

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - November 29, 2014

Yahoo, I should be at Mesa Regal this week and I am so looking forward to it! Make sure you wear your name tags, I'll have mine on.....if I can find it...ha ha!!

Have a superb week at Mesa Regal and have fun on the courts. Count down to the Steve Judy Annual Pickleball Tournament is 9 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 with your captains!

Wednesday

9:30 - 11:30 & 11:30 - 1:30 **Ladders** (#courts dependent on sign up - Check bulletin board for your playing times)

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)

RECYCLING DAY....bring your crushed cans down to the court for collection....THANKS for drinking so much...ha ha.

**** FYI - Scheduled play next week Monday to Wednesday is cancelled due to our Steve Judy Annual Pickleball Tournament**

SCHEDULED PLAY - LADDERS & INTERPARK LEAGUES

Scheduled play is designed to help relieve some of the congestion for our open play in the mornings. The idea is to provide opportunities for all levels of play at the club. Ladies Intermediate Social (Tues & Thurs), Beginners Social (Mon & Wed), Interpark Play - all levels (Tues) & Ladders - all levels (Wed) provide a variety of opportunities for our members of all skill levels to participate in. A HUGE thanks to all the coordinators and captains who are making this happen for the Mesa Regal Pickleball Club.

Both Ladders and Interpark league were successful this week with lots of club members involved and great play. There is still more room in Interpark play and Ladders for all levels. If you are interested in playing Interpark League on Tuesday nights please see the Captains for your level. Captains are as follows:

3.0 - Eric Phillips Site# 480

3.5 - Dale Hartman Site# 777

4.0 - Maurice Michaud Site# 247

If you are interested in joining Ladders, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you are in the Ladders league, check the bulletin board Monday or Tuesday for your playing times to see if you play Wed at 9:30 or 11:30. **Remember to arrive 15 minutes prior to your start time.** For more info or any questions on Ladders, contact Cindy at

Site# 480 or Noella at Site# 784. FYI, Ladders will be cancelled Wednesday, Dec. 10 due to the tournament.

BROKEN PICKLEBALLS

If you are playing a game and the pickleball breaks, please make sure that you put the broken ball in the basket by courts 6 & 7 or in the basket on the table on the patio. Not only do we keep track of the number of pickleballs we supply to the courts, we also use the broken balls for training purposes. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

COURT CLEANUP

Our courts are in continual need of cleanup and Neil has a group organized to help regularly with this task. With our upcoming tournament, we will need some volunteers to help with court clean up just prior to the tournament. Keep tuned for a message from Neil for the call for volunteers. Many hands make light work, not to mention it goes quicker as well.

WHEN DID PICKLEBALL START AT MESA REGAL???

There is a bit more info on what was reported last week and thanks to Kathy Bunnell for editing what was in the last weekly news. This is the official report from those who were at Mesa Regal when pickleball began:

Did you know that in 2007 John Bunnell played pickleball with Tom & Nancy Letson and Jack & Barb Betterley in an empty lot beside their park model at Mesa Regal? In 2007, the game, which the Betterleys brought from their home state of Washington, was new to this area and there were no facilities here at Mesa Regal to play. Tom and Jack lined the unused volleyball court for pickleball the next year so they had a court to play on, and taught Gord Mierau and others how to play.

Gloria was very supportive, so in the fall of 2009, Cal Am started improvements to the courts and by spring Mesa Regal had official pickleball courts. Tragically, Tom Letson passed away in May, 2011, at age 58, five months after being diagnosed with aggressive cancer.

Thanks to Jack & Barb Betterley, Nancy Letson, John & Kathy Bunnell, and Gord & Jenn Mierau 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!!

by Kathy Bunnell

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