

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - December 21, 2014

This is the last newsletter prior to Christmas so from us to you.....may you all have a very special week with family and friends!!

Scheduled Play for this Week

Lots of cancellations this week:

- **Ladies Social Intermediate Play** Tues/Thurs is cancelled.
- **Beginner Lessons:** Check the whiteboard on the patio for updates, it is dependent on sign up numbers.
- **Beginners Mixed Social** is cancelled Wed., Christmas Eve.
- **Ladders on Wednesday** are cancelled until Jan 7th.

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 pm Beginners Mixed Social (Guys & Gals) -just drop in

Tuesday - - Interpark play 6:00-8:00 pm - check with skill level captains if you haven't been contacted, some levels are playing some are not

Wednesday - Ladders resume on Jan 7th - sign up on bulletin board if you are new to the ladder and would like to participate

Beginners Mixed Social to resume Jan 7th

Thursday - No scheduled play this week.

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)

1:00 - Challenge courts - level 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 (one court each, drop in)

Recycle Cans Friday...thanks for bringing those crushed cans down in the morning for the club to collect.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Towerpoint Beginner Tournament - January 21-23. This is a great close to home venue and a super event to get a bit of tournament experience with other similar skilled beginning players. Registration forms and poster are on our bulletin board. Sign up as a doubles team or as an individual and the tournament organizers will partner you up with someone at the same skill level. Registration is almost full so if you are interested, sign up now!

COURT ETIQUETTE

We do have our seven courts organized for similar skill levels as best we can. Courts 1 & 2 are for beginners, courts 3-5 for intermediate players and courts 6 & 7 for advanced/aggressive players. Sometimes we all play on different courts for a variety of reasons. Maybe there are fewer people on the courts or you want to work on different skills or to see if you can participate at a higher level, etc. If you find you are on a court where your skill level does not match the others, please remember we are all there for fun. For example, when a more skilled player finds themselves on the court with less

skilled players, it could be recognized as a teaching moment. It really does no good for a beginner to be slammed nor a good player to take advantage of the less skilled players who may serve up a shot that is too high. A situation like this would be a good time for a better player to work on their short game and teach the lesser skilled player its advantages. As we all know, pickleball should first and foremost be fun so let's all help each other be better players and teachers.

Thanks to all our members for making pickleball on our courts fun for everyone!!

GENERAL PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING

Mark your calendars.....we will have our first General Meeting of the season Monday, January 12th, 2015 on the pickleball patio at 10:00. Preceding the meeting at 9:30, we will have a short introduction to using the club defibrillator in case of an emergency on the courts. The defibrillator is very easy to use and the club has purchased a training device to give us some practice. The defibrillator can truly be a lifesaver and important for each and every one of us to know where it is stored and how to use it.

LAST MINUTE XMAS GIFTS

Looking for that last minute Xmas gift for you or yours? The new CANUCK paddles are in and look great in bold red and white with the true north strong and free maple leaf! As well, if you are interested in taking outdoor pickleball to an area back home...maybe in that carport you don't park your car in.... you can purchase an official temporary net to take back with you. Both of these items are a great deal and if you are interested in either one, be sure to chat with Jack or contact him at jderlein@gmail.com .

COACHING TIP WEBSITE

This is a great website that we learned about back home to help us learn new tips to improve our game. Go to www.pickleballchannel.com to see this week's video and get lots of great tips. You need to subscribe to get the ongoing tips but there is no charge. The latest tip is HITTING DOWN THE MIDDLE. Why is it a good shot?

- 1 - Easier to clear the net (lowest part of the net).
- 2 - Target Opponent's backhand (most people are weaker on their backhands).
- 3 - Wider margin of error (you have more of the court to make an error).
- 4 - Win/win situation (it is a safe spot to play).
- 5 - Confuse your opponents (they never know who should take the ball).

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Keep tuned for some fun events in the near future. I'm hearing there could be a Pickleball Club restaurant fundraiser at Vito's, a Steve Judy Mesa Regal Annual Tournament volunteer celebration and maybe, even , Friday night dance groups. We'll keep you guessing and as we are always looking for good ideas to get the club members together, if you have an idea, lets get it happening!!!! Rumour has it that a group of Pickleball Gals are off to Los Angeles for the Price is Right in February.....maybe we'll win a new golf cart for pickleball transport.....would that be for cans.....ha..ha!!

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