

# **Mesa Regal Pickleball Club**

## **Weekly Announcements** - March 22, 2014

Everyone is winding down now at Mesa Regal and many of our friends have already left to head home. We wish you safe travels and hope to see all of you next fall when our new season begins. Our scheduled play is starting to wind down so be sure to note scheduled activities that are finished this week.

### **Scheduled Play for this Week**

**Monday** - Beginner lessons 10:30-12:30 signup on bulletin board

- Ladders **FINISHED** for this season

- Mixed Social (Guys & Gals) - **Beginners** 6:00-8:00 p.m

**Tuesday** - Ladies Social - **Intermediate** 10:30-12:30

- Drills & Skills with Gail & Jack **FINISHED** for this season.

**Wednesday** - Beginners lesson follow up 10:30 - sign up on bulletin board

- Ladders **FINISHED** for this season.

- Mixed Social (Guys & Gals) - **Beginners** 6:00-8:00 p.m

**Thursday** - Ladies Social - **Intermediate** 10:30-12:30

- Drills & Skills with Jack & Gail **FINISHED** for this season

- Drop in training with Pat at 6:00 p.m. **LAST NIGHT FOR THIS ACTIVITY**

**Friday** - Playing with A Coach - **FINISHED** for this season.

- Crushed can collection at the pickleball patio.... **LAST DAY FOR CANS!!** Thanks to all of you for supporting the club with your crushed cans. Hopefully we'll drink even more next year...ha ha!!

### **HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR COACHES/TRAINERS**

There have been many of our club members who have volunteered their time this year and past years to help coach and train beginning and intermediate players into the next levels. Those of you who have helped at all levels we thank you and are grateful you are volunteering your time to help all of us improve our games.

A special thank you to Steve Judy who brought the vision of better play here to Mesa Regal three years ago. Although we haven't seen a lot of Steve down at the courts this year, his coaching strategies and words of wisdom have stayed with us. I will never forget Steve telling me that I had to do the 3rd shot drop over and over so many times for it to become muscle memory. Thank you, Steve, that advice has made me a better player. Steve has also influenced the coaches who are out on the court coaching us now. Thank you for that.

Also, we are wishing Gail Miller well as he goes through some recent medical issues. His training vision along with Steve, Jack and Pat continues to promote the coaching and level of play at Mesa Regal. We wish you well, Gail, and thank you for your continued efforts in making all of us better pickleball players.

### **ROBSON RANCH TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nancy Stern who brought back a gold medal for Ladies Doubles and just missed the medal round in Mixed Doubles.

### **INTERPARK PLAY**

This morning 15 Mesa Regal club members of a variety of skill levels went to Leisure World and had some fabulous skill level play. They were welcomed with open arms by the Leisure World players and had a great time. Look forward to more opportunities to play other

parks next season. Thanks to Maurice, for yet again, organizing a great day for our club members.

### COURT ETIQUETTE

1. Remember to welcome our beginning players by adding your paddles to the beginner side of the rack if there are not enough beginners to get a game. It is a great way to meet new people and help make beginners feel a part of our club.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Thursday, Jack, Lorie and myself met with CAL AM management to discuss the following :

#### **December Tournament :**

Jack updated Gloria and Rosie the information regarding our Dec 8-9-10, 2014 sanctioned tournament. (Get your entries in!!)

Spoke about the needs of the pickleball club to clean the courts on the 7th.

- number of possible participants (200), our court/space requirements, concerns regarding catering,

idea of advertising our Dec. tournament in other CAL AM park newsletters.

Gloria was receptive and advised us all to work together / be supportive of each other in order to have as successful a tournament as possible. Gloria promised that she would get back to us regarding our needs and concerns. CAL AM management were invited to attend the tournament .

#### **T- shirts:**

Regarding our idea to have a team identity and identification at tournaments , Gloria was very receptive and asked that we send to Rosie the quantity, size and color of t-shirts that we would like to have. Gloria mentioned that perhaps she has a MESA REGAL deca /logo in mind.

#### **Defibrillator:**

We were not given permission to install a box for the defibrillator at the pickleball courts. Gloria explained that there is a liability concern from CAL AM's perspective. We were advised to keep the defibrillator under our supervision .

#### **Equipment:**

Lorie gave GLORIA a receipt for the rain shuttles (\$605) which we purchased a while ago. Gloria agreed to reimburse the club for this expenditure to which we were very grateful. With a big company this will take a while to clear their system, but we will be reimbursed as soon as CAL AM can process the request. Lorie and Jack both explained that we clean the courts ourselves and that no CAL AM employees are used. That was a very good selling point .

As a club we have donated 6 racquets to the loan center to which Gloria was very receptive. She thanked us for doing that.

We explained that we are in the process of looking at the possible purchase of a pickleball pitching machine. We are currently looking at websites for product designs, features, prices, etc. We are also in the process of asking resorts which have pitching machines their feedback.

(ie) do they like it - do they use it - how has it helped with the skill development of their members

(ie ) do they not like it - is it being used - was it not helpful with the skill development of their members.

The thinking is the more information/feedback that we have the better informed decision we will be able to make. What we are looking to do here is the "right thing" for

our club. I believe that Gloria understood and appreciated that perspective and when asked about a possible financial partnership, she asked that we update her when we make a final decision and that if possible she may be able to do something.

**Expansion :**

The question of possible pickleball courts expansion was raised. CAL AM properties has some restrictions with respect to land availability but she is aware of the growing popularity of pickleball for retirees and although making no promises, she did tell us that she wanted Mesa Regal to continue to grow and be the best resort possible.

**Court Maintenance :**

Cracks in the courts will be repaired over the course of the summer.

**Name Tags:**

Gloria pointed out to us that there are people using not just our facilities but also the pool, the showers, etc.....and asked for our help in maintaining the pickleball courts for Mesa Regal residents and their guests. Gloria asked that we help out with this task in a respectful manner.

**Newsletter/Activity Board:**

Gloria asked if we would send to Rosie a copy of our court schedule so that newcomers to the park would be able to see the times that were organized for lessons, open court times, ladders, etc.....and then they would be able to decide for themselves to come down to the courts and at what times. Gloria's reasoning is to make newcomers to the park to feel as included as possible. We are all on the same page in trying as many ways as possible to include new people to the game of pickleball .

In summary, we raised CAL AM management's awareness of what is happening at the pickleball courts, we outlined some of our short term and long term concerns, and we updated CAL AM management about our possible future acquisitions.

All in all , a very productive first step.

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