

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - February 15, 2015

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Here is what's happening on the courts this week.

Scheduled Play for this Week

Mon, Tues, Thurs-Sunday 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 p.m. **Beginners Mixed Social** (Guys & Gals, just drop in)
Tuesday - 10:30-12:30 Ladies Intermediate Social play - (just drop in)
3:30-5:30 **Interpark 4.0 play** (courts 4-7)
Wednesday - 9:30-11:00 & 11:00-12:30 Ladders (all courts)
6:00-8:00 p.m. **Beginners Mixed Social** (Guys & Gals, just drop in)
Thursday - 10:30-12:30 Ladies Intermediate Social play - (just drop in)
6:00-8:00 p.m. **3.5 Scramble** (sign up on bulletin board) Courts 3-7
Friday - 10:30-12:30 - Beginner 2 lessons (must have taken beginner lesson, sign up on bulletin board, limit 8)
1:00-3:00 - **Challenge courts** Level 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 (courts used as needed for numbers....just drop in)
Recycle Cans Friday...bring those crushed cans down in the morning for the club. ****if you can take the cans out of the plastic bags and add them to the big bin, that would help out. Thanks!**

3.5 MIXED SCRAMBLE THIS THURSDAY - Feb. 19th

This Thursday is the 3.5 mixed scramble. It is a great social and lots of fun so be sure to sign up on the bulletin board. There are only 20 spots!! Thanks to Jake and Dale for organizing.

Also, if you are a 3.5 skill level player, drop down to the courts Monday afternoons from 2-4pm for 3.5 skill level play.

SKILL LEVEL RATINGS - HOW TO GET RATED AT MESA REGAL

Attached (and posted on the bulletin board) you will find the Mesa Regal Skill levels developed last year from the USAPA skill ratings. If you think you are at a 2.0 or 2.5 skill level, you can check with Pat Porter during a beginners night and he will help you determine which level you are. If you are not sure if you are a 3.0 or 3.5 skill level player, we will be having some specific times in the near future that you can be evaluated while playing with 3.0 or 3.5 players. A sure way to determine your rating is to go into a skill level tournament in a specific level and see how you do. If you are winning 3.5 tournaments, USAPA or the tournament director will move you up to a 4.0. For upper level players this is how their skill levels are determined.

SIMON - OUR TRAINING BUDDY

Check out the posters in the clubhouse for Simon. It is a reminder to plug Simon in and to be sure to use the vacuum provided to clean up the ball residue that is left on the courts. We still **need volunteers** to put Simon in secure storage Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm. Until then, **Simon will not be available for practice on Friday or Saturday.** Sorry.... If you can help out with this, email Pat Porter at sportport1@msn.com to volunteer.

SOME NEW ADDITIONS TO LOOK FOR AROUND THE COURTS

Thanks to Pat Porter, Fred Tintori, Jim Pelletier and Wayne Reynolds who worked to drop the fencing on Courts 1 & 2 so the pickleballs do not get caught under the fence. They are now trying to devise a way to screen off the gates on courts 3-5 so the pickleballs don't roll on to adjoining courts. Thanks guys for working to make our courts safe!! We are also happy to report that Mesa Regal has added screening to Courts 6 & 7 that provide shade on the benches while watching or waiting to play. With the hot weather this is a welcome addition to our courts. Thank you Mesa Regal!!

We still have some requests on our list that we are waiting for Mesa Regal to complete, such as our new fridge, new umbrellas on the patio, etc. which were all ruined in the floods of the fall. Hopefully you will see these things around the courts soon.

COURT ETIQUETTE - OPEN PLAY GUIDELINES & RESERVATIONS

Our courts are getting busier and it seems a good time to review the Open Play Guidelines to make sure all members understand the format. Attached please find the poster that will be going up on the courts as a reminder for Open Play.

There are 3 court designations during Open Play in the mornings.

Courts 1 & 2 - Beginners Beginners use the paddle rack on patio for rotation in. After 2 games players come off court and place paddles back in rack. If beginners are not waiting, Court 3-5 Intermediates can rotate into one of the courts. If only two beginners are waiting, Court 3-5 Intermediates are invited to join them to make a foursome.

Courts 3-5 - Intermediates Intermediates use the paddle rack on patio for rotation in. Please join with beginners if there are not enough beginners to make a foursome. If no one is waiting to play on courts 6 & 7, a foursome from patio can rotate into these courts.

Courts 6 & 7 - Upper Intermediates Aggressive Paddles are placed in order to play on the fence at back of courts. If no one is waiting, Courts 3-5 Intermediates can join rotation onto courts until such time as more aggressive players arrive to play. NOTE: if courts 6 & 7 are busy, players play one game only and rotate. This is by consensus at the courts so check on protocol at the time if playing on these courts. We are planning to put a sign on these courts that will indicate if one or two game rotation so all playing are aware of the process when they arrive at the courts.

Always remember that not everyone who plays at our club is aware of the process so please be respectful when sharing information about our club and open play rotation. Thanks to all of you for your help in making Open Play fun for everyone!!

VITOS RESTAURANT SOCIAL LAST SUNDAY

Thanks to everyone who supported our club and went to Vitos Restaurant last Sunday. We had a great meal as we hope you did too. It is a definitely a restaurant we will go back to. The club is still waiting to hear from Vitos how we did so we'll let you know next week.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS- Good Life Tourney needs teams!

Feb. 23 & 24 Cal Am Tournament - Good luck to the following teams that will be representing Mesa Regal at this tournament.

Ladies: Nancy Stern/Cindy Phillips, Rosann Derlein/Mary Eggleston

Mens: Dale Hartman/Bill Loram, Pete Ischi/David Liem, Lorne Johnson/Dave Walts

Mixed: Kathy Morgan/Maurice Michaud, Noella Johnson/Lionel Fauchoux

March 3-5th Ahwatukee Beginners Tourney (1.5-3.0 skill level) - Another great opportunity to get some tournament experience. Sign up sheets on the club bulletin boards or you can google Ahwatukee pickleball to get info and registration forms.

March 5 & 6 Good Life 3.5 or lower skill levels - ** Lots of room left in the ladies and mixed divisions. Find a partner and get your registration in, deadline is this week. Poster/registration forms at the bulletin board. This tournament is for 3.5 and lower skill levels. If you enter Ladies or Mens, you are not eligible to enter in Mixed (one event tournament). For more info email Tom Rooke @ trrooke@msn.com at Good Life Resort.

MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL CLUB T-SHIRTS

Lorie is getting ready to place the order for our club t-shirts. If you would like a club shirt but have not signed up for one, please do so this week on the pickleball patio. Shirts will cost you \$10.00 so it is a great deal. See pix below and sign up soon.



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