

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club ***STARTING UP - November 2014***

Just back from 10 days at Mesa Regal and although it was a whirlwind, it was great to reacquaint with down south friends and I do look forward to seeing most of you when I am back in December. Here is to a great 2014-15 Pickleball season at Mesa Regal....all of you help make it a great place to be!!

COURTS ARE READY FOR ACTION

After a short shut down, our courts have now been repaired and repainted and they are ready for action. Remember that Court Etiquette signs are posted at the entry to the courts and please refresh your memories of respectful play. Also, remember that our club volunteers fill the ball containers each morning free of charge to our club. Please make sure you replace the ball you use in the container and put any broken balls into the bin on the stage for practice. As well, there are racks outside of the courts for you to hang your jackets when you are warmed up, the ball containers **will not** hold the weight of jackets.

MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL CLUB

Our club is as great as it is because of the many people who volunteer to help out. So, thanks to all of you for continuing to be involved in a variety of ways for the benefit of our club and its members. Two very important upcoming items that you need to be aware of and a few extra tidbits of info re the club.

1 - **Mesa Regal Pickleball Club Bylaws** - our committee worked very hard on these last Spring and we would like to make sure we have your feedback on the draft prior to the club voting on it in the near future. Please send any comments to Pat Porter (Chair of the bylaws committee) at sportport1@msn.com so the board can review them. I will again attach the draft bylaws to this newsletter in case you lost them..ha ha.

2 - **Steve Judy Annual Pickleball Tournament** - December 8-10th. Please be sure to check the board for sign up sheets to volunteer at this event or see Jack Derlein at site #450 if you are able to help out. Thanks so much to Jack and his committee for putting on this fabulous tournament which will be seeing some awesome pickleball by the 220+ participants!!!! This tournament and any profits that are made go back into the club which is one of the reasons we have no membership fee. Well done MRPBall Club!!

3 - **Tidbits** - We are asking each of you to fill in a membership form this year that will keep our email list updated and also supply us a contact person in case of injury. Information on the sheet will be kept confidential. As well, the board will be handing out surveys to you that we would appreciate you filling in to help direct the board in future decision making. You can also put suggestions in the suggestion box or email/chat to any of our board members with your ideas or feedback about schedules or programs.

SCHEDULED PLAY

We are starting some scheduled play this month and of course once all our volunteers are back, more opportunities will be there for us. **REMEMBER** to wear your name badges so we can call each other by the correct names....ha ha. This is what we have scheduled so far at the courts:

All Days: Open play 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Courts #1 & 2 beginner play, #3-5 intermediate play, #6 & 7 advanced play (4.0+). If there are people waiting be sure to use the paddle placement system on the stage and at

courts 6 & 7 and if only a few beginners, hopefully intermediates will play some games with them and make everyone at Mesa Regal Pickleball feel welcome :)!)

Monday: 10:30-12:30 - Beginner lessons (sign up at courts- limit 8)
6:00pm - Beginners social play (no sign up required, just drop in!)

Tuesday: 6:00-8:00 - play....starting soon, see below.

Wednesday: 10:30-12:30 - Beginner 2 lessons (sign up at courts - limit 8 & must have taken beginner lesson and had a week of game practice)
6:00pm - Beginners social play (no sign up required, just drop in!)

Thursday: No scheduled play as yet.

Friday: No scheduled play as yet.

A **HUGE** thank you to Pat and Char as they volunteer their time with beginning pickleball members.

INTERPARK PICKLEBALL LEAGUE - Starting soon

Thanks to Maurice Michaud who has worked hard to start an interpark league with 4 Cal Am parks this year. There are four parks committed to playing in the league - Mesa Regal, Towerpoint, Val Vista and Good Life. The league will provide opportunities for each park to send four 3.0 players (playing at Towerpoint), eight 3.5 players (playing at either Val Vista or Good Life) and four 4.0 players (playing at Mesa Regal) to compete against the parks each week. It is a huge undertaking for Maurice and while he will organize the 4.0 team at our park, he will need captains to organize the 3.0 team and the 3.5 team from Mesa Regal. If you are interested in being a captain for either of these teams, please contact Maurice at site #247 or email maruicemichaud1@gmail.com As well, if you are interested in playing in the interpark league, look for sign up sheets at the courts. Thanks again, Maurice for making this happen!

MESA REGAL LADDERS - Starting soon

Thanks to Cindy Phillips who has volunteered to organize our club pickleball ladders this season. Ladders will run Monday and Wednesday in two sessions from 11:00-1:00 and 1:00-3:00. It is a great way to get to the courts and have some competitive play. So keep your eyes open at the clubhouse for sign up sheets if you are interested in ladders.

MESA REGAL WOMEN'S SOCIAL PLAY - Starting soon

Thanks to Lori and her committee for again volunteering to organize Women's social play. Court times scheduled for this will be Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30-1:00. So keep your eyes open at the clubhouse for sign up sheets if you are interested in Women's social play.

COURT RESERVATIONS

As our schedule allows, courts are available to reserve. This system enables Mesa Regal Pickleball members to reserve courts to ensure courts are free for play. We have decided to keep times similar to last year as our scheduled time is sure to fill in shortly. Please look at the clubhouse bulletin board for sign up sheets to reserve courts and the guidelines that need to be followed. Thanks, Pat, for setting this up.

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

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