

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - November 9, 2014

Time is flying by and it is now less than a month until our Annual Steve Judy Pickleball Tournament. Jack and his committee continue to work hard to make it the best tournament in the valley. Jack has passed on a volunteer sheet to each of his department heads who will be approaching people to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer and have not been approached, please email Jack at jderlein@gmail.com or drop by site #450 to see him. We will need lots of volunteers for this HUGE event (over 220 participants). Also, our first referee clinic will be held by Pat on Tuesday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. on the stage at the courts. We need lots of volunteers to ref at our tournament and this is a great way to learn the art of refereeing or to just refresh yourself on old and new rules. As well, you will get a chance to practice reffing during open play. Thanks to everyone that is helping out with our tournament.

Here is to another week in the sun and some great pickleball play.

Scheduled Play for this Week

Monday-Sunday 7:30-10:30 Open play Just drop down during this time to the courts to play and choose the courts that match your skill level. Courts 1 & 2 are for Beginners, courts 3-5 for Intermediates and courts 6 & 7 for Advanced players. Sorry about the mix up in the last newsletter by assigning a level to courts. That is not something that we have done in the past and just hope that all players are respectful of the number of people waiting at the courts and choose their courts according to their ability to play competitively there. The two good things that happened from my 'slip up' is the knowledge that people actually read the newsletter...ha ha... and the healthy conversation that has ensued. As open play continues to be busy and our membership increases, the Board may need to look at updating our last year's schedule to reflect our clubs growing needs and changing skill levels. Thanks to all of you for your comments, suggestions and patience as we move along on our journey to continue to be a fun, successful club.

Monday - 10:30-12:30 - Beginner lessons (signup on bulletin board, limit 8)

- **6:00- 8:00 pm - Beginners Mixed Social** (Guys & Gals) -just drop in

Tuesday - Ladies Social - Intermediate Skill Levels 10:30-12:30

- **6:00-8:00 pm - Interpark play at Towerpoint** 3.0 & 3.5 play - sign up on bulletin board.

Wednesday - 10:30-12:30 - Beginner 2 lessons (signup on bulletin board, limit 8 and must have taken beginner lesson and had a week of practice)

- **6:00-8:00 pm - Beginners Mixed Social** (Guys & Gals) -just drop in

Thursday - Ladies Social - Intermediate Skill Levels 10:30-12:30

Friday - Crushed can collection on the next recycling day at the pickleball patio.

Thanks to Maurice and Katie who are helping with this!

LESSONS

At Mesa Regal we are very fortunate to have club members who volunteer their time to help others on the courts. Thanks to Pat for introducing the game of pickleball and the necessary skills to beginning players. As more of our members arrive at Mesa Regal, we will add lesson opportunities for intermediate and advanced players as well.

INTERPARK PLAY

Maurice is continuing to work with the other parks to help organize Interpark play this fall. As you can understand, this is a complicated undertaking and will take some time to organize with the parks. In the meantime, there are sign up sheets on the bulletin board for levels 3.0 and 3.5 to play with Towerpoint players on Tuesdays from 6-8 pm at Towerpoint. Please sign up if you are interested in going to Towerpoint to play other people at your skill level. We are still looking for more 3.0 players and a 3.5 Captain. Thanks to Eric for being our 3.0 Captain. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are an interested 3.0 player and contact Maurice if you could be the 3.5 Captain. For more info or any questions, contact Maurice at mauricemichaud1@gmail.com or drop in to site #247.

LADDERS

Unfortunately, Cindy Phillips is unable to organize our ladders this fall so we are looking to find another club member who is willing to take on this task. If you are interested in setting up ladders for the fall season, please let me know via email - ndstern@shaw.ca. In the meantime, if you are interested in playing in the ladders on Monday and Wednesday, please sign up on the bulletin board at the courts. Scheduled time for 2 groups of ladders is 11:00-1:00 and 1:00-3:00 which is the similar as last year's schedule. This play is levelled and is designed to have you competing against players of similar skill levels and will begin when we have a coordinator.

LADIES SOCIAL

Ladies Social is up and running and thanks to Alison Pelletier for leading the group while Lorie is enjoying life abroad!! This time slot is for ladies who have passed the beginners stage and are looking for a bit more competitive, intermediate play. Alison has a dedicated email list for ladies who are interested in social play and if you are not on the list (haven't received any emails from her) and would like to be, just email Alison at alison_pelletier@yahoo.com and she will add you. Thanks to both Lorie and Alison for helping to get Ladies Social play up and running this season.

COURT ETIQUETTE

We have lots of newcomers to Mesa Regal and all of us need to help introduce them to our club play and court etiquette guidelines and welcome them to our club. Wear those name badges and introduce yourself to someone new at the courts. Friendships last a lifetime!!

RECYCLING

Remember to save your soda pop/beer cans for our recycling program. Just collect those cans that you and your friends are finished with and bring them to the pickleball courts on recycling Fridays. If you can crush them for us all the better for storage until we have a truck load to take into the recycling depot. This program along with the tournament profits helps supply pickleballs and equipment for our club resulting in NO membership fees at this time. So, our club motto is.....Keep Drinking....ha ha.

SUGGESTION BOX

Just a reminder that our club has a suggestion box next to the bulletin boards at the courts and the Board values the suggestions/comments/ideas that come from our members. Suggestions are confidential and only the one Board member assigned to the task knows the name of the person supplying the suggestion. All suggestions are brought to the board for discussion and the Board member will respond back to the originator of the suggestion with a Board decision. Your suggestions give direction to the Board so we can move forward. As Jake says, 'Success is a Journey' & we need your help!!

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