

# ***Mesa Regal Pickleball Club***

## ***Weekly Announcements - March 1, 2014***

March is the month of the on going party...should be good for crushed cans...ha ha. Here is your update for the week.

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

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

- Ladders 11:30-Group A, 1:30 Group B
- Ladies Social - **Beginners** 6:00-8:00 p.m

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

- Drills & Skills **Intermediate** with Gail 1:00-3:00 - sign up on board

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

- Ladders: 11:30-Group A 1:30-Group B
- Ladies Social - **Beginners** 6:00-8:00 p.m

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

- Drills & Skills with Jack **Advanced** 1:00-3:00 - sign up on bulletin board.
- Drop in training with Pat at 6:00 p.m.

**Friday** - Playing with A Coach for **beginners** 10:30-12:30 Sign up on bulletin board.

**\*\*REMINDER** - Evenings are lovely at the courts and there are lights on all courts if you'd like to drop in for some social play.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MARK your calendars...**Pickleball Windup is Sunday, **March 16th**. More info to follow in the next Weekly News.

**MRPBClub executive change:** We are sorry to see Jack Derlein step down as Member at Large but pleased to announce Wayne Reynolds has taken over that position. Wayne was nominated to run for the board in January and was next in line to hold a position on the board. Thank you Jack, for your continued dedication to pickleball at Mesa Regal and congratulations Wayne on continuing to give back to our club.

### **Pickleball General Meeting - Last Tuesday**

Here is a short recap of the General Meeting:

**Role/Purpose of executive:** To serve the needs of all club members; beginner-intermediate-advanced players. To make decisions for the club based on thoughtful deliberations on needs & levels of club members.

**Vision:** To have a clear/specific plan to continue to serve needs of all 3 levels of play. To encourage social activities, to communicate with members, to create bylaws for guidance, to maintain established programs and consistently review them to meet needs of club.

**Rating Skill Level:** To establish a rating committee to assess and rate skill levels of those club members who want to determine their playing level.

**Playing With A Coach:** This popular program to be split into 3 levels. Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced. Coaches required at all levels and all members can be involved. i.e. Intermediate players can coach beginners, etc.

**Etiquette:** Follow etiquette guidelines posted outside court, compliment opponents shots, make line calls fairly, model good sportsmanship, etc.

**Safety:** If stray ball on court STOP PLAY, courts wait don't play on them, place extra balls back in holder, proper court shoes, stay hydrated, locate first aid kit & defibrillator.

**Playing Times:** Schedule is posted on patio and in bulletin board. Any times not scheduled may be reserved (up to 3 courts, reservation sheet on bulletin board). Open play for courts is 2 games and off if people waiting. Be aware of our 3 levelled playing areas. Courts 1 & 2 -Beginners, Courts 3-5-Intermediate, Courts 6 & 7-Advanced. If courts are not busy use any of them, when busy respect the assigned court levels.

**Organized Play with other resorts:** Provide the opportunity for club members to play other resorts, here at Mesa Regal and elsewhere. This would be for all levels of play.

### Skill Levels

Many of you were asking how to determine the skill level you are at. If you are a beginner and in the beginner lessons, your coach will help you determine your skill level and advise you when you have the necessary skills to sign up for an Intermediate lesson or clinic. Likewise, your coach in the intermediate lessons will help you determine your skill level and advise you when you have the necessary skill level to sign up for Advanced lessons.

As well, I am attaching another DocX/PDF file that outlines the skills required at each level for you to self rate or to understand the skills the rating committee will look for.

### Mesa Regal Lessons

The Executive has two concerns which need to be brought to everyone's attention.

1. THE SKILL LEVEL EXPECTATIONS
2. THE FREQUENCY OF LESSON ATTENDANCE.

#### **#1 - SKILL LEVEL EXPECTATIONS**

##### **BEGINNERS**

For skill levels up to and including 2.0 levelled players there are two different lesson times available per week and a drop in training clinic.

- On Monday at 10 :30 a.m.lessons for first time players for a maximum of eight players (skill level up to 2.0 ) .

- On Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.for eight players maximum . (skill level up to and including 2.0).

- On Thursday at 6 p.m. there is an informal drop in training for up to and including 2.5 skill level players.

At present, club members are asked to self evaluate . However, in the near future a more formalized process will be in place. We have a rating committee at work. 2.0 LEVEL PLAYERS NEED TO SPEAK TO PAT AND RECEIVE HIS APPROVAL BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION.

##### **INTERMEDIATES**

For skill levels 2.5 and 3.0 levelled players, we have one lesson time available.

- Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for a maximum of 8 players (1 hour lesson, 1 hour practice games).

At present, club members are asked to self evaluate . However, in the near future a more formalized process will be in place. We have a rating committee at work. 2.5 and 3.0 LEVELLED PLAYERS NEED TO SPEAK TO GAIL AND RECEIVE HIS APPROVAL BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE ADVANCED LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION.

## **#2 - FREQUENCY OF LESSON ATTENDANCE**

The second point to be emphasized is once you have taken your lesson from Pat or Gail, the expectation is that you practice the skills that you have been taught for at least 2-3 weeks or until you have mastered the criteria before you sign up for another lesson.

This would allow for more players at both levels (beginners and intermediate ) the opportunity to take lessons, practice and improve the skills taught before signing up for another lesson.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.  
Jake, for the Executive

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