

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - March 29, 2014

March Madness is coming to an end and so is our weekly news. Thanks to everyone for your encouraging comments about the Board's decision to use the weekly news to communicate with the club. It seems to be working well for all of us and we have decided to continue the weekly news next season-Yahoo!! In the interim, I'd like to keep in touch with the club members a couple times through the summer and will need your help. Check out how you can help in the 'Keep In Touch' section below.

Safe travels, good health and happy pickleball playing this summer. See you next season.

All Scheduled Play is now Finished

While there is no longer organized play, we do encourage you to continue with the ladies social, mixed beginner social times, etc. while you are here.

RECYCLING

We had our last day of recycling yesterday and thanks to Maurice & Harv taking the cans in....we got another \$87.65 for your drinking!!! That brings in total recycling funds this year for crushed cans to \$456.65!! WOW, thanks to all of our members, friends and street parties, etc. for collecting cans for pickleball. We hope to increase the can intake next year (no, you don't need to drink more...unless you want to) by collecting from more friends and possibly collecting the cans from the pool bar. We have our President Jake working on that one! All the efforts of our membership to help fundraise in this way pays for the pickleballs on the court, our coffee fund, etc. It also is one of the reasons we do not charge a membership fee.

HUGE THANK YOUS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A club or organization is only as strong as its volunteers. Here at Mesa Regal we have been fortunate to have so many of our members step forward and volunteer in a variety of areas. While it is impossible to list all of you (you all know who you are) there are a few people who have gone above and beyond to help our pickleball club become one of the best in the valley. Again, huge thanks to our coaching and training staff who spend countless hours on the court helping others. Thanks to Pat, Jack, Gail, Colin, Cindy for lessons and helpful hints. Our silent, behind the scene guy, Neil, who does so much to keep the courts pristine, the courts filled with pickleballs, the recycling box out each week, the storage room under the skybox and in our inside room clean, organizing the round robins for social events, etc., etc., etc. Thank you, Neil, you are amazing!!!! As well, Lorie does many things around the club that we are not aware of. Lorie organizes all the food, 50/50's, etc. for social events, keeps our storage room stocked and clean, as well as keeping the ladies social up and running efficiently. Katie has organized all our social events and of course is already planning some silly things for us to do next season. Maurice came to Mesa Regal this year and has worked for the club non stop. Not only has he had the recycling can driving contract...ha ha, he has worked with others to rate our members and also organized our two interpark events. Thank you, Maurice!! We can't forget our past and current Executive Board who spent and continue to spend many unseen hours helping to keep the club running efficiently and continue to work hard to meet the needs of all our members to promote the sport of pickleball in a safe environment.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR CLUB VOLUNTEERS!!!

CLUB BY-LAWS

You recently received via email a draft of the club bylaws that a committee of club members worked on and presented to the Board. These bylaws will direct the running of our club and we do invite all members to review them and pass on any comments or suggestions to the Board. If you have comments or suggestions, please email them to Pat Porter (Chair of the bylaws committee) at sportport1@msn.com and he will collate them for the Board to review in the fall. The membership will be asked to vote on the final bylaws at a General Meeting in the fall. Thanks to Pat Porter, Wendy Weir, Wayne Reynolds & Jill Bracewell for working on this committee.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE FALL

The Board had their final meeting of the season and are excited to pass on a few changes that you will see next season when you come back.

1. In order to ensure an up to date membership list (you want to make sure you get the weekly news!), track court usage (numbers may help us get more courts!), keep emergency information, etc. we will be asking pickleball players to fill out a membership form. These forms will be confidential and kept in a binder in the pickleball room. As well, Jake is designing a small survey we'll have you fill out to help us understand and address the needs of all club members.
2. Committees - While we have some great committees up and running, we would like to spread the responsibilities out to more of our club members. With this in mind, we are looking for members who would be willing to help the members who are currently working on the following committees:

Training/Lessons: Currently with Gail, Pat & Jack

Social: Currently with Katie & Neil

Maintenance: Currently with Neil

Scheduling: Currently with Nancy

Tournament: Currently with Jack & Steve

Recycling: Currently with Nancy & Maurice

Each of these committees will meet and discuss the plans for the season next fall. If you are interested in being involved in any of these committees next season, please email Nancy at ndstern@shaw.ca.

3. Pickleball Pitching Machine: The board is continuing to research the different types of machines and contacting other clubs to see how effective they are. Questions we are asking other clubs are: how well is the machine used by members? is it an effective training tool? does the machine utilize too much court time for only one person?, etc. Hopefully we will have all our questions answered this summer and will be able to make an informed decision next fall.

LOST & FOUND

There are a variety of lost and found items in a box on the table on the pickleball patio. Please look through it and claim whatever may be yours. Anything left at the end of the season will be sent to the Lutheran Thrift Shop.

KEEP IN TOUCH

I would really like you to email me this summer with your summer and pickleball stories. Let me know what is happening in your area for you this summer. Are you involved in any events, do you have some pictures you'd like to share, etc. If you send me your stories, I will update all of our members a few times through the summer to share the excitement of pickleball and summer adventures. Email Nancy at ndsten@shaw.ca

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