positive way with the membership what this would entail and how it should be done.

After giving this considerable thought, I have realized that this season encapsulates a key aspect that needs to be addressed: **CHANGE/GROWTH PROCESS**.

For many of us change is something that we do not like, because we feel it is disruptive. Change forces us to shift our perspectives and/or our approaches about what we do and how we go about doing it. At the very least, it leaves us questioning our current assumptions and how close they really are to reality.

The unknown/change process asks us to venture into new areas of unexplored potential and opportunities. As adults in life's journey, we recognize how the challenges, opportunities, failures and successes that we have experienced over the years revealed a truth within ourselves about our ability to learn, to adapt and to grow.

As a member of your executive, my role is to encourage the membership to view change as an opportunity for growth and to gain a deeper understanding of our pickleball

capabilities. The question begs an answer, how do we help to move our club forward and accomplish our shared purpose of enhancing the pickleball experience of all of our members? "skill level play".

In future newsletters there will be updates as to what skill level play is and how different opportunities will present themselves on how we can incorporate it into our schedule.

I would like to encourage the membership to view the change/growth process for what it is ----the start of the next chapter in your pickleball experience.

Respectfully, Jake

Success is a journey

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRPBC PLAYERS

The Venture Out pickleball tournament saw 12 Mesa Regal players competing. What a great experience for all of you to compete in a Valley tournament against other great players. Gold medals were brought back to Mesa Regal by Pete Ischi & Lionel Fauchoux in Men's 3.5 and by Jim Pelletier & Dave Morgan in Men's 4.0. Congratulations to you and all of our Mesa Regal competitors, you make us proud!

LADDERS START THIS WEEK

Thanks to Cindy Phillips and Noella Johnson who have agreed to coordinate ladders starting this Wednesday for our club. If you are interested in playing in the ladders one day a week on Wednesdays, please sign up on the bulletin board by this Monday. Play will start this Wednesday morning and you are asked to be at the courts at **9:15** for court assignment. **PLEASE**, if you sign up **BE THERE**. It is difficult for the coordinators to have people drop out at the last minute and of course you are letting 3 other people down who you would be partnered with. **THANKS** to Cindy and Noella for coordinating ladders!

INTERPARK LEAGUE STARTS THIS TUESDAY

Skill level play for 3.0, 3.5 & 4.0 players in the Interpark League starts this Tuesday from 6-8pm. Play will take place at Good Life (3.0), Towerpoint (3.0), Val Vista (3.5) or Mesa Regal (4.0) courts depending on your level. Team Captains (Eric Phillips 3.0, Dale Hartman 3.5, & Maurice Michaud 4.0) will contact those who have signed up to let you know where you will be playing. Be sure to arrive early at the Parks so matches can be started on time. Good luck to all our Mesa Regal club members who are participating in this league and thanks to Maurice for coordinating.

VOLUNTEERS

Still hoping a few of you in the club will step forward to help with the scheduling of our courts - contact Jake Grandy at site# 1857 or email jake.grandy@yahoo.com . As well, if you can help out with Intermediate/Advanced lessons email Nancy at ndstern@shaw.ca .

WHEN DID PICKLEBALL START AT MESA REGAL???

Did you know that in 2007 John Bunnell and Gord Mierau played pickleball with Jack and Barb Betterley in an empty driveway/lot beside their park model at Mesa Regal? It seems that in 2007 pickleball was very new and there were no facilities here at Mesa Regal to play. In the fall of 2008, this group decided to line the volleyball court for pickleball so they had a court to play on. By fall 2009, Cal Am started improvements to the courts and by the Spring Mesa Regal had official pickleball courts.

The pictures below tell some of the story! It is hard to believe the converted volleyball court was even with the stage prior to the renovations.

Thanks to Gord & Jen Mierau, John & Kathy Bunnell and Jack & Barb Betterley for this superb history of pickleball at Mesa Regal. AND, a huge thanks to all of you for getting Cal Am moving on our pickleball courts!!

SEE PICTURES NEXT PAGE!!!



Jack & Barb on Volleyball court - 2008



Shorty & Sandy Radermacher with Hank Pankratz on new court - 2009

That's all for this week folks.....keep positive, keep smiling and happy playing!